

Boston SMMCC attendance breaks all records

Back in May when the "Selebration of Life" was just beginning, Col. Pak talked about developing a "successful formula" during the pilot program stage of the Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade—the first 10 cities visited, from Oakland to Rochester.

"I think we have a formula now," he said in an interview in Washington on July 7th, just before leaving for the crusade's Boston engagement, which was attended by a record total of 7,562 guests for the three evenings combined. (The second highest city to date was Miami with 4,969 guests, followed by Columbus with 3,086.)

The "Celebraton of Life" program has definitely evolved and been polished and refined since the opening cities. The New Hope Singers International are obviously enjoying themselves on stage and their songs are more dynamic, but most notable is the addition of movement to their singing-dance steps and swaying. They also have some new numbers including one sequence for "Songs Around the World" which features humorous dialogue between members of different national groups based on national rivalries, a song from each group, and then the entire group joins together into one unified whole to sing the final song in the set, bringing forth thunderous applause from the audience.

The dances of the Korean Folk Ballet have become even more dramatic, with every dancer moving exactly in unison with every other, a precision which is eloquent testimony to many hard hours of painstaking rehearsal. Mr. Moo Kyung Lee has made some fantastic additions to the lighting for the dances, which Mark Nilson directs from a sometimes swaying scaffolding eerily high above the audience. At the end of the Fan Dance, for example, the lights gradually fade from normal to dack, then become blue, dim and go out-all the while the dancers in exquisite formation are fluttering their fans or simulating the opening and closing of a flower's petals. The effect is breath-taking and brought the audience repeatedly to enthusiastic applause and shouts of

"Yaaaaay!"

Col. Pak's speeches are tremendous and he holds the audience in the palm of his hands, bringing them to applause as he makes important Divine Principle points.

The Boston performances were held, at the John B. Hynes Veterans Auditorium, a large modern auditorium, a barn of a place although clean and pleasant. With its concrete floors and folding chairs, the auditorium was difficult acoustically, but the choir nevertheless sounded full and rich, moving one man in the fourth row to shout a loud and fervent "Amen" at the end of the one number.

Looking around at the audience, everywhere you could see happy smiles on the faces of young and old alike. At the conclusion of the first night's performance one little old lady in the third row who was strangely dressed in a heavy winter coat, sneakers and a wool knit cap, jumped to her feet and waved and waved to Col. Pak and the cast as the curtain was closing.

When the doors opened at 7:30 p.m. the third night, people came flooding in

and quickly filled the entire main floor. Some guests had mistakenly seated themselves in the second row center, which was being reserved for Family members, and adamantly refused to move when the Family usherette asked them politely to take other seats. One portly older man, his face flushed in anger, pounded his fist in his hand and hollered, "I've been standing in line for this seat since 7:00 o'clock and I'm not moving!" And he didn't. After the final curtain one of his lady companions sighed and said, "Well, I missed my TV program but I don't care; it was wonderful."

Toshiki Yano was present the third night and from time to time would switch on the bright movie floodlights to film the audience, which seemed excited about being "movie stars" and responded with great enthusiasm to everything.

When Col. Pak finished speaking he received a thunderous round of applause with many people standing up to salute him.

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Providential perspective. . . from 7/8/74 address by President Salonen

Father talks a lot about the three year providence in America and this being the last three years of the second seven year course. The second seven year course is known as the children's cross. The first seven year course was the Parents' cross, and it's where Father carried the cross to set up his own family. So many things he did in that period were subject to criticism because he would sometimes devote himself to his family when the church members would feel that he was neglecting the work of the church. But he realized that unless he could secure his family base, then there could be no real development within the church and certainly no international expansion. So he always sacrificed even the church itself or the movement for the development of his family.

At the end of that seven year period of time we began the children's cross, at which time the Parents are supposed to settle

down and the children take the responsibility, all of us and specifically the blessed couples being in the position of children. Therefore we have to shoulder the weight of indemnity and to pioneer the way.

After the children's cross, the third seven year course is meant to be the time of accomplishment, the time when the Parents and the children have settled down and things simply move ahead according to our own effort.

Those things have been somewhat abstract to us, although he's spoken on those topics a number of different times.

In any case, in 1972 on God's Day he called together all the directors from throughout the country—there weren't many at that time—and he required that all of them spend the next three days together. This was just before he began his first speaking tour in America, the first of his three years. He said. "Ton won't know until

much later the significance of this time," but that was really the start of the three year program, the three year Day of Hope tour. So already at that time his planning was far advanced, before we could even understand fully what he intended to do.

At that time he spoke in only seven cities and we really didn't attract a lot of attention, but he began laying a foundation for the work that he would expand, setting the patterns that he would follow, setting the pattern of training, of membership living and of working, that he would expand throughout these three years and after this current year expand onto an international scale.

On May the 1st of this year he established the Day of Victory Over Resentment or Victory Over Grudge. Have you all read the *Master Speaks* about that? (As fast as the *Master Speaks* are distributed they must be read and digested, because Father is speaking a lot these days and if you don't keep up to date with it, it's difficult to know the real depth of significance of what our movement's doing. The Suntiay morning, speeches are very important, because that's when he speaks most deeply about the development of the providence; those talks represent the heart of his thinking for the development of the work in America.)

May the 1st is the beginning of the providential year. Because the Holy Wedding took place in April of 1960, then that represented the end of an age, so the new age began on May the 1st, 1960. (Sometimes when he says we have unfil 1977 or '78, or he says we have to accomplish something by 1980 or '81, what he means is if it's not done by the end of December of that year we actually have until the following May the 1st. There's that period of overlap.)

Some of you were here on May the 1st of last year when he

proclaimed that this was the beginning of the second year of the three year providential course. Then two months later on July the 1st he announced that we were halfway through, so I asked him, "How can May the 1st be the beginning of the year and July the 1st be halfway through?" He said that in history we'll mark all of our dates on the solar calendar from January and the holidays even tually will take solar dates, but at the moment now it begins from that point when he began his 21 year course after the Holy Wedding.

On May the 1st of this year, at the beginning of this third and final year, when he was in Korea he estimatished the Day of Victory Over Resentment. This is 14 years after the marriage in 1960, and at that time he said that a crossing junction was passed between good and evil, that up until that date however much we struggled, most of it was just taken as inglemnity to pay off the debts of the past. Therefore very often

our movement would struggle and struggle, and members would suffer and work hard, but not that much would actually be accomplished.

But from May 1st, 1974, a point was established from which all of our work goes toward the accomplishment of our goal. From that time on he said things would happen much more easily, and the spirit world would be free to descend much more easily to cooperate in our work.

I heard him first say that around May the 12th, and happen in just a flash where all of a sudden in everything was much easier than before. But the ability to accomplish has gone much more easily that time. There are two ways it can 2²¹ descend, and on way is unough the Sun Myung Moon Christ¹² and the four descendent Father's tours, which really required



New official portrait for the eight city tour.

ous work in order to just be conducted, the Christian Crusade with just about the same amount of work is reaping much greater results. But it stands on the foundation of all the work that's been done before.

Secondly, the membership growth in the various regions since that time has begun to skyrocket. During the period before May the 1st, membership growth had been rather slow nationwide, but since that time the country was divided into regions and all the regional directors were set up, and in almost every region there's been a tremendous influx of members.

Even without those indications-because sometimes it's not possible to see results in just a month or two-it's important to understand that May the 1st was an important dividing line in our work. So after that time when we undertake a project, we can't just think it's not going to be successful, or that we'll probably have to work very hard and not much will be accomplished. From now on we have to feel exactly responsible for what we accomplish. In other words, what we accomplish will be a direct representation of exactly how much effort we expended. If you want to get better results, you have to do more.

Actually it will snowball, and when we build up a certain amount of momentum we can expect increasingly to be able to accomplish in some kind of geometric proportion to our size.

So the crusade began on May the 15th in Oakland, and then Father went back to Belvedere and began to prepare himself and the Family there and all of us nationwide for the coming eight city campaign in the fall. This represents the conclusion of his three year speaking tour. So even while everyone was very excited about the Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade, he would often say, "Relatively speaking, it's not very important at all. What's most important is that it's a building block toward success in the eight city tour." Because if the Christian Crusade failed, that wouldn't represent a fundamental failure in our providence, but if for any reason Father's eight city tour doesn't become increasingly more successful, as the previous two were, then that can be interpreted as a failure in the growth and development of our movement.

Guru Maharaji, for example, was building up a certain amount of momentum and it was meant to peak out in the Houston Astrodome speech. They said they were going to fill up the place, and when they didn't fill it up, in a very important way their movement was humiliated and a lot of the attention that they might have attracted instead became negative, and from that point on a lot of public interest and public credibility in their promises declined. It's like their star reached its peak and was gone. They may even be growing now, but they're not building momentum in the public image.

When Billy Graham speaks in Madison Square Garden or anyplace else, it's filled. Therefore, in order to begin to reach people on that level, we have to be surpassing their records. You can see why it's very important that Madison Square Garden be completely filled. If it's not filled, then the extent to which it's not filled is the extent to which we've failed our responsibility here, and the development of the work in America will be that much more difficult.

A capacity crowd in Madison Square Garden will be a tremendous victory toward the establishment of the position of our True Parents in America and their recognition by other Christian figures and other public figures as well. It's very, very important.

New Mexico Family picnic hosts neighbornooa

By Jerry Treffry New Mexico Family

On Thursday afternoon, May 9th, a few members of the New Mexico Family launched a campaign to bring together their immediate neighbors to introduce them to the Unification Church and also to afford them an opportunity to meet other neighborhood residents.

We decided to hold an old-fashioned picnic complete with barbecued chicken and watermelon, and after half an hour of spontaneous inspiration, four bold and stalwart members began ringing doorbells in the neighborhood to extend invitations.

The picnic was scheduled for Mother's Day, Sunday, May 12th, and invitations were again delivered in person that afternoon.

Albuquerque weather tends to be very unpredictable. The wind has a way of suddenly becoming very turbulent, and by , the sky was overcast and the ity was tumultuous. Nonetheaditions had virtually no efthe hbors and approximately a dus that vening. 👘 ... was lively a 🗽 🍂 and the group remained .un-

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to break open. Perhaps due to their staunch hours' time we won many new friends. insistence that nothing was going to interfere with the promised event, the sky cleared and the temperature soared.

Almost every neighbor contributed a dish, and by the time the evening was over there was still 20 pounds of potato salad left.

Besides conversing, many neighbors played volleyball and croquet, viewed our vegetable garden and visited the Center. They were reliably curious about our work, and members were glad to explain. We felt we made headway and within three

One of the highlights of the evening was a pinata game in which the children were blindfolded and given a big stick to strike at an owl which would shed candy when hit. There were many excited winners.

We also held a drawing for "Mother of the Day" and the winner was presented with one of our granariums. The evening's activities concluded with a series of films.

Each of our members felt that the event opened up many new possibilities for the work ahead of us.



Speedboat outing: right to left, Father, Daikan Ohnuki, Mr. Furuta, Pastor Luke and Col. Han.

The Public Information Department. directed by Farley Jones and staffed by Lisa Martinez, was originally created by President Salonen to challenge and fight back against criticism and false information about our movement appearing throughout the country during the 32 city tour. The attacks ranged from outright lies and malicious distortions to simple errors.

The department will also reply to inquiries about the church, and will develop materials to present Father and the church to the public in a favorable light.

The department's first mission was to rebut the attacks of Tom Riner, the Louisville minister who wrote and distributed a pamphlet called "The Satanic Beliefs of 'Rev.' Moon," which appeared in almost every tour city subsequent to Louisville.

Their next mission was to respond to a shockingly defamatory article in Billy James Hargis' Christian Crusade Weekly, as well as to articles in A.D. and Christianity Today.

The ultimate role of the Public Information Department is not limited to responding to attack but will also include working to generate positive perceptions and an understanding of our movement on the part of the general public. The department will soon publish a book containing excerpts from positive letters written to or about the church, and also a booklet containing short inspirational quotes from Father. "Through all our efforts we want to make wave after wave of good publicity before the coming eight city tour," Mr. Jones said.

Following is a description of some of the situations encountered by the department and an overview of their responses. (If you would like complete texts of the department's responses, they are available through Mr. Jones at National Headquarters in Washington.)

• Refuting Tom Riner:

Riner states in his pamphlet that our church "is not a legitimate religious organization." This is obviously false: the Unification Church is as valid a religious organization as any other more traditional church, incorporated in the same way (1961 in California as a nonprofit religious organization). The Articles of Incorporation state that "the primary purpose of this corporation shall be the worship of God and the study, teaching and practical application of Divine Principles." From the point of view of practice, our activities are identical with those in almost any other Christian

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offering a critical look at new religions To Moon, Communism is equivalent to Satan. Anti-Communism is the political backbone of his movement.

Both the theology and what were understood as the practices of the Unification Church have been anathema to main-line Christians in Korea. Moon himself was excommunicated by the Presbyterian Church in Korea as long ago as 1948.

church-regular Sunday services, prayer meetings, religious studies and witnessing outreach.

Riner alleges that the Unification Church and Rev. Moon "are deeply involved in occult practices" and are "championing them." As you know, this is ridiculous. Far from championing "astral projection, clairvoyance, telepathy, communication with the dead and reincarnation" the church discourages its members from getting involved with these phenomena. For example, in For God's Sake Rev. Young Oon Kim, our first missionary to the United States. states that, "Some people spend much time in prolonged contemplation or occult practices in order to develop their extrasensory perception. We want to avoid these practices.'

Riner, quoting another Christian publication, alleges that "necromancy or the supposed contact with the spirits of the dead is a common source of revelation for Moon." While Rev. Moon has had such experience, primarily in his youth, he does not emphasize or encourage this activity, and it is not a "common source of revelation." Moreover, Riner places this activity in the context of Satanism and evil. One wonders how

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he deals with the fact that Jesus, too, had such experiences (Luke 9:29-30), such as the time Moses and Elijah appeared to him when he was praying. Riner is apparently trying to make ammunition out of something which sounds bad and which he makes sound bad, but which in fact is not unfamiliar to the Christian tradition.

Riner calls marriage in our church "marriage by witchcraft," but he does not even try to substantiate this. The accusation is an unfounded, trumped-up smear.

Subsequent material in Riner's pamphlet consists mostly of quotations implying highly authoritarian control by Rev. Moon over marriage arrangements. For instance, he quotes Time magazine's statement that marriage partners are "selected by Moon and his licutenants." While this has been true in the Orient, arranged marriages there are a cultural tradition and, moreover, partners selected by Rev. Moon may decline if they wish. In the United States, however, the engagement and marriage process has been similar to the traditional pattern, subject to Rev. Moon's approva. or disapproval. This, of course, is the proper duty of any responsible minister.



claims that "Moon Riner rationalizes adultery," redefining adultery as remarriage instead of the traditional dictionary definition of voluntary sexual intercourse with someone other than one's husband or wife. When one studies Rev. Moon's teachings, it becomes clear that he is unequivocally opposed to adultery. "You must again realize that if you commit adultery or any such things, it means you poison yourselves to death," he warns (MS 369, 1973, p. 6). These are hardly the words of a man who is rationalizing adultery.

The Unification Church "teaches a false man-made salvation," Riner states. This is not true. Instead, our teaching is that salvation is the product of a coopentive effort between man and God. Both man and God must fulfill their portions of responsibility. (DP 1973, p. 55)

Riner accuses the church of being "deceptive and dishonest" about its goals and teaching, and about the financial status of Rev. Moon and the church. Contrary to his allegations, nothing is hidden. Our ideas are readily available to anyone who takes the time to investigate br to attend a weekend workshop, and with one exception (concerning Rev. Moon's personal holdings) the mormation on finances published in national media has been information which the church itself supplied these publications. If the church has supplied the information which Riner is using, how can he accuse it of being deceptive and dishonest?

• Refuting David Noebel writing in Billy James Hargis' Christian Crusade Weekly:

Noebel says that our church teaches that Rev. Moon is going to establish the Kingdom of God by fathering enough physical children to populate it, and this will be done through sexual relationships with an "entourage of feminine initiates." This is a revolting, disgusting falsehood and in no way resembles our teaching. Rev. Moon is now 54 years old and so far has fathered nine children, the last one more than three years ago. If Noebel really believes what he writes, he must wonder at the lack of progress of our "program."

Our actual teaching is that we are pow in the Age in which the capacity to produce sinless offspring is potentially available to all people. It is not the sole domain of Rev. Moon. Rev. Moon has married approximately 1,500 couples, all of whom we believe have the capacity to produce offspring free of original sin. This capacity is realized in a rite similar to a communion rite and confers spiritual and physical purification on the couple.

Noebel is unable to factually document his claim. He introduces no statements from any woman who was once affiliated in such a way with Rev. Moon. He introduces no statements from any church publication which *actually* says what he claims. He prints no picture of the "entourage." Yet it is precisely this kind of concrete evidence that any responsible journalist should have before making such an extreme and potentially destructive claim.

Noebel does introduce five passages from the Divine Principle in an attempt to substantiate his accusations, but the relevance of the material selected is extremely remote and ambiguous. For example, one passage did not even refer to Father but to Jesus. Another supported the opposite conclusion from the one Noebel drew, indicating that all fallen men could remove the original sin and themselves have sinless children. Another refers equally to Jesus and the Lord of the Second Advent. And the other two trade heavily on words like "True Father," "new life," and "birth" and "rebirth," words which for over 2,000 years have had distinctly nonsexual meanings, but which Noebel wants to use to substantiate his evil claims.

When Mr. Jones wrote to Billy James Hargis and asked him to print a retraction, Hargis forwarded the letter to Noebel who replied, "I am certainly requesting that the Editor of the *Christian Crusade Weekly* not run a retraction of my article and since Dr. Hargis was the first one to inform me of Mr. Moon's phallic practices, I doubt very much that he plans to print a retraction."

• Refuting Jane Mook's article in A.D.:

To the editor of the magazine A.D., Mr. Jones wrote that there are definitely no sexual purification rites practiced within the Unification Church, that he knew this from the teachings of the church, the practices of Rev. Moon and church members, and from personal experience, having himself been married by Rev. Moon. He pointed out that the standards of Rev. Moon and the church are actually opposite from what the rumors imply and that we are usually accused of being too puritanical.

SMMCC in Boston

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"Arirang" by the combined choir and dancers, dramatically enhanced by the spinning circles of light reflected through the hall by the mirror ball, is now the grand finale number for the crusade performances. Friday night in Boston, however, it was followed by an even more exciting event. Father and Mother, who had been sitting inconspicuously in the audience about a third of the way back in the center section, were called up to the stage for recognition. The audience, already standing to wildly applaud the performance, clapped even harder as Father and Mother received flowers and bowed and waved. After the curtain closed they posed for pictures backstage, then quickly retired to their dressing room, leaving the cast and crew in a state approaching ecstasy, dancing around hugging one another and laughing.

After a short time in his dressing room, a sport shirt-clad Col. Pak joined the True Parents and left with them to drive back to New York for a fishing expedition with Father.

Thursday and Friday mornings in Boston were exciting ones for the KFB and NHSI women, because Father and Mother took them shopping for summer dresses and Father personally selected a dress for each girl. The KFB girls, coming directly from a visit to the State Auditor's Office at the State House where they sang and presented a Korean doll, were colorfully attired in their red and white Korean dresses. They created a stir of excitement in the Jordan Marsh Company store as they waited for Father to arrive, and then excitedly followed him through all the many dress departments as he selected dresses for them to try on. Many shoppers stopped to ask who they were and to admire their dresses, and just to enjoy the beauty of the group.

During the break between the end of the "Celebration of Life" tour and the eight city tour, the KFB and NHSI will stop briefly at Belvedere where Father is expected to address them after the 5:00 a.m. pledge service, and then they will drive on to Washington, D.C., where they will stay until the opening of the eight city tour. The Korean Folk Ballet girls will be sewing costumes, practicing their English, studying the Divine Principle and working on their dances, while the New Hope Singers International will be cutting an album, then fund-raising. "God's Colonel made a very impressive talk. It moved me greatly. Funny, but I had a dream very similar to what he said. The only difference was God was talking."



"Beautiful! Reverend Sun Myung Moon has a beautiful smile! Is he coming to the U.S.?"

"This was the most rewarding evening-it was a joy to be present."

"I enjoyed it very much. I think I had a spiritual awakening. I'm so happy tonight."







Evangelist looks back on Crusade

From an interview July 7th with Col. Bo Hi Pak

I feel that this "Celebration of Life" tour of the Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade is serving a dual purpose. First, it is uplifting our Family members, giving them new confidence and new vision so that they can really think big now. Until this time they've been struggling through going out onto the street witnessing to one person at a time, and each weekend they see only a few people coming to the workshop and they rejoice over even those few. But now they see thousands of people coming to listen to Principle and hundreds signing up for the workshop. The thinking of our Family members shifts into an entirely new phase and they can now see the limitless potential of our movement.

This crusade is injecting tremendous confidence and a winning feeling into our members, which is very important to me.

Secondly, our Family is suffering from a lack of strength (in other words there are very few members in some of the states). They always feel lonely and then they are sometimes unkindly treated or persecuted. And under all these conditions they seek some identity. They want to be identified with something they can be proud of, some good and great thing. And they want to hold some experience or situation they can invite people to, to give a good impression of our movement. And "Celebration of Life" serves that purpose very well.

Many people, even our enemies or those unkind or negative to us, have to change their frame of mind after coming into the auditorium for a "Celebration of Life" performance. They become positive—or at least they pay respec our Family members can proudly i with "Celebration of Life" use it a resent our movement to the people of the community.

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Everywhere we go I'm accuraging our people—choir members, IOWC and local members, staff—to bring the members of their families to "Celebration of Life," particularly their parents And when they come, they all respond positively. They're proud of what their sons and daughters are doing. I think this was one of the most important fringe benefits of the crusade.

Also, we are giving civic officials and religious leaders in the field a very positive experience of our movement. In the Miami area, for example, many mayors issue proclamations honorin of Life," and seven as a seven trouble to come to the seven as a s

generating public excitement in Main. We had a parade, which went very well, and then we had a rally and singing in fromof court house, which was covered by television stations and newspapers. The *Miami Herald* had our SMMCC picture on the very front page—a magnificent color picture of the Korean Folk Ballet dancing at the rally!

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