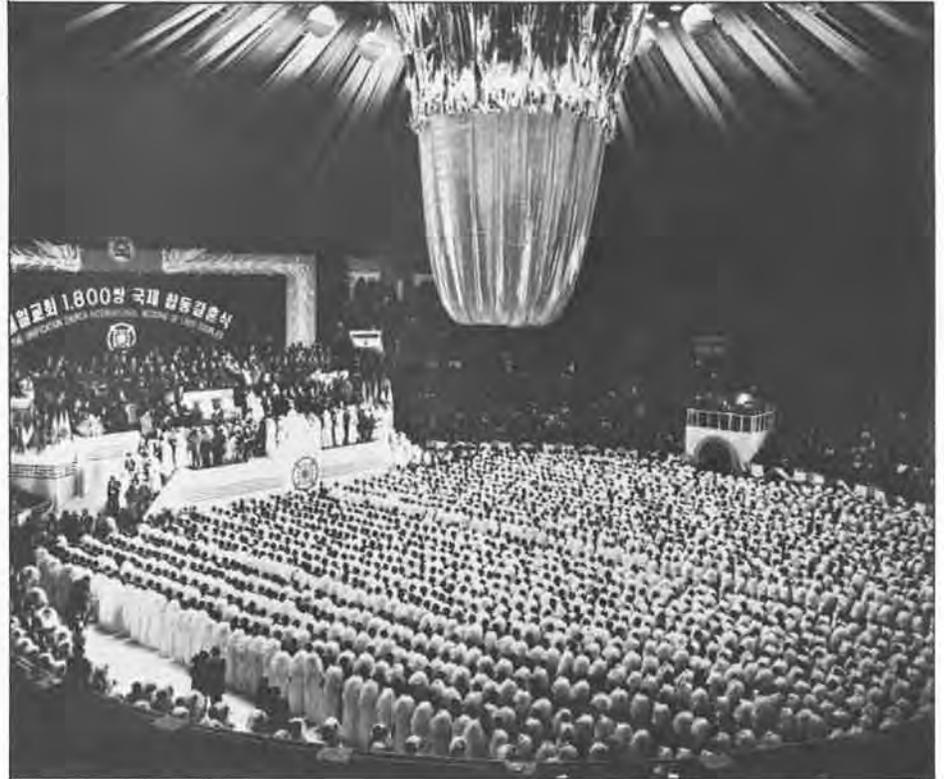


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February 8th Blessing of 1800 Couples



Father Speaks at Budokan Rally

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and more...



Kwon-jin Moon, born March 2nd, 1975, going home from Phelps Memorial Hospital, Tarrytown

Directors' Conference

Father Reshapes Movement

Father initiated sweeping changes in the American movement on February 24, 1975, referring to the situation in the U.S. as an "emergency situation" and calling for a new pioneering spirit.

Primary among his concerns is increasing our membership. With the goal of filling Yankee Stadium in mind, Father could foresee that drastic measures were in order to increase our membership to 20,000, the minimum necessary to conduct a successful campaign. Commenting on Father's perception, Mr. Salonen said: "We have to have a greater number of members, not only to raise the money, but to do the witnessing and to sustain the work. It cannot be reached at our current rate of growth, nor even at the current rate of the increase of our growth. It can only be reached if we make a fundamental new beginning. Father declared a fundamental new beginning at the time of the conference. He asked all members to become new pioneers to become completely humble to our responsibilities and start from the very bottom to see what can be accomplished from now."

To do this, Father called for a restructuring of the movement centering around a massive renewal education program at Barrytown. Starting with 3-year and over members and those with college degrees, Barrytown 120-day training will work towards creating a rebirth experience in the total membership. Upon completing training, members will be sent out to establish individual pioneer missions, responsible through a network of Itinerary Workers only to Headquarters.

"The first step will be to go out as individuals," said Mr. Salonen. "We will see if it is possible for an individual to gain twenty members more quickly than a team of 100 members could gain 2,000 members. It will be like a wave across America—people with no money in their pocket, armed only with the truth and the determination to go to the rock-bottom of hell to follow the same course that Father himself did when he pioneered the movement in Korea in order to rebuild a new church on a new foundation and to establish a new tradition."

Accordingly regions were asked to send members to Barrytown immediately. After the first wave emerges from Barrytown, the regional structure will be gradually de-emphasized.



Rev. Werner reports to Father and the directors, February 24.

Another primary concern for Father was finances. He stressed that Ginseng tea must form the economic foundation in America. Accordingly four hundred new fundraisers, most of whom will sell Ginseng tea, will be recruited. Other considerations at the conference included specific plans for Yankee Stadium and a discussion of the 95 new international missions. Father emphasized that one important purpose of the new missions will be to set up Ginseng tea sales outlets and a correspondence network which could immediately serve the *World Daily News* in Tokyo and ultimately prove superior to AP or UPI in objective reporting.

In discussing the sweeping changes that are about to take place, Mr. Salonen pointed out that if we view the situation from Father's eyes, we can readily understand the need for drastic measures. "Father's evaluation of our movement at this time is that we're simply not growing fast enough to accomplish our goal. The question is not whether we're improving or becoming more influential. The question is: will we be able to become influential

enough and strong enough in time? He feels that in three years we need to not just meet the goal of 30,000 members for some external purpose, but so that there can be a foundation in America capable of carrying on the work that he wants America to do throughout the world. If he's ever going to be able to turn his attention from America to the worldwide scene, which he must do, then we've got to become more powerful in America quickly. At least our rate of growth and the rate at which we can project hope to this country has to keep pace with the rate of decay and the rate at which people turn to despair."

"In order to restore the world, in order to expand the tree of life, in order to make the foundation for the Messiah on the national level," said Mr. Salonen, "we have to demonstrate our faith above all else. It is only in faith and in the deepest faith that we must unite with whatever direction comes. We have to have the deepest confidence in the way in which our movement is directed."

February 16: True Parents' Birthday

On February 16th our True Parents' birthday was celebrated in their presence at Belvedere by hundreds of church members from New York and other East Coast areas. Beginning with a 7 a.m. pledge service, the day included a speech by Father—his first in America since returning from Korea—an afternoon snow-sculpture contest, and an evening celebration.

The training center and a newly constructed edition were jam-packed as Mr. Salonen gave a report after Father's speech, of the trip to Korea and Japan and presented our Parents with a birthday gift from the American church: money and a large (18" X 40") card embroidered in a floral design.

Several inches of wet snow, perfect for sculpturing, blanketed Belvedere. So,

after a lunch of Big Mac's, members built their creations on the front lawn. Winning first place was a model of Yankee Stadium, complete with our symbol painted in red.

After an abundant Korean dinner, entertainment began. Entries in the talent contest were so numerous as to warrant pre-screening. Winning was a skit done by our Japanese members—a costumed "Samurai" play depicting the liberation of an oppressed village by the Divine Principle. The evening concluded with entertainment by our Parents and their children.

In speaking of his birthday, Father said in his morning speech: "This being my birthday, I'm really awakened to the fact that from noon I'm going to start my third seven-year course." He later said: "If you are going to celebrate my birthday, the significance is that I want you to sacrifice yourself and invest yourself, both on the spiritual and physical levels, for the great job we are going to accomplish. And in that way alone, you will, in the true sense, celebrate my birthday today." He went on to say: "Even though I'm victorious at this point, I feel a little sad to think that I'm already 55. I wish I had been your age to be victorious like this. And how happy you must be. If you had such a strong sense of mission as I would, you would just dash forward on your mission without sleeping, without relaxing. With the youth you have, you must excel me in many ways, because you have strong will-power, you have energy and zeal, and everything with you, because of your young age."

Father revealed his hope for the coming three years' work in America. "This nation, which has two hundred years of Christian history, will either perish or rise again because of our movement, in the next three years. Those are the most critical years," he said. "Centering on the providence of God, these coming three years are most critical years; there will be no such example in the past or in the future. What you are doing is so important that you are going to either change the world into a better world—or if you fail—to the worst place. . . . We must shatter into pieces the Satanic world which has long dominated Godly people. . . . Now this time our target is not Madison Square Garden. I want you to know that it is Yankee Stadium, and you must attack it with an explosive power." He went on:

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The entertainment, won by a Samurai play, was thoroughly enjoyed by our Parents and their family.





1800 Couples Receive Blessing

by Hal McKenzie

How can you describe the Blessing in Korea of 1800 couples from 120 different nations? "The only way I could describe it is as a series of miracles," said Mrs. Louise Strait, formerly Louise Berry, in a report to Washington church members.

The first miracle was selecting the candidates, notifying them, keeping them informed, and getting all of them to Korea together, all within a few weeks' time. A committee of blessed couples spent many sleepless nights picking an equal number of qualified American men and women to send to Korea as candidates for the Blessing. The Headquarters staff worked double and triple time sending out notices and instructions. Helen Glass, formerly Helen Koepke, performed a small miracle of her

own in coordinating passports, visas, and travel arrangements with Korean Airlines for the more than 140 people who finally went.

Financing the trip was another miracle. Most members had only two or three weeks' time to raise the \$1200 for plane fare and expenses. Through loans, fundraising, gifts from parents and relatives or personal funds, the money somehow came in. Family members helped one another with a true family spirit, so no one who was qualified was left behind due to lack of funds.

The second major miracle was, in a word, the Korean Family. "When I got to Korea, the feeling there was overwhelming," said Peggy Warden Matsuya. "It was such a high spiritual feeling. I never experienced anything like it before. I felt in my heart that even if I didn't get blessed, it was worth it just to go to Korea. Throughout the whole time we were there

we were given so much!"

At the airport in Seoul, the candidates were greeted by a crowd of Korean Family holding a big banner saying "Welcome Western Couples—Congratulations on Your Wedding," singing "Tongil," and waving flags. Then the candidates boarded tourist buses which drove to the little village of Sootaek-Ri (pronounced Sootaeng-Ni) outside of Seoul, the site of our Family's training center, Tongil Industries manufacturing plant, and the Il-Wha Ginseng Tea factory.

The training center consists of two long lecture hall-dormitory buildings, another long building for worker's rooms and Father's quarters, and a 500-seat dining hall. The center can accommodate up to 500 people at a time for Victory over Communism or Divine Principle seminars, but soon as many as 1600 Western, Japanese, and Korean members were using the center at any one time.



John Brady, Galen Brooks, and Steve Deddens receive wedding rings from Betsy Drapcho in Los Angeles on the eve of the February 1 departure (above).

Korean members warmly welcome the Western members at the Seoul airport (below).



"Wall-to-wall people; a constant traffic jam; a mob scene," were the words used to describe it; but they were all our Family, so the spiritual atmosphere, as Peggy said, was "overwhelming."

The Korean Family did a truly miraculous job feeding, caring for, and organizing all these people. Tongil Industries manufactured many sturdy, triple-tiered bunks for the new arrivals. In addition to the dormitory rooms already there, the lecture halls were turned into huge bedrooms. Bunks lined the walls of one lecture hall used for the men's room, and every available inch of floor space in both halls was covered with folding foam-rubber mattresses. Ample pillows and blankets were supplied and steam heating was specially installed, so no one suffered at night from the below-freezing temperatures.

Meals had to be eaten in three shifts because of the limited capacity of the dining hall. The Korean Family took special care and expense to provide only Western food so that no one suffered from stomach problems due to dietary culture shock.

Personal cleanliness was taken care of in a way which the Western couples will long remember with special fondness: the Public Bath. Quite common in Korea and Japan, public bathing was a new experience to most of the Westerners. All agreed that it would be wonderful to begin that custom in the United States. The baths consist of large men's and women's washrooms equipped with rows of hot and cold water spigots and large pool-size tubs of warm and hot water. After soaping down and rinsing off at the spigots, using a little plastic pan to splash yourself with, you jump into one of the tubs for a warm, relaxing soak.

All of the Western couples were amazed and awed at the work our Family was doing in Korea. The training center-factory complex where the couples stayed was impressive enough, but especially miraculous was the beautiful Little Angels' Performing Arts Center designed by Mr. Duk Moon Aum, a long-time Family member who is an outstanding architect in Korea.

The newly blessed couples visited the Center on the night before their departure, hosted by Col. Pak and a host of Little Angels. The 5,000 seat auditorium and entertainment part of the Center was still under construction, but the performing arts school was fully built and already in full operation. The graceful building could be compared in significance to the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., although everyone felt that our building was architecturally and aesthetically far superior. The land for the building, in a childrens'



Michael Leone and Bonnie Hylton after accepting their match made by Father on February 3.

Newly-matched Western couples waiting outside the dining room at the training center. Present and filming is NBS news.



park, was donated by the government, and the Center promises to be a major cultural center for visiting foreign dignitaries when it is completed.

Seeing these things, the Western members felt that the Korean people were finally coming around to accept our Church and our Father, as the savior of Korea and the world. They could see it in the faces of the villagers who crowded around wherever they were, awestruck at this crowd of foreigners who had descended into their midst. Even the professional tour guides who led the couples on a sightseeing tour said that they had become interested in the Unification Church, promising to come to lectures. They were won over by the warm spirit of the Western couples, seeing that it was Rev. Moon who had made these people from all over the world so unified and happy.

The Westerners were also privileged to hear Father discuss his plans for the next three years. At a speech to the newly-blessed Western couples at the Sootaek-Ri Training Center in Korea on Feb. 9, Father discussed the role that the Blessed couples

will play in the coming three-year period. He stressed that the couples as privileged to have participated in the historical 1800 couples Blessing, would be the "locomotive" to fulfill the main goals during this period.

Father reiterated that the success of the 1974 Day of Hope campaign could be connected to the work in Korea on the physical as well as spiritual level. In April, the International IOWC team will come to Korea and witness "on the same level as the government, shoulder-to-shoulder with the national referendum. He said that from this point onward, the Korean church will build 160 modern Unification Church centers all over the country. Until now, Unification Church facilities all over Korea were poor even by Korean standards, consisting mainly of small rented houses. "That is because, until now the Korean Church was in the period of wandering in the wilderness," Father said. "Now we are entering into Canaan. It is time to fold up the tabernacle and build the Temple." The ground-breaking of the International Headquarters on Yoido Island

is also scheduled to occur in April of this year. A temporary building will be built for use until the final, 43-story structure is ready to be completed.

"The next three years will determine the success or failure of the three seven-year courses in America," Father said. Within that time, the crusade at Yankee Stadium, which must draw 250,000, and the rally at the Washington Monument grounds, slated to draw 500,000, will occur. "If we do a good job in the USA, Europe will be connected to that immediately. Without success in America, we cannot save Europe and all of mankind."

Father said that the Unification Church must take on the responsibility of solving the socio-political problems of America. It appeared to him that "American-style democracy is a good nursery for the growth of Communism." During all the time he spent in America, he said, he could find no group which was really taking on the responsibility for defeating Communism. He said he would like to have one-third of the members and



Korean flag is hoisted by balloons high above the Changchung gymnasium on the clear, 18-degree morning of February 8th. Also afloat was a flag with the church symbol and a number of other decorations.

one-third of the resources involved in VOC work, so that the other two-thirds could be easily mobilized for VOC work if necessary. "As a minimum defense line, at least 30,000 Unification Church workers are necessary," he said. However, since we can't wait for 30,000 members, "an unusual method" is necessary to have an equivalent impact. "We need one big blow or attack; an explosive method," he said. This is the intention of the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument crusades.

Mentioning the international missionaries, Father said that the newly Blessed couples would be the ones getting most of the international assignments. "This is the revolution of revolutions," he said, which will "revolutionize the whole world." Each overseas mission will consist of a team of three; an American, Japanese, and German, since those three countries were "materially blessed" after World War II. Each of the three will be supported by his own country. Eventually, the missions would reach the point of having training programs on an international level, which would train people of different nationalities in economic as well as Divine Principle development. Father said he intends the missionaries to be the basis of an international banking system which would help economic development in the third world as well as finance our spiritual work.

After expressing his trust in the couples, he said, "When you go back, you have to work especially hard in witnessing. The burden is a great one to bear, but there is no other choice."





Crossing a platform, members walk two couples abreast between our Parents. The ceremony, lasting several hours, also consisted of congratulatory remarks, the marriage vows, and a prayer by Father. 108 Western couples participated.



Western couples sing "Arirong," "Tongil," and "Come and Go With Me to that Land" for the entertainment at Changchung Gymnasium on the 8th. Also entertaining were professional performers, representatives of the Korean and Japanese churches, and, as a finale, the Little Angels.

The biggest miracle, of course, was Father's selection of our mates on February 3. Before the matching began, Father spoke to the candidates on why we call our marriages a "blessing." He said that the original purpose of God's creation is the four position foundation; therefore, God's primary goal for mankind and the primary purpose of the Messiah is to establish the true family. In the four position foundation, the vertical love coming from God to the children is subject, while the horizontal love between the mates is object. Therefore vertical love is most important in the marriage. "In the Orient," Father said, "husband and wife tend to

love their parents and their children more than each other. In the West couples rather forget their parents and their children and love each other only. You must follow more the Oriental way."

He said that to be qualified for the blessing we must become true sons and daughters of God. This means we must love God and mankind even more than Jesus did, and also love Jesus more than anyone. "The qualification for the blessing is possessing God's love," he said, "and therefore being able to have God's son or daughter as your mate. In that way you can have dominion over the entire universe. Without divine love there, no

such thing can be realized. That is why we call the marriage a 'blessing.' "

At the end of his talk, he spoke of what a great responsibility the matching was for him. He asked the candidates whether they wanted to select their own preferences or to leave it up to him. All the candidates chorused a thunderous "yes" to leaving it in his hands.

Nobody knew exactly what to expect. Feelings ranged from excited to nervous to scared. The candidates could rely only on their faith in Father.

As Father began to match the couples, fears were quickly dispelled. Joe Tully remarked, "Everyone could see, after the people were put together that it was just right; they were just the right people for each other."



Colonel Pak and the Little Angels host the Western couples at the Little Angels Center for the Performing Arts. Later the couples were guests of Colonel Pak for a traditional Korean dinner (above). The training center and Ginseng tea factory (far right) as seen from Holy Ground (below).



The matching began in the largest lecture hall about 3:00 p.m. The men and women sat at the opposite ends of the room. Starting with the physically oldest members first and moving through various categories of age, position, etc., Father began to match the couples. When he would pick two people, they would go into a small adjoining room to consult with one another. If they accepted, they came out and bowed to Father, and everyone applauded. If they found some difficulty, they could try again or express a preference. Sometimes Father accepted their preference, sometimes he advised against it. Invariably, we found that Father's judgment was the best.

Many of the couples hardly knew or had never even seen each other before. However, once they began to talk with one another after the engagement, after the blessing, in Tokyo and back in the United States visiting their parents, the real miracle became more and more apparent.

Lynda Champion McKenzie, who had never met her husband Hal before then, recalled, "From that point on we began finding out how much Father really knew what he was doing. . . . Our parents were shocked at how much we had in common. Hal's father remarked, 'Hal could have searched for a million years and never have found someone with so many complementary points as Lynda. Rev. Moon can match better than any computer!'"

Other couples had similar experiences. Couples were constantly discovering new coincidences, common features, crossing junctures, and complementary associations in their mates' personalities, dreams, backgrounds, and ancestors.

The most prevalent feeling was that God had been arranging the whole thing all along; that their mates had been created just for them. Father, knowing God's heart and will for each of them, had brought them together. Ernie Stewart said to the New York Family: "God made someone perfectly for me, and I know that He's doing the same for you."

After the engagements, the unfolding miracle of this discovery seemed to make all the succeeding events blend into one continuous miracle. The mass wedding ceremony at Changchung gymnasium; witnessing on the streets in Tokyo; Father's speech at the Budokan Hall in Tokyo; the choosing of the international missionaries, the couples returning home and visiting their parents and relatives; and so on, all hold precious memories for each participant. But especially, each participant will hold forever in their hearts their own unique and precious story of how their mates for eternity were chosen.

ABC News Reports:

“These Young People Today Made Their Commitment. . . .”

In Korea this week-end, eighteen-hundred couples, all followers of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, committed mass matrimony. ABC's Irv Chapman was there and tells us about the eighteen-hundred all-at-once weddings:

The wedding-hall was the Chang-Chung Gymnasium in downtown Seoul. Eight-hundred of the couples were Japanese, eighty-five were American. More than half the total came from here in Korea, where the Unification Church has its largest membership. The man officiating was the founder of the church, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Fresh from a rousing tour of the United States, Reverend Moon was spending just a few weeks here in Korea. To the faithful he is Heaven's instrument on earth, and they did not truly meet to marry except in his presence.

There were in the hall many happy parents joining in Reverend Moon's prayer. But some of the couples, particularly in Japan, who chose to marry at Rev-

erend Moon's behalf left angry parents behind. They demanded of church officials in Tokyo that marriages lacking parental consent be stopped and some were. They asked the foreign ministry not to let their children out of the country. But some of those over the age of consent would not be stopped. For some of the most faithful of church workers, the very choice of a spouse was left in Reverend Moon's hands.

Steve Deddens:

There were situations where he said—would you and you, after some consideration, be interested in getting married together? In some situations, the person said 'No.' So then they are not married.

Richard Barlow:

When we came to Korea this time, Reverend Moon asked if there were any people, any brothers especially, who would be interested in international mar-

riages with black people. And to me this is something really great, to have a universal attitude where you see the heart of a person, not the skin color.

Hazel, how do you feel about it?

Hazel Barlow:

I really feel very strange.

Reverend Moon took most pride in mating church workers from different countries. And so the brides and grooms exchanged wedding rings. But by Unification Church practice, they will not consummate the marriage until forty days have passed. The congregation cheered. Confetti fell from the rafters.

All over the world there are people looking for a commitment. These young people today made their commitment for better or worse to their church and to a spouse.

This is Irv Chapman, ABC News, Seoul, Korea.



"Japanese MSG"

Budokan Fills to Hear Father



Father at the Budokan (above). Crowds await the hall's opening (below).

Tokyo's Nippon Budokan Hall, the "Japanese Madison Square Garden," had people standing in the aisles to hear Rev. Sun Myung Moon speak on "The New Future of Humanity" on February 13. The 15,000 seat auditorium, used mainly as a sports stadium, was jammed with 16,000 spectators, according to eyewitness reports. Father's sermon was delivered in fluent Japanese.

A Japanese newspaper the next day headlined "Fiery Day of Hope" in reference to Father's speech. Japanese members said that coverage of the event was better than expected from the leftist-dominated Japanese press.

Father spoke on the first night of the 3-night "Day of Hope Festival" Feb. 13-16. Col. Pak spoke on the other two nights, using the same successful techniques that he used in the Celebration of Life in the United States. As in the American Day of Hope Festival, all performances featured entertainment by the International New Hope Singers and the Korean Folk Ballet.

In addition, the newly-made movie of the 1974 Eight-City Tour and Madison

Square Garden campaign was shown each night, projected on a screen built into the large backdrop of the stage. Wires pulled the large Unification Church symbol in the middle of the screen out of sight during the movie.

The Western Unification Church members who had participated in the blessing of 1800 couples in Korea on Feb. 8. were in the audience for the first two nights. They had spent three days, quartered in a suburban bowling alley, in Tokyo witnessing and handing out leaflets and tickets for the Budokan performances.

All the blessed members had unforgettable experiences working with their Japanese brothers and sisters, trying to communicate to the Japanese people on the streets, while knowing only a few hastily-learned words of Japanese. Many said that they learned how the original Japanese Unification Church missionaries to the United States had felt witnessing in New York without any knowledge of English.

Barbara Snell Masuyama, a member of the New Hope Singers, describes her experiences with the Japanese Day of Hope Campaign:

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Global Team Meets Japan

by Annemarie Manke



Colonel Pak Speaks to Global Team Members in Japan

ARRIVAL

It was still dark when we landed at Tokyo airport. We did not see any family as we entered the terminal until we were motioned to look out the window. Then we saw them—a laughing, crying, straining body of young beaming faces waving thousands of tiny pennants at us. And in the background we saw Father's words: "Let's realize the Kingdom of Heaven!"

From everywhere hands stretched to shake our hands and to pat our backs. They were so close that it was difficult for us to inch our way forward. All of us felt that it's not possible—we don't deserve so much love! They had been waiting for hours in the cold, even resisting the attempts of the airport police to dispel them until the police realized that they were not dealing with the usual leftist radicals. One Japanese leader standing beside Rev. and

Mrs. Vincenz asked them: "Do you think that those are human tears or Heavenly tears?" It was an unaccustomed question stemming from the depth of the Oriental heart, our first indication of many such experiences to come.

The first days after our arrival were used to "find our way" as Rev. Vincenz puts it. We had to extend our spiritual antennae to find new direction for the team. It was necessary to be very flexible, ready to absorb new ways. We had to become more sensitive and truly expand our hearts and minds if we were to eventually become world people.

ADJUSTMENTS

Our mission in Japan had an internal and an external aspect. The internal importance was to achieve deep unity with our Japanese family to build the basis for success on the external level—the "Day of Hope Festival." Father stressed this point very much when he spoke to us the morn-

ing after the second speech at Sugino-Kodo. With such a positive spirit we would be able to penetrate any difficulties in our course.

Grant Bracefield, our advance-man in Japan, discovered some things that helped us to adjust quickly. He explained to us that in the Orient one is never just dealing with an individual but simultaneously with an ancient culture, tradition, and many ancestors. The Japanese, he said, are extremely careful to treat each individual with great respect for his age, background, and position. If they are uncertain of these facts, they are quite uncomfortable.

Once we had broken through the initial barriers, our IOWC and the Japanese family came very close; we could feel the happiness of God in our unity. Every morning in the van the Western members would learn Japanese with their partners. The tongue-twisting efforts of some members quite often brought the whole van into fits of laughter. We shared many songs and

had a great deal of joy in our street work together.

SUCCESS AND OPPOSITION

The witnessing teams held rallies almost daily at different train stations. Their best rally was on the last Sunday before leaving Tokyo. About 300 members gathered, bearing flags from over 20 different nations, many posters with Father's picture on them, and a very large banner declaring the "Day of Hope Festival." It was a beautiful sunny day and the people listened intently to Rev. Vincenz and Mr. Onishi of the Japanese One World Crusade. By the time our music group began, the people were so inspired that they almost started to dance! This kind of love is really confusing to the Communists—it's just something they would never do. At the

time of our rally they were there, just across the street from us. But we were in such peace in the sunshine that the wave of their aggressiveness could not disturb us. We could sense that they were becoming increasingly frustrated by our unperturbed attitude. Finally in desperation they even resorted to physical violence. We have heard many reports of how they physically harrass some of our Japanese members. Here in Japan we've come to realize the threat of Communism much more.

The three "Day of Hope Festivals" were a great success. In each case, the house was full. The people were greatly moved, so much so that after the speech sometimes up to 75 people would just pile into our vans to go to the nearest Church center for further discussion.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The IOWC has been able to carry on

public relations work, but the methods and purpose have changed greatly from the 8-city tour. We found in Japan Father's name has not been so widely proclaimed due to Japanese-Korean relations. However, we feel that the IOWC as a representative of so many nations had the power to transcend such difficulties.

The Japanese family has deeply established relationships, but always from a specialized direction, such as the International Federation for Victory over Communism, the Professors' World Academy, or the International Cultural Foundation, so those involved do not fully understand who Rev. Moon is. We feel that it is the mission of the IOWC to bring these friends to this realization. In most cases we found that these men were deeply intuitive and intelligent in their field. We have received many welcome letters and proclamations of support for the work of the IOWC and of its founder, Rev. Moon. Most of these men agreed that Japan needs a spiritual revolution to resolve the crisis between Communism and crumbling democracy in order to bring about a new and better direction.

OTHER APPEARANCES

During our stay in Tokyo we were able to arrange four major events: a briefing for 200 professors, a Christian ministers' conference, a dinner for the Korean residents in Japan, and a special performance at the Yokota Air Force base (U.S.). With the exception of the Yokota Air Force base, Rev. Vincenz was able to give a talk on the purpose of the IOWC and the first global tour. We entertained them with the Korean Folk Ballet and the New Hope Singers. As a special feature, we showed the film of Father's 8-city tour in America. Each occasion was successful, enabling us to break through walls that had been erected against our church and Father due to past distortions and the sensationalism built up by the press around the February 8th Blessing.

One thought underlined all of our experiences in Tokyo—that we must prepare ourselves for Korea. Therefore in all of our contacts in or out of the family we searched for God's guidance. We wanted very much not to disappoint our family in Korea. We have heard that they are deeply expectant of our coming. The Day of Hope banquet at the Chosun Hotel was the formation stage, the Blessing was the growth stage, and the IOWC visit will be the perfection stage!



Budokan Rally (continued from page 12)

"Not only did we perform," she wrote, "but we've also (as the choir) had the special privilege of attending the workshops. Many of the workshops are held near Mount Fuji, and so we've had the wonderful opportunity to see that mountain and all the beautiful scenery surrounding it.

"The largest workshop was about 21 days ago when 1,000 people came. Usually through broken English, broken Japanese and hand signals we've been able to communicate and have influenced many people to join.

"After Tokyo, we went North to Sendai. Sendai is the most Christian city of all Japan. It was not so easy for the team to witness there. . . but the people who came were excellent. Sendai is where the first Christian missionaries to Japan were martyred—350 years ago on Feb. 18, and Feb. 18 was the night of our first performance in that city. We all felt the significance of that event—that Christ's message was returning to that city on that particular day.

"After Sendai we went to Osaka, which is in the south of Japan. Osaka has the largest Korean population of any of the cities percentage-wise. Twenty percent of the population is Korean, 10 percent coming from North Korea. Therefore there is much Communist influence in that city. (Mun Se Kwang, assassin of Mrs. Chung Hee Park, came from Osaka—Ed.) Although the theatre was filled every night there seemed to be more of a spiritual battle."

Barbara reported that, on March 1, the singers performed for the Korean Community in Tokyo for the celebration of the March 1919 Uprising for Korean Independence. "Every year at least 3,000 people come to a theater which is like Radio City Music Hall and hear speeches, see Korean movies and have live entertainment. Col. Pak said the people were moved that Westerners would celebrate their Independence Day."

After the tour is completed in Japan, it will move on to Korea on April 1, and then on to Europe.

International Missions To Be Launched

On Monday, March 3, 95 Americans preparing for international missions joined many members from the field to receive training. (More details will appear in later issues.)

In his birthday message Father spoke at length about the importance of the soon-to-be established international missions network and America's role in its success. "God blessed America because through America He wanted to save the rest of the world. He did not bless the American people for the sake of themselves," he said. "Those three brothers of ours, when they go to each of the 130 nations, will struggle hard with all their might to save that nation of their mission. America will support them financially and pray for them. By doing that alone, America will accomplish the mission of saving the world through those people, if not directly."

He went on: "This is the ultimate and



DAY OF HOPE BANQUET IN KOREA

Colonel Pak, Father and Mother receive dignitaries at the Chosun Hotel in Seoul on January 16. With the Blessing and Global team arrival, it was a significant event in uniting Father's work in America and Korea.

absolute mission of American young people, because you are blessed by God with material abundance for the salvation of all mankind through you. You are going to use the money for that purpose. And so, in

sending out those people to unknown lands, if you pray hard for them and use your own money to support them, then you are going to carry out your mission even indirectly. That's what I want you to do."

Seminary to Open

The Unification Theological Seminary, to be located at Barrytown, is scheduled to open in September, 1975 with a program leading to the degree of Master of Religious Education.

Existing primarily though not exclusively for Unification Church members, the seminary will consider applicants having a bachelor's degree and a yet-to-be determined level of training in the Divine Principle.

The program consists of three phases: 1) 9 month's study of theology, the Bible, church history, and religious education, 2) field experience of three months in full-time church work, and 3) 9 months further study in each of the four major courses, and related areas plus a thesis.

In order to open this year, the seminary must be granted a provisional charter

from the state of New York. After several years, the state will review the charter, granting a permanent one, if possible.

Professors are now being recruited; there have already been a number of responses to ads placed in New York, Boston, San Francisco, and Los Angeles.

According to Michael Warder, director of planning and development, "the seminary will help give our movement more effective teachers who are well-grounded in the relationship of the Divine Principle to Christian theology and church history. The seminary will also give members an opportunity to continue their education, further integrating academic achievement into the movement."

A full-color brochure about the seminary is now available. Inquiries should be addressed to regional directors.

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"In the next three years, we are going to lay the foundation of victory which no other religion has ever done and no other revolutionary army has done. We are going to lift high the lighthouse in the dark sea of life."

After speaking on the significance of the international missions (see article) he brought the speech to a powerful close, emphasizing unity: "You not only clasp your hands with black and yellow and white, but you are interwoven by international and interracial marriage. How wonderful it is. . . . Only after having saved the whole world, we will have our Sabbath. If you are so resolved as to struggle hard to save the whole world without relaxation and without rest until you win the final victory, then the world will be changed into a different place. . . . Your happiness lies ahead of you. . . . You are only on the starting point towards happiness. We are without doubt going to dash forward on the straight road to the promised happiness." He concluded: "May God bless you!"

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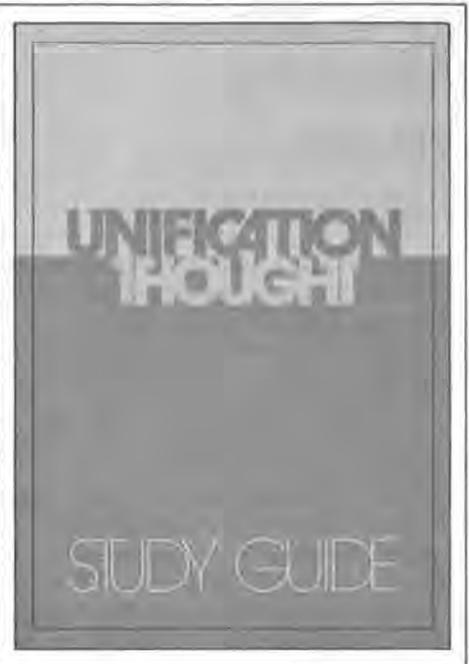
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Available now from HSA-UWC Publications, *Songs For Worship and Fellowship* costs \$3.00 per copy.

Also available is the **Unification Thought Study Guide**. This 59-page booklet was compiled to help readers grasp the main points of the Unification Thought. The author prefaces the study guide: "The content of Unification Thought is somewhat complicated and rather inconvenient for those readers who are not familiar with philosophical concepts. So I took advantage of the opportunity presented by the last 100-day training session in which I gave lectures, and I assembled main points from the contents of Unification Thought and summarized them in the form of questions and answers. This enabled the trainees to understand the material on a deeper level. . . . This convenient booklet was published to aid the



study of Unification Thought, this being one of the three pillars of the Unification Principles: the Divine Principle, the theory of Victory over Communism and Unification Thought." The Unification Thought Study Guide may be ordered from HSA-UWC Publications for \$1.00 per copy.

The New Future of Christianity, or the "Madison Square Garden book," as it's more commonly known, is available to all centers now. Includes the texts of the Madison Square Garden and Waldorf-Astoria speeches, as well as 40 pages of pictures of Father, Mother, their family, and Unification Church members campaigning for the Day of Hope tour. This 144-page paperback is also distinguished by the full-color cover: Father's official portrait on the front, and jam-packed Madison Square Garden on the back.

A new price schedule for *The New Future of Christianity*, *Christianity in Crisis*: and *New Hope: Twelve Talks* by Sun Myung Moon is in effect as of March 1, 1975:

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Orders for these books will be considered separately by title. For example, 10 copies of *New Hope* and 10 copies of *Christianity in Crisis* will not be billed as 20 total copies, but as two orders of 10 books each at the price of \$1.50 per copy, not \$1.00 per copy.

"Celebrate Life!" a workshop pamphlet which was originally designed for use in the Celebration of Life tour, has been revised for national use. It's bright yellow and orange, with new pictures and copy. The cost of this pamphlet is 4¢ per copy, or \$35/1000.

A less expensive version of the **"Unification Church—Who We Are"** has been designed especially for fundraising. These have just been printed and can be ordered for \$15/1000, or 2¢ each.

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