



Pioneers' Progress

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Training Program Launches 41 New Pioneers Nationwide

"I feel great—really confident!"—"I've learned as much here as I have during all my Family experience." Comments of two new Pioneers about Training Session.

Sandy Spring Friends School, idyllically set beyond the suburban fringe of Washington, has a dormitory equipped with classrooms, an institutional kitchen, a large dining room, and plenty of parking space. Perfect for a training program. For two weeks, it was the scene of an educational experiment, a successful fund-raising drive, the largest gathering of Pioneers since our Master left, the creation of three mobile units, and the birth of an expanded phase in our national work.

New Approach

"The basic project of the first four days," according to Program Coordinator Therese Klein, "was to develop a communication model to help the participants understand their basic patterns of relating to others. Each day there were sessions in which communication and systems theory and principles of cybernetics were presented." After each presentation, the Pioneers would apply the new knowledge to a particular problem in a small group situation. Then solutions were presented and discussed by the whole group. "They gained new

skill in group process," comments Therese. "In fact, they did most of the teaching themselves in their groups."

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FLF Staff on the Way to Mexico

Members of the FLF Staff will be serving as U.S. delegates to the 3rd annual WACL (World Anti-Communist League) Conference, to be held in Mexico City this coming week. Representing FLF will be Neil Salonen, Gary Jarmin, Dan Fefferman, Elena Barros, Gerry Willis, Jim Cowan, David Wynn, and Geraldine Porcella, who has just joined them after her tour with the Northern bus. FLF will be the largest American delegation at the Conference. For their send-off, Washington Center prepared a special Mexican dinner of tacos and enchiladas. Keith Cooperrider presented slides of his 1970 trip to Mexico. On their way to Mexico City, FLF'ers will stop in Columbia, Birmingham, and Austin to sell *Rising Tides*, hoping to gain a broader geographical base for their subscriptions.

New Pioneers Raise \$7,300

"It really doesn't matter what you say, it's how you say it that's important," commented Marilyn Cohen, top candle-seller of the new Pioneers. Marilyn averaged \$50 a night in a three-night selling campaign. The goal was \$1,000 each night, and the goal was surpassed. "Candle-selling has been a life-saver for God—" says HSA Treasurer Mike Leone. "I bet we've sold more candles than anyone in the history of the country."

One success followed another as the Pioneers brought back an additional \$4,300 from their four-day trips to nearby Pioneer centers, bringing the overall total to \$7,300. Commented President Farley Jones, "You are the first group to make over \$5,000 in a week. That's quite an accomplishment!"

ORIGINAL MISSIONARIES SPUR PIONEERS TO VICTORY

The recent Pioneer Training Program closed with special presentations by three missionaries to the U.S.: Col. Pak, David Kim, and Miss Kim. On Friday night, August 4, Col. Pak told the Pioneers: "This gathering is very special. I come to extend warmest love for your work as One World Crusaders. We are now ready to take over the country!" Col. Pak, who recently returned from a visit with the True Parents, went on to emphasize Master's concern for our success. He briefly described the Families Master visited on the rest of the tour, highlighting some incidents. "In England, those who were not going to start new centers were sad. Then Master asked them a very strange question. 'Do you believe that you are better than Jesus?' None had the courage to answer. 'You have a weapon he did not have. You have a more complete understanding of Original Sin. . . . God worked 2,000 years to provide us with democracy. Jesus did not have free speech. Even though he spoke in parables, he risked his life. Jesus didn't have an airplane; everything happened in a ten-mile radius, in a small country like England. . . . You have 50 members. 50 is too many Jesuses!'"

Col. Pak concluded his talk to the new Pioneers with these words: "Master gave us a goal and a weapon. The mightiest army of God is in this room. With it, world can be won without one bullet!"

On Saturday afternoon David Kim presented his lecture outline of the Principle to the Pioneers. Susan Hughes gave an overview of Chapter One, Perry Cordill discussed the Fall and the mission of Jesus, and Joy Schmidt outlined the history of restoration.

On Sunday afternoon, just before Mobile Unit No. 1 left for Birmingham, Miss Kim presented her World's Day talk (given this past World's Day in Washington) to the Pioneers. Beginning with a story from the first book of Esdras in the Apocrypha, the sermon discussed the meaning of truth and the value of the material world. According to Esdras, three servants of King Darius of Persia submitted to him their opinions about the strongest thing in the world. One named wine; another, man. The third, Zerubbabel, chose women, and, especially, truth. . . . "With her (truth) there is no favoritism or partiality; she chooses to do justice rather than what is unjust or evil." Zerubbabel's answer gained the king's favor; in response he granted Zerubbabel's wish of restoring the city of Jerusalem. Miss Kim then spoke of the role of truth as "the law of cause and effect." In discussing the material world, Miss Kim stressed that "in God, everything can be sacred and useful. . . . Material things can be used as a means of investing God's heart in others."



God's Army!

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Field Experience

"On-the-job" training was provided by State Reps Andy Compton, Peter Mullen, and Lorenzo Gaztanaga when the Pioneers for four days to Richmond, Wilmington, or Trenton to witness and sell candles. Many returned with a spirit indicating that more than just these goals had been achieved. "We were the Principle," asserted Team Leader Jane Creigh. "I learned that we can reach anybody, anywhere. I began to reach people with my heart." For the next several days they evaluated their field experiences and prepared for life on the bus.



Farley greets returning Team Leader Bruce Brown from 3 day field experience.

Rally for God

Then the buses came! On Wednesday, MacPherson Square in downtown Washington was the scene of a big Rally for God as the Northern Bus, the Southern Bus, and the new Pioneers joined forces. Although no media were present, many Washingtonians were entertained during their lunch hour by song, dance, and speeches by Joy Schmidt, Carolyn Libertini, Joseph Sheftick, Mark Whitman, and Jane Creigh.

Representative Landgrebe Speaks

On Thursday, FLF presented to the combined Pioneers a model World Freedom Institute, presenting a critique of Marxism and an alternative, the Unification Ideology (Divine Principle). Representative Earl Landgrebe (Indiana), greeted us in a seminar room at the Capitol: "I am so happy to see such a large crowd interested in the traditions of our system." Rep. Landgrebe then related his experience of smuggling Bibles into Russia for some



Mark Whitman speaks at Rally for God.



Colin MacAndrew sitting in on a small group discussion.

Baptist friends while he was on an official trip. He discovered that he had to distribute them himself, secretly. He was caught and detained, but released. "I went there a little for the Lord, but not a lot. But I remember a woman I gave a Bible to. Here she stands, weeping and kissing the Bible." He concluded by inspiring us to hard work, warning, "if we don't have people in Congress any different from today, we've got an uphill road."

Closing

By Friday, everyone was anxious to learn his fate. After Col. Pak gave an inspiring message, Farley read the assignments—the result of hours of deliberation on the part of Farley, the IW's, the Bus Team Leaders, Miss Kim, and David Kim.

From then on, the major project was leaving: packing, cleaning, a farewell program, and good-byes. Early Monday morning the last bus rolled away.

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Major Centers on the Move

NEW YORK After spending many months crowded into the Netherlands Avenue house, the 46 members of the New York center moved to a six-story building at 18 East 71st St. Bob Armstrong describes the new center; "Members' rooms are on the 3rd, 4th, and 5th floors. On the sixth floor there is a member's lounge and snack area. On the 2nd floor are the Unification Church offices, along with offices for Public Relations, the Treasury, Church Secretary, New World Home Cleaning, and a seminar room. On the first floor are the lecture and reception rooms. In the basement we have a commercial kitchen and dining room. The sub-basement contains the heating and storage facilities." Marvi Ranniste comments: "It's such a contrast! It's in a good location—next to Central Park; and in a high-class neighborhood. Everybody's really working hard now. . . . we're very relieved to be here."

LOS ANGELES has acquired two new centers. Writes Adrian Dellas: "Father is driving stakes into the earth in Los Angeles! One of the new houses, in the Hollywood area, will be used for Master's visits and serve as the Regional Headquarters Center. It's a beautiful house with many fruit trees, flowers; etc. resting on the side of a hill overlooking a good portion of Los Angeles. It will serve Father well." The second house, to be used as a training center, is in Van Nuys, in the San Fernando Valley is one of the most fertile witnessing areas we have yet discovered. That's where Father drove the second stake! This center will be used to train new members for the Pioneer Program, and in the future, for new centers in and around Los Angeles."

MARYLAND The College Park Family has moved to a farm in Upper Marlboro, Md. . . . The house, parts of which were built in 1780 and 1830, was originally called Mt. Ararat; it is set on a large tract of land that was originally part of a royal grant. The 18 room house has a 6 room basement suitable for an expanded candle factory and



New York's new home — 18 East 71st Street

— Photo by Regan Sano

offices. Maryland Center director Travis Jones feels that the house will bring a new level of witnessing: "It's quite elegant—we can entertain almost anyone here. Yet it's also rustic. It has a distinctly American—colonial and Victorian—atmosphere."

ASSIGNMENTS MADE FOR SECOND WAVE

At the close of the second Pioneer Training program, we have a representative in every state (except Alaska), 16 new Assistant State Representatives, and three bus teams. Margaret Pease and Joy Schmidt are the State Reps for Rhode Island and Mississippi; Gary Fleischer will be SR for New Hampshire in place of Joe Stein, who will lead the Boston Center. Pioneer Representative Keith Cooperrider reports that itineraries and assignments have been sent out. Notify him if you haven't received yours yet.

DEVELOPING THE WORK

North Carolina Rep. Bill Torrey: "... apply the Principle to personal concerns."

Bill Torrey has been using the "Question Approach" to witnessing, which he finds useful in getting people involved. "What better way to get involved," says Bill, "than to express your inner feelings?" The approach is successful, according to Bill, "because it allows us the chance to apply the Principle to personal concerns." Consequently, people seem more receptive to hearing about the Principle. Some of the questions Bill asks are: "What in your life holds the most meaning for you? How do you find joy in your work? What would you like to do with your education? Can you relate to your girl friend the way you really want to? What characteristic do you have that provides you with the greatest difficulty in achieving your personal goals?"

Bill suggests that you ask one or two questions at first. "And look them in the eyes; show them that you are sincerely interested and concerned about their problems or whatever they are conveying to you. . . . After the person sees he can trust you with what he says about himself, inject some of your personal thoughts and feelings about what he has been revealing, expressing how the Principle applies to his concerns."

Bill has found that this approach serves a dual purpose: it allows for some degree of trust to develop in a short time. Also, it helps us to develop Father's heart within us in substantial ways through hearing what people are actually feeling and struggling with.

PIONEER REPRESENTATIVE COOPERRIDER: 9 HAVE JOINED PIONEER CENTERS

Keith Cooperrider reports that he has received 9 membership applications from Pioneer centers since the last *Pioneers' Progress*. The new members are: Edmund Bolton, Omaha; Joseph Giardino, Trenton; Lawrence Healy, Trenton; James Jordan, Columbia; Bonnie McGuire (Terry's sister) Minneapolis; Earl Pratz, New Orleans; Michael Ray, Trenton; Harold Smith, Oklahoma City; and Robert Sullivan, Jr. in Laramie.

WINDFALL FOR MOBILE UNIT 1 ("Northern Bus")

Mobile Unit No. 1 had some good luck in Portland prior to their return to Washington to join the new Pioneers. Lorene Biddick reports on what happened at a charismatic prayer meeting attended by some members: "We were asked to talk about a few of our experiences, so Carolyn spoke about how Father's heart was really grieving because so few people across America respond to what Christian groups and we Pioneers are doing." After Mark Whitman told about their near accident in Wyoming, Gary Fleischer described their candle sales program. "As a result of this talk," continues Lorene, "we sold \$76.00 worth of candles to the worshippers at the prayer meeting! More heavenly light was dispersed into a few more homes that night."

IW HILLIE EDWARDS REPORTS FROM THE SOUTH

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"The University of Texas is something like the University of California at Berkeley. Many students were open to our witnessing. We taught two students and two social workers one night while I was in Austin. John had met three of these people through a course he has developed in the Free University called "Super-Normal Experiences"—a rather general survey of ESP, and various aspects of the occult; in the light of Principle, of course. . . ."

"Oklahoma is such a beautiful state! I was really uplifted by its rolling green landscape. John Harries has a large new center with two members. The house and location seem quite good. In case you're wondering, John is still street-preaching regularly in downtown Oklahoma City. Two people who heard us speaking the first day I was there attended a meeting that night."

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Success

"The success of the training program is yet to be determined by the experience of the participants," says Therese. "Yet I saw significant changes in the way they were relating to each other that can only help in witnessing, selling, and teaching." Colin MacAndrew, educational technologist and friend of the Family who played a substantial role in plan-

ning and leading the session, remarked: "I wish the people back at Educational Systems and Designs (his company) could have been here. They would have been amazed at how well it went and how hard everyone worked." And Alice Van Dyke summarized: "I've learned that Father doesn't need 100 Alices. He needs one Alice *100 percent!*"



Our Next Goal!