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Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

40th Anniversary of 1800 Couples' Blessing

Ki Hoon Kim and Alexa Ward
January 30, 2015

Dear brothers and sisters of the 1800 Couples' Blessing,

I have been with our True Mother since she arrived in the U.S. early in December. While in Las Vegas, she appointed second generation young adults to leadership positions in the American movement, launched the Cranes Club, hosted a wonderful Christmas party, and initiated successful witnessing activities in Las Vegas and Honolulu. We are deeply grateful to our True Mother for her steadfast commitment to advancing God's providence in the U.S.

On February 8, 1975, our True Parents officiated over the historic 1800 Couples' Blessing Ceremony in Seoul, South Korea. Members of this Blessing had a special mission to serve the world, and approximately ninety American members served with distinction as missionaries to countries worldwide.

As we prepare to celebrate the [40th Anniversary of the 1800 Couples' Blessing](#), on February 8, this is a special opportunity to express our appreciation to True Mother. My wife and I, ourselves a couple of this Blessing, would like to invite each 1800 couple in the U.S. to join us in making an offering of appreciation to True Mother. The suggested amount is \$120 per couple. This offering can be made on the "[Blessing Anniversary Special Donation](#)" page housed on the Family Federation website, or, if you prefer, you may send a check by mail to the USA National Headquarters. I will be with True Mother in Hawaii on February 8 and will be pleased to present her with a card as well as with this appreciation donation. To do this, all offerings need to be made by midnight, Thursday, February 5, 2014.

Please extend your love and appreciation to all the couples of the 1800 Couples' Blessing, at this time of their 40th Anniversary. I understand that celebrations will be held in New York, Washington DC, and San Francisco.

With all blessings and love,

Dr. Ki Hoon and Tamme Kim
Continental Director

Dr. Thomas and Alexa Ward
Vice President



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FOR WORLD PEACE AND UNIFICATION

40th Anniversary Celebration for the 1800 Couples' Marriage Blessing



On February 8, 1975, our True Parents officiated over the historic 1800 Couples' Marriage Blessing Ceremony in Seoul, South Korea. Participants of this Blessing had a special mission to serve the world, and approximately ninety American Unificationists served with distinction as missionaries to countries worldwide.

On the occasion of this Marriage Blessing, True Father said:

“On February 8, 1975, I performed the 1800 Couples' Marriage Blessing. Now that Unificationists have made their debut, first on an individual and then on a family basis, not only the members of my family but all Unificationists should become known throughout the world. Since this is God's will, we must become living monuments that represent and testify to this victory on the family level expanding our families on earth centering on True Parents. With the 1800 Couples' Marriage Blessing, The Blessing has entered its global era; hence, restoration within the sphere of the family must be resolved.”— *Sun Myung Moon, Cheon Seong Gyeong; Book Nine – Blessed Family, Chapter Three – The Providential Significance of the Blessed Couples; Section 6. The 1800 Couples*

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Celebrations are being planned around the country to commemorate this milestone on Sunday, February 8. Fifty couples of the 1800 Couples' Marriage Blessing, along with some of their adult children, will gather at East Garden. This event is being co-sponsored by the New York 1800 Couples Committee and the USA National Ministry Team. In the Washington D.C. area, twenty five couples will celebrate the anniversary at a local Korean restaurant. To mark the occasion in the Bay area, eighteen couples will gather at the Leroy's home in Oakland.

The programs include sharing True Parents' words, video and slide show presentations of the 1800 Couples' Marriage Blessing Ceremony, a remembrance of those who have ascended, speakers, testimonies, an original poem, entertainment and singing, dancing, playing yute, filming personal messages for True Mother, tours of East Garden, portrait photos, banners, gifts, as well as delicious meals, celebration cakes, and good fellowship.

For those who are not able to attend the event at East Garden, there will be an opportunity to submit your personal message for True Mother, to be included in the video. Guidelines for this will be sent out soon.

Please extend your love and appreciation to all of the 1800 Blessed Couples, at this time of their 40th Anniversary.

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THE UNIFICATION CHURCH INTERNATIONAL WEDDING OF 1800 COUPLES





Matching the couples



Suppose I give a girl of small stature a big giant? I had the experience of matching a German girl to an Englishman, even though they couldn't speak each other's language. They even had to use an interpreter in their courtship. That was a most wonderful thing to do. Just imagine: the baby of one American girl will have black, almond-shaped eyes, and the baby of one of the Japanese girls will have blue eyes. Isn't that wonderful? When an Oriental girl embraces her blue-eyed child, then it means she is embracing America, embracing the Western world. When an American girl embraces a baby with dark Oriental eyes, it means she is embracing the whole Orient in her arms. And in this way you cannot stand apart from the Western world or apart from the Eastern world. This will be the proof that you have become one with the opposite world.

Sun Myung Moon
November 17, 1974



Rehearsing the ceremony February 7, 1975



Your job is to make your spouse happier than you, without his or her being conscious of it, and then you can express your happiness. You may think, "Since I'm married, I have to be well-dressed. I have to use earrings, rings, necklaces, and new clothes to decorate myself." Before you do that, you must be able to have your spouse glitter and shine; that's the way you should help each other.

In our ideology, when you are made into couples, you must become one. Then with the magnetic power of love operating in your family, you can attract other families and end the disunity in other families. You will win more and more families on our side. An ideal couple cannot be found when you enjoy material wealth, when you drive luxurious cars, eat nutritious food, wear glittering clothes and things like that. But when you live in poor conditions where you go through miseries and difficulties and still your family shines, then people will know you have an ideal family life. In the corrupted world, where families are disunited, your family must become the norm.

You must concentrate your efforts on making your home a unified one, a beautiful stronghold of unity in love.

*Sun Myung Moon
February 23, 1975*



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1800 双國際合同結婚式

THE UNIFICATION CHURCH
INTERNATIONAL WEDDING OF 1800 COUPLES

20 個國參加

때 · 1975. 2. 8. 10 : 00 AM

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Seoul Chang Chung Gymnasium

KOREA JAPAN AMERICA ENGLAND GERMANY FRANCE ITALY AUSTRIA NETHERLANDS CHINA CANADA
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式 順 (Programme)

1. 開 式
The opening ceremony
2. 參加國 國旗 入場
Entrance of flags of the participating nations
3. 國旗에 대한 敬禮
Salutation to national flag
4. 式 辭
Address for the ceremony
5. 돌리리 入場
Entrance of bridesmaids and groomsmen
6. 主 禮 入 場
Entrance of officiator
7. 新郎新娘 入場
Entrance of the brides and bridegrooms
8. 問 答
Questions and answers
9. 祝 詞
Celebrating prayer of officiator
10. 禮 物 交 換
Exchange of the wedding rings
11. 結 婚 宣 布
Proclamation
12. 禮 物 및 꽃다발 贈呈(主禮에게)
Gift of presents and bouquets to officiator
13. 祝 辭
The congratulatory addresses
14. 新郎新娘 入 事
Greeting of the brides and bridegrooms
15. 萬 歲 三 唱
Three cheers of "Manse"
16. 主 禮 退 場
Exit of officiator
17. 新郎新娘 退 場
Exit of the brides and bridegrooms
18. 돌리리 退 場
Exit of bridesmaids and groomsmen
19. 閉 式
Closing of the ceremony

2. 8. 10:00 AM

司 會 郭 錠 機
 Presider: Chung Hwan Kwak
 協 會 長 金 榮 輝
 President of HSA-UWC
 主 禮 文 鮮 明 宣 望
 Rev. Sun Myung Moon

퍼레이드 코스(式後)

PARADE COURSE (after the ceremony)

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 外司庫司→龍阿里(國民銀行)→汝行前→新設洞→榮本洞→翠忠體育館

祝賀의 밤

A NIGHT OF CELEBRATION

7:30 PM

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 主 禮 文 鮮 明
 協 會 長 金 榮 輝
 新 郎 新 婦 代 表
 韓 國 牧 師 會
 韓 國 宣 道 會
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777쌍 合同結婚式 때의 新郎新娘 入場光景



February 8, 1975



When you look for a spouse, never think that your happiness can come from your lover or sweetheart; it comes from God's love first.

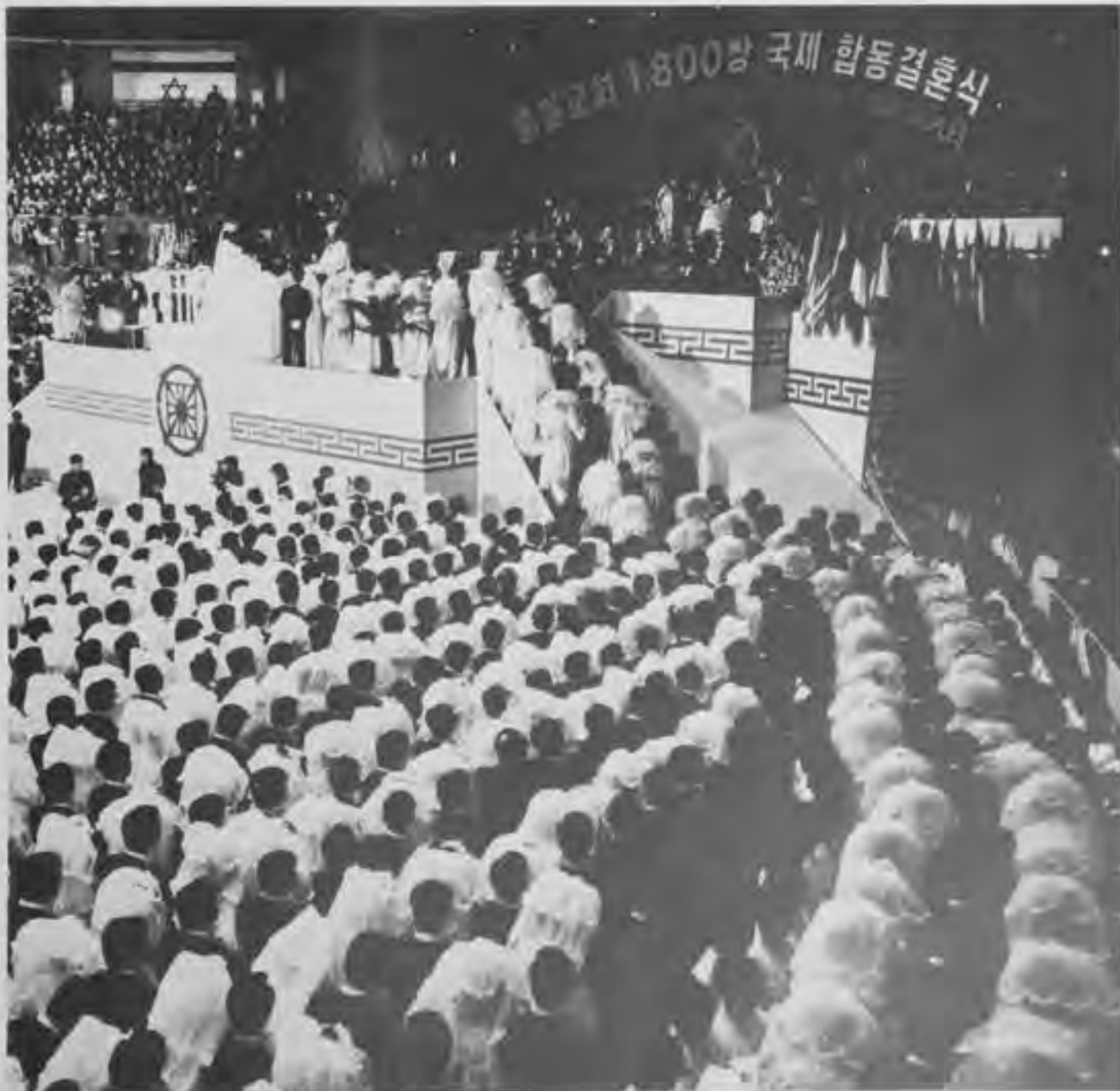
*Sun Myung Moon
August 4, 1974*



We have a new view of life here in our group. In the Christian world when they are blessed in marriage, they think of their own salvation or their own happiness, and struggle hard to win everything for their happiness. But here in our group when we are

blessed in holy marriage we are ready to sacrifice ourselves or our family for the salvation of broader things, and that's why God will work with us.

*Sun Myung Moon
August 25, 1974*



What is our purpose? To become true men. We will create the true husband and wife, and become true parents to give birth to children who experience love among themselves and form a loving brotherhood. And those children and parents together create one heavenly family. That family will expand into a true society. That true society will expand into a true nation.

Sun Myung Moon
September 11, 1974



Couples forever









Motorcade through Seoul

Interwoven by international,



Marriage in the Satanic world has been among one's own people, or at best, within a certain ideology, but there have been many, many divorce cases and things like that. But in our Family, we will make international marriages where the love ties will be so great, with couples loving people of the West and the East that they will embrace all humanity in their arms. In our society there will never be such a thing as divorce.

*Sun Myung Moon
November 17, 1974*

interracial marriages



You must never complain about your spouse, saying, "Oh, she's an Oriental girl, she's shorter, she's not beautiful, she's not smart," because God chose her. However ugly he or she may be, whatever defects he or she may have, in God's eyes he or she has a certain place.

*Sun Myung Moon
February 23, 1975*

We don't get married only because we like each other. We get married to do the will of God, because we like God's will so much that we want to establish it as a long-lasting tradition for the future people who follow us.

*Sun Myung Moon
March 5, 1975*

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世界基督教統一神靈協會

SEOUL, KOREA

I know too well that God in finding His son would look for him not in the midst of happy people, but in the midst of the tortured and miserable people, where He could find one in miserable circumstances and looking up to heaven alone to be rescued. Then alone in that situation you can meet God face to face, one to one. Even in that situation you cannot be completely restored if you are not in the position to completely console God instead of being consoled by Him. If in that situation you call to God, shout to Him, calling for rescue, calling "Father, God, help me! Save me!" you are a failure. You must be able to say to God at that moment, "I know too well that you have trodden a more thorny way than I myself here, so I have tasted a bit of what you have gone through. I am thankful and grateful to meet you here and be one with you." In that way I consoled God's heart. If you are in that situation, then God will be yours, and the omnipotent God will work for you.

Sun Myung Moon
December 1, 1974

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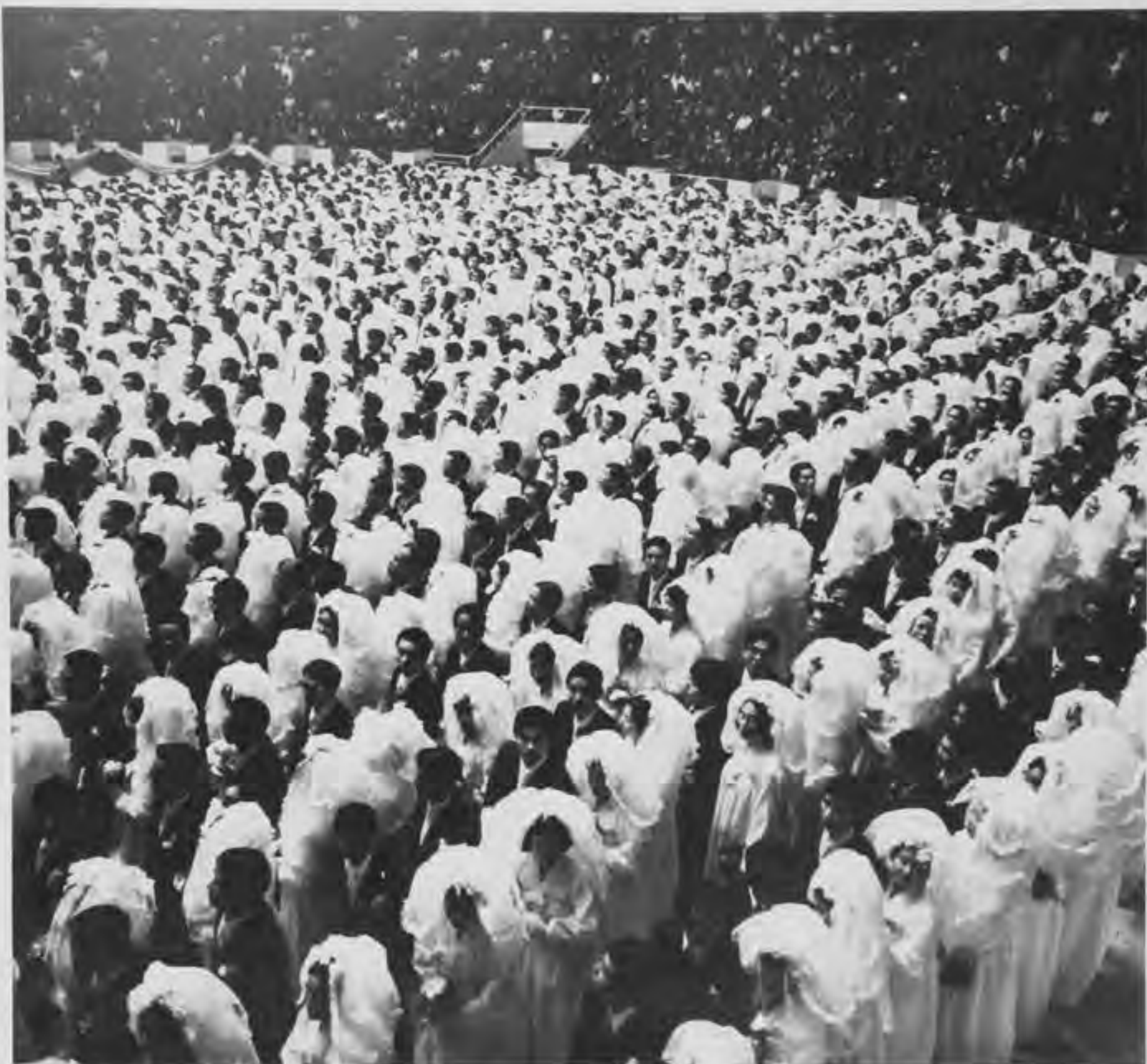
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— 111, 1800 —



1800 Couples Receive Blessing

by Hal McKenzie

How can you describe the Blessing in Korea of 1,800 couples from 120 different nations? "The only way I could describe it is as a series of miracles," said Mrs. Glenn 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 Kuyper, 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.

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 Soo-taeng-Ni) outside of Seoul, the site of our Family's training center, Tongil Industries manufacturing plant, and the Il-Hwa Ginseng Tea factory.

The training center consists of two long lecture hall-dormitory buildings, another long building for worker's rooms and Master'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 1,600 Western, Japanese, and Korean members were using the center at any one time. "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 children's 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 Master discuss his plans for the next three years. At a speech to the newly-blessed Western couples at the Soetaek-Ri Training Center in Korea on Feb. 9, Master discussed the role that the Blessed couples will play in the coming three-year period. He stressed that the couples are privileged to have participated in the historical 1,800 couples Blessing, and would be the "locomotive" to fulfill the main goals during this period.

The biggest miracle, of course, was Master's selection of our mates on February 3. Before the matching be-



If you can love others as you would your own brothers and sisters, other parents as you would your own parents, other grandparents as you would your own grandparents, then you can love God. Home life is the only place where you can be educated in that kind of love.

*Sun Myung Moon
March 9, 1975*

gan, Master 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. 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," Master 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. "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 Master.

As Master 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."

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., Master 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 Master, and everyone applauded. If they found some difficulty, they could try again or express a preference. Sometimes Master accepted their preference, sometimes he advised against it. Invariably, we found that Master'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 Master 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. Rey 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. Master, 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, Master'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.

*New Hope News
March 10, 1975*

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이날 결혼식은 1천8백1명의 아녀가 참가하여, 1천8백1쌍의 신부들이 신랑을 맞이하는 장엄한 결혼식을 올렸다. 이 결혼식은 1천8백1쌍의 신부들이 신랑을 맞이하는 장엄한 결혼식을 올렸다.

異色·매머드 國際합동결혼식

20個國 1801쌍 入場에만 50分걸려

統一敎會주최, 「버스」에 奉迎市街「퍼레이드」도



1천8백1쌍의 아녀 국제합동결혼식이 統一敎會주최로 서울 동대문구에서 열렸다.



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1천8백쌍
合同결혼식
統一敎會



2천여명에서 모인 1천8백쌍의 신부 신랑들이 결혼식장으로 들어가고 있다.

統一敎會 합동결혼식

1천8백1쌍의 아녀가 참가하여, 1천8백1쌍의 신부들이 신랑을 맞이하는 장엄한 결혼식을 올렸다. 이 결혼식은 1천8백1쌍의 신부들이 신랑을 맞이하는 장엄한 결혼식을 올렸다.

1,801쌍 위령마치



○ 통일교회는 1천8백1쌍의 합동결혼식을, 文惠(文惠)교회(동대문)가 신부신부들에게 성수품(聖水)을 뿌려주고 있다.

20個國 남녀 3시간 "不動"

賀客萬餘...百개여관서 첫날밤

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1800쌍의 合同結婚式

세계기독교 통일신령協會 주최

신앙을 가진 신부 신랑은 1800쌍의 신부 신랑이 함께 하는 결혼식을 올리는 것입니다. 이 결혼식은 세계기독교 통일신령協會 주최로 서울에서 1월 9일(일)에 개최될 예정입니다. 이 결혼식은 1800쌍의 신부 신랑이 함께 하는 것으로, 신부 신랑은 각각 1800명씩이며, 총 3600명이 참가하는 것입니다. 이 결혼식은 세계기독교 통일신령協會 주최로 서울에서 1월 9일(일)에 개최될 예정입니다.

그루움미팅 통해 찾은 배필 20개 국서 참가, 父母의사 고려안돼 日本선 반발도

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統一敎주최 獎忠體育館서

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매머드 高結婚

20國 1,801쌍



신랑·신부 入場만 1시간 異國人끼리 '웨딩'도 24쌍 3시간30분 禮式후 「퍼레이드」

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When you are sacrificial with each other, you will be good couples. When you give birth to your children, you must raise them, educate them in the ideal way. You are going to pioneer your way, building an ideal world, but you must remember that even God has not been able to restore Adam and Eve to perfection in 6,000 years. You must have your family as the base and defend yourself from the satanic invasion. You must build your home and the nation and the world into ideal ones, it is a very difficult task.

Soo Myung Moon
October 28, 1974



1,801쌍의 국제합동결혼식이 1월 25일 서울 양재동에서 열렸다. 사진은 결혼식장 한 구역을 보여주고 있다.

1801쌍의 國際합동結婚式

統一教 주의를 獎進體育館에서

【서울 25일 특보】 1,801쌍의 국제합동결혼식이 1월 25일 서울 양재동 통일교 체육관에서 열렸다. 이 결혼식은 통일교 창시자 안희준 목사가 주례를 맡고, 각국 신부들이 신랑을 맞이하는 장면을 연출했다. 이 결혼식은 통일교 창시자 안희준 목사가 주례를 맡고, 각국 신부들이 신랑을 맞이하는 장면을 연출했다.

20개국서 參加... 世界최대규모

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日 美 英 獨 등 20 個 國 參 加 1975年2月9日(日曜日)



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日·美·英·獨 등 20 個 國 參 加 賀客 1 萬、祝禱맨 호느끼는 사람도

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1,801 雙 合 同 結 婚 式

統一教 어제 매머스자처

【서울 25일 특보】 1,801쌍의 국제합동결혼식이 1월 25일 서울 양재동 통일교 체육관에서 열렸다. 이 결혼식은 통일교 창시자 안희준 목사가 주례를 맡고, 각국 신부들이 신랑을 맞이하는 장면을 연출했다.

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선데이

1주간의 특별 수련회서 후보자 5명내고
結婚 후 40일간 禁慾... 新房은 그 뒤에 차려
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1천8백쌍 3천6백명이 거창한 합동결혼식을 올렸다. 2월 8일 상오 10시 서울 獎忠體育館。한국동 20개국 젊은이들이 모여 統一敎主 文鮮明씨 주례 아래 「백년해로」를 맺은 것이다. 한국 신랑신부만 자그마치 9백쌍 1천8백명이라는 이 「매머드결혼식 해프닝」의 이야기 저 얘기。



11월 8일 3시에 영미가 모셔온 브리튼 신사는 서울 75년 2월 8일(4시) 앞 왼쪽에 보이는 것 모습(文鮮明 統一敎會敎主)

1천8백쌍 **맹혼** 史上 최대 合同 結婚式

統一敎 文鮮明씨 主禮로 20나라 젊은이 모여

대한민국에서 처음으로 1천8백쌍의 신랑신부가 함께 결혼식을 올리는 이 '맹혼식'은 2월 8일 상오 10시 서울 獎忠體育館에서 열린다. 이 날은 20여개국의 젊은이들이 모여 統一敎의 주례인 文鮮明씨를 따라 결혼식을 올리는 이 '맹혼식'은 2월 8일 상오 10시 서울 獎忠體育館에서 열린다. 이 날은 20여개국의 젊은이들이 모여 統一敎의 주례인 文鮮明씨를 따라 결혼식을 올리는 이 '맹혼식'은 2월 8일 상오 10시 서울 獎忠體育館에서 열린다.

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제 329호

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1,801雙 합동결혼식
統一敎人들 獎忠體育



사상화대(右), 1월 1일 獎忠體育館에서.

京鄉新聞

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신년특집 1월호의 千億 재벌의 앞날 계획... (Introductory text about the magazine's focus on the 100-billion conglomerates)

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77년에 서울 汝矣島에 2百億 짜 올해 노벨受賞者 70명 추천... 규약



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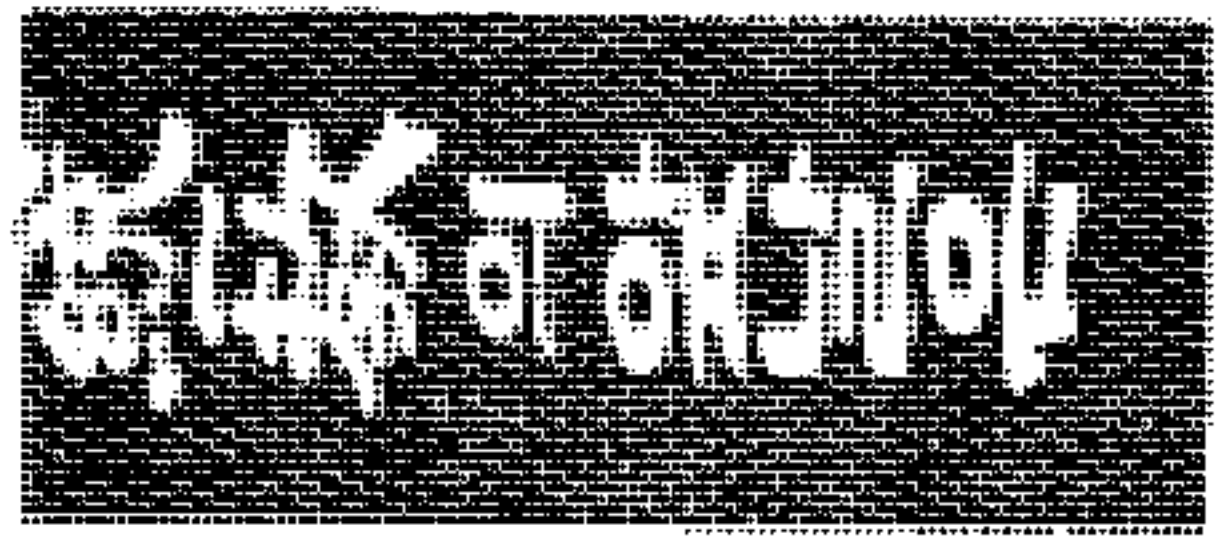
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세계 최대 신앙 결혼식

장흥체육관에서 統一教徒 1천8백쌍

세계 결혼의식사상 최대 규모를 기록하는 1천8백쌍 통일교혼식이 지난 8일 10시 장흥체육관에서 세계 기독교 통일신령 협회에 의해 베풀어졌다.

추후 계속될다.

이들의 숭배지에

축하의말 축하판

대한교회는 물론이고, 미국, 일본, 영국, 프랑스 등 20여국에서 1천8백쌍의 신부 신남이 참가하여, 세계 최대의 신앙 결혼식을 올렸다. 이 결혼식은 장흥체육관에서 8일 10시에 열렸다. 이 결혼식은 세계 각국에서 온 신부 신남 1천8백쌍이 참가하여, 세계 최대의 신앙 결혼식을 올렸다. 이 결혼식은 장흥체육관에서 8일 10시에 열렸다.

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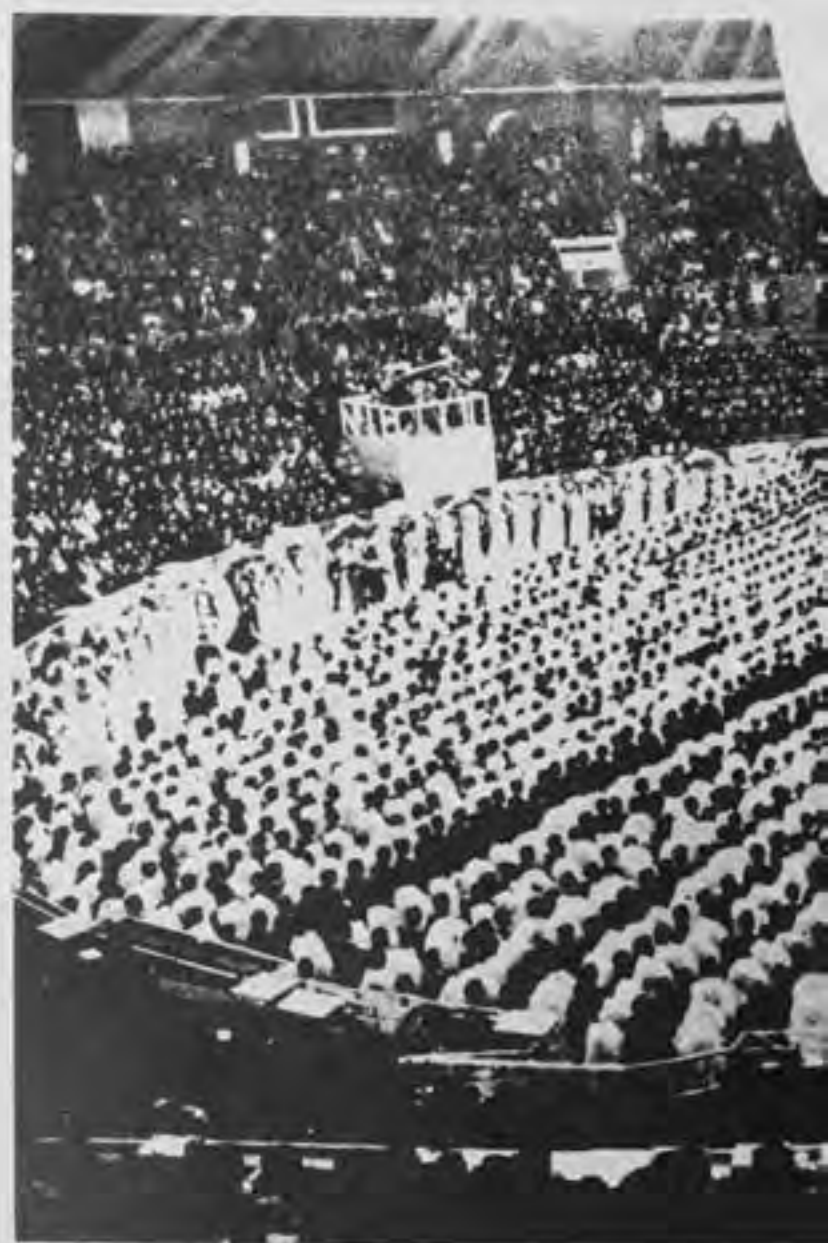
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오늘의 話題

1천8백雙이 國際合同結婚式

統一敎師 文鮮明교주 주례로 歐美 南美서도 參禮

【전북일보 14일 특보】 전주시에서 14일 오후 1시 30분부터 4시까지 1천8백쌍의 신부신랑이 참여한 '1975년 국제 결혼식'이 성대히 거행되었다. 이 결혼식은 전주시에서 처음으로 거행된 것으로, 전 세계 각국에서 온 신부신랑들이 참가하여 큰 성공을 거두었다.

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Happiness is obtained when you have someone to share your joy with. When you are joyous over something but your husband or wife does not take delight in it, and your children's attitudes are different from yours, then you cannot be 100 percent happy. In an ideal or happy family what the husband has is shared with his wife and children, and they are equally happy to enjoy the same thing; otherwise, you cannot call that home a happy home. For example, if the wife owns a treasure and the husband is jealous of it and so are the children, that's not the way they should live. But if one of the family has a valuable thing and everyone shares the ownership and everyone takes delight in having that thing, only then can you call that family a happy one.

Sun Myung Moon
August 4, 1974

Newsreview



MASS WEDDING (Above) — A total of 1,800 couples from Korea, Japan and many other countries are married in a mass wedding ceremony officiated at by Rev. Moon Sun-myong of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity at Changchung Gymnasium in Seoul. (Story on Page 12)

1,800 Couples Blessed With 'Holy Water'

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Both sides of the wedding hall were

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Two couples stand in front of the array of Christian brides and bridegrooms at a spectacular mass wedding.



Korea Herald Photo

MASS WEDDING — Rev. and Mrs. Moon Sun-myung lead prayers during yesterday's mass wedding for 1,801 couples.

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Miss Rachel Marry Eden, 26, of England, said, "It is a special day of my life. I feel it a great privilege to be among the 1,801 international couples." Mrs. Misao Hamada, 50, of Japan, whose daughter was married to a Korean, said that she is

"very, very happy."

The couples gave three cheers of "manse" in Korean at the ceremony, which was participated in by over 10,000 well wishers.

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Moon's Unification Church

1,500 Japanese Now in Seoul For Mass Wedding Tomorrow

TOKYO (AP) — Dozens of young Japanese left Tokyo recently on their way to Seoul to be married in one of the world's largest mass weddings.

About 1,500 Japanese are among the 3,200 members of a Korea-based religious group founded by the 54-year-old Rev. Moon Sun-myung scheduled to be married in a giant ceremony Feb. 8.

Miss Nobuko Hokari, 29, of Tokyo, is one of the 1,600 prospective brides whose husbands have been chosen for them by the Rev. Moon.

"We sent him our photographs and then he told us who we should marry when he came to Japan for a short trip in January," she said in an interview.

"He knew instantly our spiritual insides and could choose the right partners for us."

The religion's formal title is "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity." It is called more simply "Unification Church" and is a Christian sect claiming a worldwide following of over two million, based on the teachings of Rev. Moon.

It strives to unite all Christians under the teachings of its founder and rejects ideologies such as socialism, communism and atheism. A church



Korea Herald Photo

UNIFICATION CHURCH — Rev. Moon Sun-myung addresses a huge crowd in New York. He is to provide over a large mass wedding at Changchung Gymnasium at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

spokesman said.

One of the sect's major tenets is the importance of marriage and it calls adultery the world's worst crime.

This will be the second mass wedding sponsored by the church. The first visit to Korea without knowing whom they would marry, and within a two-week period were matched up by the Rev. Moon and

married in a ceremony at which he officiated.

Yasuhiko Toyomura, 27, of Tokyo, who was among them said he is happy with the marriage, although he and his wife Yoshiko have lived together for only about a year. They work on opposite sides of the globe for the religion — she in Washington, D.C. and he in Tokyo.

"Rev. Moon knows my wife more than I do," said Toyomura. "He understands the internal and spiritual worlds of a person and when he said she was the right partner for me, we both knew instantly he was right."

Final Decision

"But the final decision is ours. If we don't want to accept his advice, it's Okay."

Some of the parents of the young couples have protested the upcoming wedding, saying their children do not know their future spouses and are being alienated from home and family by the religion. About 20 have withdrawn from the ceremony.

Scuffles have been reported at Tokyo's airport between members of the wedding party and their families who were unable to persuade them not to be married.

Members who wish to be married by the Rev. Moon first must give long service to the church and introduce about three new converts. Many of the prospective brides and bridegrooms are full-time employees of the religion.

"The reason I want to be married," said Miss Hokari, "is because two people are stronger than one and we can work harder for the religion. My future husband and I do

not plan a married life for about three years. Instead, we will go abroad for training."

A spokesman for the religion said there have never been any divorces in the church.

"According to the principles of the religion, divorce is not possible," the spokesman said, "unless they fall away from the church and then divorce is a personal decision."

Meanwhile, Unification Church sponsored "day of hope festivals" in Japan have filled auditoriums to capacity offering a program of songs, movies and lectures. On the streets of Tokyo and to other parts of Japan, young people, both Japanese and foreign, have been passing out literature and selling flowers in a campaign to increase the 200,000 Japanese membership and raise funds.

"I don't have time to become a member," said one middle aged businessman at one lecture, "but I suppose many young Japanese will join because they (the religion) have pretty girls and nice boys from many countries and good lectures."

"I myself go to the meetings for two reasons. One is to find the true reason for living. The other is to brush up on my English."



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(SEOUL, KOREA)

KOREA FRIEND

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Basic Data about Korea

- 1. Population**
Total: 47,642,865
The Republic of Korea: 21,262,840
- 2. Area**
Total: 220,846 km² (The area is about the same as Italy's)
The Republic of Korea: 103,477 km²
- 3. Language**
Korean (The 24-letter Korean phonetic alphabet called Hangeul)
- 4. Economy**
The Korean industry is in the process of transformation into the heavy chemical industry. The agriculture, forestry and fishery industry employs 50.7% of work force; mining and manufacturing 14.2%; social overhead capital and other services 25.1%.
- 5. Cities**
Seoul (capital), 6,289,526
Pusan, 2,055,162

Whole Truth Nothing but the Truth

World's Largest Joint Wedding Ceremony

A mass wedding ceremony, the largest ever recorded in history, was held in Seoul on Feb. 8 for 1,801 couples from 20 countries.

Married in the impressive nuptial ceremony were 891 couples from Korea, 797 from Japan, 76 from the United States, 35 from Europe, and two from Taiwan.

Officiating at the wedding rite was Rev. Moon Sun-myung, founder of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, the sect commonly known as Tongil (Unification) Church.

All the brides were dressed in the traditional Korean "chima" and "chogori." After the ceremony held at the Changchung Gymnasium, the newly-weds took part in a mass car parade through the streets of Seoul for two hours.

THE KOREA TIMES, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 1975

Mass Wedding Rites

Moon Perfumes 1,801 Pairs

Many brides and grooms were sobbing in apparent religious ecstasy while Moon Sun-myung, leader of the controversial Unification Church, prayed for their eternal relationship with God at the church's big international mass wedding at Changchung Gymnasium in Seoul yesterday.

Exactly 1,801 couples from Korea, Japan, the United States and 17 other countries in various parts of the world were married in the ceremony, possibly the biggest wedding ever held in human history.

Clad in silver gowns and wearing impressive silver crowns, Moon and his wife, Mrs. Han Hak-cha, officiated in the ceremony by offering prayers and spreading perfume over the entering brides and grooms.

All the brides wore the traditional Korean Chima and Chogori and white veils despite their different nationalities, while the grooms were in dark suits.

They pledged eternal partnership and loyalty to the church by answering "I do" in



A Western couple wear smiles as they step up to the stage for Moon's blessing.

roaring unison to Moon standing on a lofty stage presiding over the ceremony.

Some 10,000 well-wishers and believers attended the ceremony jampacking Seoul's

biggest gymnasium. The ceremony lasted for nearly two and a half hours.

It was the eighth joint wedding ceremony organized by the Holy Spirit Association

for the Unification of World Christianity since 1960. In October, 1970, 777 couples were matched in a similar international event.

Founded in 1954 by Moon, the church has been one of the most controversial new religions in the country because of its rapidly expanding economic and political power and Moon's overseas missionary activities in recent years.

Fiercely standing against communism, the church has 34 national missionary headquarters outside Korea in addition to 380,000 domestic believers, according to its own estimate.

The mass wedding is explained as one of the church's policies to prove its doctrine that "the world is one family."

In order to get married, members "who are basically qualified for marriage" participate in a special training program by submitting recommendation from the chiefs of their church districts, copies of their birth certificates, statements of their educational records and health certificates.

During a two-week training session, they are introduced to other applicants. After the first three days they give the church authorities a list of five most-desirable persons for Moon to give the final decision.

If one does not want to get matched with a person designated by Moon, he can meet with other people until he comes across the right one, the church administrators explain.

All the 1,801 couples had a parade through some of Seoul's main streets aboard 94 sightseeing buses right after ceremony.

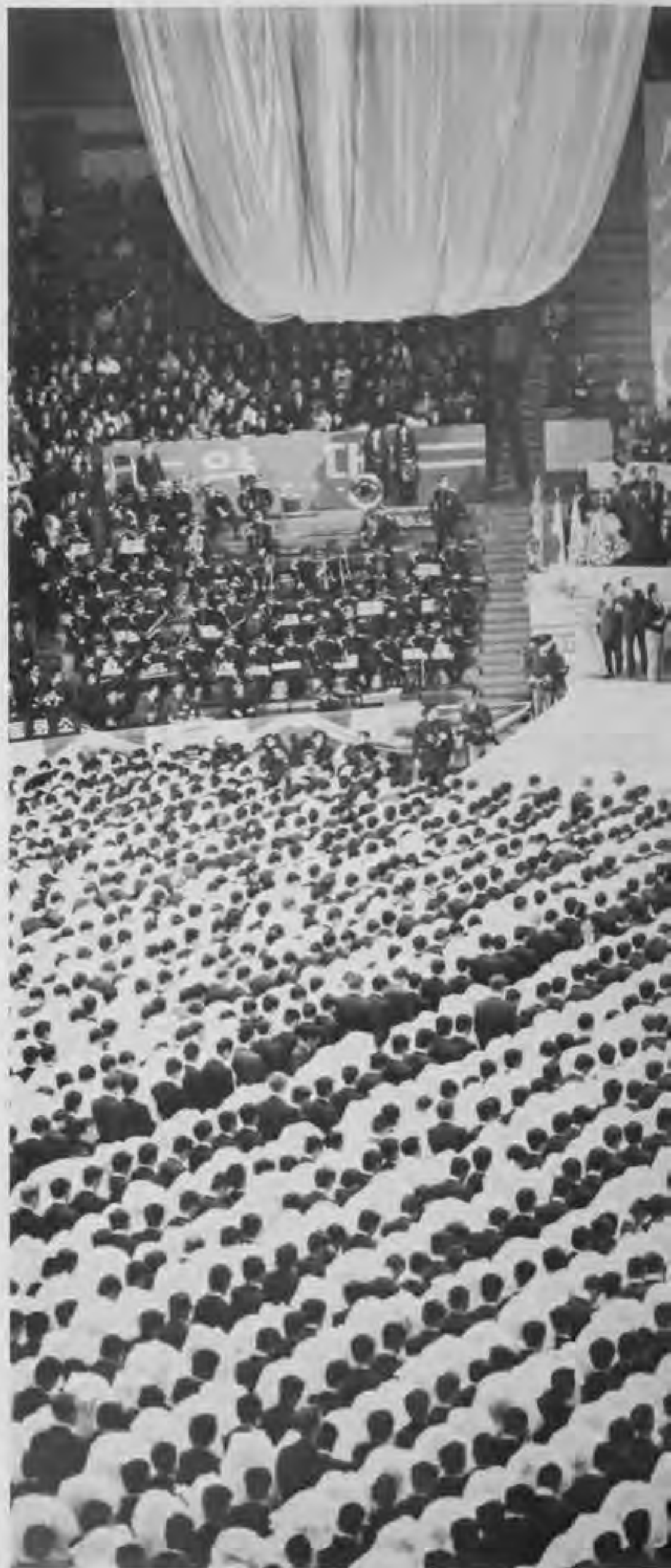
In the evening they were entertained by a variety show featuring famous pop singers, comedians and the Little Angels, and the children's singing and dancing troupe run by the church.

The wedded couples come from Korea, Japan, the United States, Britain, Germany, France, Italy, Austria, Holland, Taiwan, Canada, Brazil, Argentina, Switzerland, Ireland, Sweden, Norway, Belgium, Australia and Trinidad.

We have a great responsibility to become that man of perfection or that woman of perfection, to be able to receive the love of God, because God's love begins from you, and how, without being fulfilled, without being perfected, can you become that channel of God? We live in so many adverse situations. We must ward them off and create our own environment in which we can really succeed in this goal. This is not just a mediocre job, nor an easy job. Yes, you have to risk your life.

Let's create heavenly forces so that no ungodly power can infiltrate, and so we can truly enjoy and love God as God loves us. Let's create this kind of society, starting from the very beginning point of one man and one woman, one family, one tribe, and one nation. We can expand our kingdom from the very beginning point gradually and slowly but surely into the whole world.

*Sun Myung Moon
September 8, 1974*







The Rev. Moon Sun-myung, at center with back to camera, performs a mass wedding ceremony for 1,800 couples from 20 countries Saturday at Seoul, Korea's Changchung gymnasium. Moon is the founder of the

Unification Church and part of his doctrine says that the Messiah will be born in the new Israel—Korea—before 1980—(AP).

1800 Couples Say "I Do"

Record
Hickory, North Carolina
Feb. 8, 1975

Mass Wedding

Journal News
Nyack, New York
D. 29,000
Feb. 8, 1975

Wedding

Democrat
Tallahassee, Florida
D. 20,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Wedding Ceremony

The Evening Sun
Baltimore, Maryland
D. 201,100
Feb. 8, 1975

Jackson Daily News The Clarion-Ledger

Sun. 116,206
Feb. 9, 1975

Today
Orlando, Florida
D. 45,000
Feb. 9, 1975

The Indianapolis News

D. 193,942
Feb. 8, 1975

News-Miner

Fairbanks, Alaska
D. 12,818
Feb. 8, 1975

The Home News

New Brunswick, New Jersey
D. 50,927 Sun. 52,421
Feb. 9, 1975

Standard Speaker

Hazleton, Pennsylvania
D. 22,500
Feb. 13, 1975

Star-Telegram

Fort Worth, Texas
D. 143,268 (evening)
Feb. 8, 1975

Times

Union, South Carolina
D. 8,500
Feb. 8, 1975

Tampa Times

Feb. 8, 1975

San Francisco Chronicle

D. 460,233 Sun. 450,227
Feb. 10, 1975

Messenger Inquirer

Owensboro, Kentucky
D. 27,000 Sun. 26,500
Feb. 9, 1975

Herald American

Syracuse, New York
Sun. 251,094
Feb. 9, 1975

Weddings by the Numbers



The Rev. Sun Myung Moon married about 1800 couples in a mass marriage ceremony that packed the Changchung gymnasium in Seoul Saturday. Each couple bore a sign showing its number (inset). The marriage was under the auspices of the Christian Unification Church which required each couple to undergo a two-week pre-marital training course.

1800 Married In Mass Ceremony

Herald Examiner
D: 512,922 Sun: 494,900
Feb. 4, 1975

The Washington Post
Washington, D.C.
D: 535,016 Sun: 110,148
Feb. 9, 1975

Marriages Held

SEOUL (UPI)—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon today officiated at a mass wedding for 1,800 couples from 21 countries.

The ceremony was held in the Changchung gymnasium before an audience of about 10,000, who rose after the minister pronounced the 3,600 newlywed men and wives and shouted in Korean "maisei" (cheers) three times.

Clouds of confetti dropped from baskets hanging from the ceiling.

Moon, who visited the United States recently and attracted a number of followers in a massive publicity effort, said, "Before our God and the whole world, I solemnly declare that you have become couples forever."

There were 1,264 couples from South Korea, 145 from the United States, 297 from Japan, and others from Britain, West Germany, Austria, France, the Netherlands, Canada, Taiwan, Belgium, Italy, Australia, Mexico, Switzerland, Israel, Trinidad, Brazil, Argentina and Sweden.

Akron Beacon Journal

Akron, Ohio
D: 175,468 Sun: 203,113
Feb. 9, 1975

Wichita Beacon

Wichita, Kansas
D: 66,276
Feb. 7, 1975

News

Whittier, California
Feb. 8, 1975

The Tulsa Tribune

Tulsa, Oklahoma
D: 79,425
Feb. 8, 1975

Times

Quadsen, Alabama
D: 20,000
Feb. 10, 1975

Bulletin

Anderson, Indiana
D: 17,500
Feb. 10, 1975

The Grand Rapids Press

Grand Rapids, Michigan
D: 131,418 Sun: 138,539
Feb. 8, 1975

Press

Vista, California
D: 7,418 Sun: 7,514
Feb. 9, 1975

St. Louis Post-Dispatch

D: 326,176 Sun: 141,866
Feb. 9, 1975

Take A Number

Couples hold numbers as they kneel in Seoul, South Korea, auditorium during mass wedding conducted by Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon. Some 1,800 couples from 21 countries participated in the ceremony and said they were so grateful for Moon's guidance that they will buy him a mansion.—UPI

Independent Press-Telegram

Long Beach, California
Sun. 148,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Sooner Joins 1800 Pairs For Wedding

A Norman man will participate Saturday in what is being billed as the largest wedding ceremony in history.

John Harries, 26, is in Seoul, Korea, to marry Kathy French of Connecticut. They will be just one of some 1,800 couples to take simultaneous vows from the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church.

Kelsey Bartholic, a spokesman for the Unification Center in Norman, said more than 70 American couples will join others from South America, Europe, Asia, Australia and Iceland in the mass ceremony as 10,000 wedding guests look on.

The wedding will begin at 10 a.m. Oklahoma time in the Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea, Miss Bartholic said.

After the ceremony, the American couples will travel to Japan to attend a speaking engagement by the Rev. Moon and will return to the United States around Feb. 16, she said.

She said the Unification Church, a Christian sect, has centers in Noble and Tulsa and has about 28 members in Oklahoma.

The Daily Oklahoman

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma
D. 172,950 Sun. 266,900
Feb. 8, 1975

Hold Mass Wedding Today

The largest wedding ceremony in history is being held today in Seoul, Korea as the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, officiates over the joining of 1,800 couples from 21 nations.

Charles Ancney of Buffalo, who frequently conducts workshops for the local Unification Church, is among the bridegrooms.

The couples will take their vows simultaneously as 10,000 guests look on. Following the ceremony the couples will board an estimated 100 buses for a parade tour of Seoul.

Journal

Ithaca, New York
Feb. 8, 1975

Many established church members opposed and persecuted me all through my life. But I have never prayed for their misfortune or harsh judgment even in my dreams. I have never tried to revenge myself. I only prayed for their salvation with unchanging love.

Sun Myung Moon
January 1, 1975

Wedding Involves Alaskan

An Alaskan will be a participant tomorrow in the largest wedding ceremony in history when the Rev. Sun Myung Moon unites 1,800 couples in a massive ceremony in Seoul, Korea.

Local representatives of the Unification Church, which was founded by the Rev. Moon, have learned that Ray Bacon of Palmer, who has been active in the movement for three years in San Francisco, is among those to be married.

Bacon is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dexter Bacon of Palmer.

Couples from 21 nations are converging on Seoul for the wedding which will involve 70 couples from the United States. All are missionaries for the Unification Church.

For the wedding in Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea, all men wear blue suits while the women will wear the traditional Korean dress with wedding veils.

The couples will take their vows simultaneously as 10,000 wedding guests look on.

Following the ceremony the couples will board an estimated 100 buses for a parade tour of Seoul. A reception featuring entertainment by professional performers and the couples themselves is planned in the evening.

After the Korean festivities, the American couples will travel to Japan to attend Rev. Moon's speaking engagement in Tokyo. They will return to the United States about Feb. 16.

Tomorrow's wedding will be more than double the size of one performed by the Rev. Moon in 1970. At that time, 777 couples were married.

Times

Anchorage, Alaska
D. 41,265
Feb. 7, 1975

Freezing temperatures in Seoul, South Korea, were no block to 1,800 couples who were married by Korean preacher Sun Myung Moon on Saturday. Moon is a minister of the Christian Unification Church which prides itself on its low divorce rate. The couples included 145 from the United States, 297 from Japan and 1,264 from South Korea. The Moon movement claims 500,000 from around the world.

Report

Ontario, California
D. 27,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Local Man To Be In Mass Wedding

Daniel Stein, state director of the Unification Church, left Harrington last Saturday for Seoul, Korea, to be wed along with 1800 other couples tomorrow in what may be the largest wedding ceremony in history, according to the church.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon will officiate at the wedding.

The Rev. Moon who attracted national media attention last year after a mass rally of his followers at New York's Madison Square Garden, conducted a similar mass wedding conducted five years ago, when more than 1,000 couples were wed, according to Bob Heater at Washington, D.C., national media director for the church.

Stein, 25, resides at 1625 5th Ave. along with other church members at the Harrington center. A native of Los Angeles, Calif., he was appointed state director by the national church two years ago, Heater said this morning.

The identity of Stein's bride is not known by any church members in Harrington or at the national office. However, they think she is also from California.

None of Stein's relatives or Harrington friends were expected to be at the ceremony, although 10,000 wedding guests are expected at the Korean ceremonies, church officials said.

Heater said that the 1,800 couples have postponed their marriages for the past five years to be able to participate in the mass ceremony tomorrow, considering it an historical occasion.

He said that although the Unification Church, founded in 1954 by the Rev. Moon, considers itself a Christian faith, the main difference in its teachings is that while other Christian sects teach that Jesus Christ fully saved the human race, Rev. Moon teaches that Christ was not able to fulfill a total salvation because of people's disbelief in his immortality.

Advertiser

Harrington, West Virginia
D. 17,000
Feb. 7, 1975

WEDDING veils and tuxedoed grooms crowded the Changchung gymnasium in Seoul, Korea, Saturday, as 1,800 couples from around the world took their wedding vows. Presiding at the mass marriage was the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose recent trip to the United States included a stopover in Laramie, Wyo.

Star Tribune

Casper, Wyoming
D. & Sun. 15,000
Feb. 9, 1975

New Church In Syracuse Plans Series Of Lectures

Probably the newest church in Syracuse is The Unification Church of America, located at 153 Annera St. It was set up here about two months ago.

The church leaders here are Dietmar Wilhelmier and Kerry Pobara.

Keenly interested in enlisting many new members of The Unification Church of Syracuse, they have planned a series of lectures to be held on week nights next week at 7:30 p.m. Information may be obtained from the Church Center, phone 475-8578.

The new church has its headquarters in Washington, for the United States.

Wilhelmier and Pobara are keenly interested in a mass marriage of 1,600 couples which will take place today in Seoul, Korea, reported to be the largest wedding in history.

Seventy American couples, including a bridegroom from Buffalo, who is expected to visit the new church in Syracuse in the near future, left from Los Angeles, Calif. Feb. 1 for Seoul where they joined other couples from 24 countries.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church in Korea, will officiate at the marriage. It will be held in Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea. He married 777 couples there in 1970. More than 10,000 relatives and friends are expected to attend the wedding.

Jan. 16, 600 citizens of Korea attended a ceremonial dinner at the Chosen Hotel in Korea, all members of the Unification Church, welcoming back the Rev. Moon to his homeland and to congratulate him on the completion of a tour of America.

The Rev. Moon spoke before a crowd of 20,000 in Madison Square Garden in New York City, Sept. 15, 1974. More than 25,000 were turned away at the gates. He spoke on "The New Future of Christianity."

Herald Journal

Syracuse, New York
D. 129,656
Feb. 8, 1975

Couples from 21 countries, including the United States, are united in marriage by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his ministers during ceremony in Seoul, South Korea. Moon, founder of the Unification Church, said 1,600 couples were married in ceremony that took place in a local gymnasium.

Sunday News

Sun. 1,076,270
Feb. 9, 1975



1800 Couples Married In Seoul

Seoul—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the "Unification Church," today married 1,800 couples from the United States, Japan, South Korea and 17 other countries. The ceremony attracted 10,000 onlookers.

The Minneapolis Star
Minneapolis, Minnesota
D. 253,491
Feb. 8, 1975

Moon's Mass Marriage

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon today officiated at a mass wedding in Seoul for 1,800 couples from 21 countries. The ceremony was held in the Changchung gymnasium before an audience of about 10,000, who rose after the minister pronounced the 3,600 newlyweds men and wives and shouted in Korean, "mansel" (cheers) three times.

Desert News
Salt Lake City, Utah
D. 81,855
Feb. 8, 1975

A TOTAL OF 1,800 couples from 21 countries braved freezing temperatures for more than an hour Saturday to have Korean preacher Sun Myung Moon pronounce them "couples forever" in a mass marriage under a shower of confetti and a sprinkling of perfume.

State Journal Register
Springfield, Illinois
Sun. 70,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Missoulian To Marry In Mass Wedding

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, spiritual leader of the Unification Church, will officiate at a mass marriage of 1,600 couples Feb. 8 in Seoul, Korea.

Robin Kuhl from the Missoula Unification Church and his chosen bride will be one of the couples at the largest wedding in history. Seventy other couples are from the U.S.

The marriage will be held in Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea, and the site of the marriage of 777 couples by Rev. Moon in 1970.

The Missoulian
Feb. 8, 1975

1800 Couples Wed In Gym

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Clouds of confetti dropped from baskets hanging from the ceiling.

Moon, who visited the United States recently and attracted a number of followers in a massive publicity effort, said, "Before our God and the whole world, I solemnly declare that you have become couples forever."

There were 1,264 couples from South Korea, 145 from the United States, 297 from Japan, and others from Britain, West Germany, Austria, France, the Netherlands, Canada, Taiwan, Belgium, Italy, Australia, Mexico, Switzerland, Israel, Trinidad, Brazil, Argentina and Sweden.

The brides and grooms waited in 18-degree cold for an hour before they could get into the gym, and once inside it took nearly an hour to line up on the red-carpeted floor.

Globe-Times
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
D. 31,000
Feb. 8, 1975

1800 Couples United In Mass Marriage

These are some of the 1,800 couples from 20 nations pronounced "couples forever" in a mass marriage Saturday in Seoul, Korea. The ceremony, under the auspices of the Unification Church International, united couples from throughout the world, including 145 from the United States.

One of the U.S. bridegrooms was Michael Warder, 28, of Tarrytown. Korean preacher Sun Myung Moon said the couples became "God's Faithful Disciples" when they exchanged gold wedding rings. The church prides itself in its low divorce rate.

Freeman
Kingston, New York
D. 20,500
Feb. 9, 1975

What is the Unification Church? What are we going to do? First of all, our ideology is to unite the religions of the world, not only Christian denominations. Then after that, what are we going to do, after being able to unite the world religions? Our purpose is to have the world population receive the Messiah and live in the kingdom. In order for them to receive the Messiah, what should they do? Prepare to receive him, and then meet God through the Messiah. The people will find the same quality in God as in the Messiah. God will be the center of the individual, family, tribes, nations and the whole world.

Sun Myung Moon
June 9, 1974

Mass Wedding By Cult Hits Snag

TOKYO, Jan. 26—Angry Japanese parents have forced a South Korean religious group to modify plans for a mass wedding of 1810 couples in Seoul next month. Nine hundred Korean couples, 790 Japanese and 110 Americans were due to take part in the ceremony conducted by sect leader Moon Sun Myung's "Unification Association."

A group of parents said here today the association had agreed its followers would not be married without parental approval.

A spokesman for the parents said the young people would not know whom they were marrying until their wedding day because the association had chosen their spouses.

The spokesman said 20 young people had so far returned to their parents after living at the association headquarters, sometimes for more than five years.

A spokesman for Mr. Moon's sect declined comment.—NZPA-Reuters

The Evening Post

Monday, January 27, 1975

Mass Marriage

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the internationally known founder of the Unification Church, who has been proclaimed "God's Prophet," will officiate at the largest mass wedding in history in Seoul, Korea.

The simultaneous marriage of 1,600 couples, all Unification Church members, representing up to 24 nations, takes place on Feb. 8.

Swiss American Review

New York, New York
Feb. 5, 1975

ONE-THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED couples were married in a mass wedding in Seoul, Korea. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder and president of the Unification Church, performed the ceremony for couples from 24 countries. About 10,000 guests watched as Moon asked the bride and groom, "Do you swear before God that you will be eternal husbands and wives?"

Mass weddings emphasize the sect's belief in the "one world family of man." A group of Japanese parents reportedly have vowed to fight the Rev. Mr. Moon and his association. They claim that the Unification Church leader matched the couples.

Valley Advance

Vincennes, Indiana
W. 10, 1975
Feb. 19, 1975

The "I Do's" Will Be Deafening



The Rev. Sun Myung Moon

NEW YORK—Many of his followers believe he is the Second Messiah, and that he will complete the work of Jesus. They believe Jesus' work failed because he was crucified. And the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, leader of the Unification Church, also has the power of matchmaker. The Rev. Mr. Moon, who gives informed approval to most marriages within the church, will have his hands full Feb. 8—he will marry 1,600 couples, including 140 Americans, in the Changchung gymnasium at Seoul, South Korea. In cases where the Rev. Mr. Moon makes matches, the couples needn't accept his decision, a church spokesman says.

Globe Democrat

Newsmaker

The three most eligible bachelors in Washington, D.C., are now out of circulation. FLF Secretary General Dan Fetterman, Assistant Business-Tide Editor Hal McKennie and Special Assistant Denise Gorenz took part in the largest wedding in history, the "Marriage of 1800 Couples" performed by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon February 8 in Seoul, Korea. Their brides are the former Misses Susan Emmerman, Evelyn Champion and Susan Jaischum, respectively.

Mr. and Mrs. Fetterman and FLF President Neal Sakonen, together with representatives of the Japanese and European couples who participated in the wedding, Unification Church President Young Wuh Kim and Christian Unification Church President Paul Werner met with Korean Prime Minister Kim Jongpil on February 5 in Seoul. Rev. Kim presented the Prime Minister with a contribution of more than U.S. \$100,000 for the Korean New Village Movement from contributions given by the 1600 wedding participants.

Our congratulations to the new bridegrooms and brides.

The Rising Tide

Mar. 1, 1975

3200 To Tie 1600 Knots in 1 Wedding



Rev. Sun Myung Moon

BILLED as the "largest wedding in history," a mass marriage of 1,600 couples by South Korean evangelist the Rev. Sun Myung Moon is set for next Saturday in Seoul, South Korea.

The marriage, according to officials of the Rev. Mr. Moon's Unification Church, will involve 70 couples from the United States as well as those from 24 other nations.

It will be held in Changchung gymnasium, reportedly the largest hall in Korea and the site of the marriage of 777 couples by Rev. Mr. Moon in 1970.

Chicago Tribune

Feb. 1, 1975

Moon's Marriages

More than 1,600 couples were wed this month in a mass ceremony in Seoul, Korea, presided over by Korean cultist Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church. Marriage has special religious significance for members of the sect, and Moon has a necessary role in approving—and even selecting—the partners, who must serve the church for three years before becoming eligible for the rite.

Many of the couples did not know each other before the week of the wedding. As a matter of discipline, they are required to wait for forty days after the ceremony before consummating their marriages. Core workers are expected to work as missionaries for the first three years of their marriage, separated from their mates.

A number of Japanese parents formed a group to protest the mass wedding, but to little avail. An estimated 500 Japanese couples took part.

Meanwhile, Moon's church has been buying up hundreds of acres—about 85 million worth in Los Angeles—near Tarrington, New

York, apparently to build a major center or university.

Christianity Today

Washington, D.C.
Feb. 28, 1975

Mass Wedding

MASS WEDDING—Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church officiated at a mass wedding for 1800 couples from 21 countries in Seoul, Korea. The ceremony was held in the Changchung gymnasium before an audience of about 10,000. One hundred forty-eight couples were from the U.S.—(UPI)

The Cleveland Press

D. 375,853
Mar. 15, 1975

Rev. Moon Officiates At Mass Marriage In Korea

On Saturday in Seoul, Korea, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon will officiate at the mass marriage of 1,600 couples in what will become the largest wedding in history.

Seventy American couples left Los Angeles for Seoul on Feb. 1 where they joined couples representing 24 nations.

Also participating will be Laraine resident Maureen Murphy, director of the Unification Church of Wyoming.

The marriage will be held in Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea, and the site of the unprecedented marriage of 777 couples by Rev. Moon in 1970. Over 10,000 relatives and friends are expected to pack the hall for this historic event.

The mass wedding will be this year's second major event for the Unification Church in Korea. On Jan. 16 at the Chosen Hotel, 600 citizens including the Speaker of the Lower House of Korea attended a ceremonial dinner to welcome Rev. Moon to his homeland, and congratulate him on the completion of his latest American tour.

The reception following the mammoth wedding will include congratulatory remarks by representatives from several nations.

Wyoming State Tribune

Cheyenne, Wyoming
D. 10,500
Feb. 6, 1975

3,600 Newlyweds

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church officiated at a mass wedding yesterday in Seoul for 1,500 couples from 21 countries, 145 from the U.S.

Boston Globe
D-201-012 Sun. 366,377
Feb. 9, 1975

To Perform Mass Marriage in Korea

In Seoul, Korea, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon on Feb. 8 will officiate at the mass marriage of 1,500 couples in what will become the largest wedding in history. Seventy-five American couples departed Los Angeles for Seoul on Feb. 7 where they were joined by couples representing 24 nations. The marriage will be held in Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea, and the site of the unprecedented marriage of 777 couples by Rev. Moon in 1970. Over 10,000 relatives and friends are expected to pack the hall for this historic event.

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The reception following the wedding will include congratulatory remarks by prominent people from several nations.

Hub
Kearney, Nebraska
D-8-220
Feb. 7, 1975

Men And Wives

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, officiated at a mass wedding of 1,500 couples yesterday. Ten thousand onlookers rose in the Seoul, Korea, gymnasium when Moon, in regalia (crown and embroidered robe), declared "Before our God and the whole world, I solemnly declare that you have become couples forever." Clouds of confetti dropped from the ceiling on the 1,500 newlyweds from 21 countries, and the ceremony was complete.

Washington Star News
Washington, D.C.
Feb. 9, 1975

South Korea evangelist Sun Myung Moon will preside at a scheduled mass wedding here of 1,600 couples, despite some parental objections, according to Seoul radio. The couples, representing South Korea, Japan, the United States and a number of European countries, are all members of Mr. Moon's Unification Church, which claims a membership of over two million in 50 countries. According

to the Unification Church, the ceremony on Feb. 8 will be "the largest mass wedding in history." It will be held in Changchung gymnasium, Seoul's largest indoor arena, and the site of a similar marriage of 777 couples by the Rev. Moon in October, 1970.

Michigan Christian Advocate

Adrian, Michigan
W. 28-000
Feb. 13, 1975

Largest Wedding Ever Includes Ex-Portlander

A former Portland resident, Samuel Pell, will be among 1,600 couples married in the largest wedding ceremony in history this Saturday in Seoul, Korea.

The couples have come from 21 nations to participate in the historic event. The countries are Argentina, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, England, France, Germany, Holland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Korea, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland, Taiwan, Trinidad, and the United States. More than 70 couples from the U.S. are included.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, will officiate at the wedding in Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea. The men will all wear blue suits, and the women will wear the traditional white Korean dress with wedding veils in the morning ceremony. The couples will take their vows simultaneously, as 10,000 wedding guests look on.

Samuel Pell is a former director for the state of Oregon for the Unification Church. He served in Oregon for more than two years and in Portland for more than one year. He is now the Northwest Regional Director of Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington, and Wyoming.

Beggs Harma, also a former director for the state of Oregon, will be participating in the ceremony in Seoul. He is now assigned to the state of Washington.

Following the Saturday morning wedding ceremony, the couples will board an estimated 100 buses for an extensive parade out of Seoul. Sunday night they will return to the huge gym for a reception featuring entertainment by top professional performers and the couples themselves.

After the Korean festivities, the American couples will travel to Japan to attend the Rev. Mr. Moon's speaking engagement at Budokan Hall in Tokyo.

Oregon Journal

Portland, Oregon
D, 119,132 Sat. 151-534
Feb. 7, 1975

Wedding Bells For 3600

TOKYO (AP)—Dozens of young Japanese are leaving Tokyo this day on their way to Seoul, Korea, to be married in one of the world's largest mass weddings.

About 1,500 Japanese are among the 3,200 members of a Korean-based religious group founded by the 54-year-old Rev. Sun Myung Moon, scheduled to be married in a giant ceremony next Sunday.

Nishino-Hokori, 29, of Tokyo, is one

of the 1,600 prospective brides who so far has found a husband for them," the Rev. Mr. Moon said.

"We sent him our photographs and then he told us who we should marry when he came to port for a short trip in January," she said in an interview. "He knew instantly our spiritual needs and could give us the right partners for us."

The religion's formal title is "Heavenly Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity." It is called more simply "Unification Church" and is a Christian sect claiming a worldwide following of over two million. It is based on the teachings of the Rev. Mr. Moon.

It stresses genuine Christianity after the teachings of its founder and rejects doctrines such as exorcism, communism, and Marxism, church spokesmen said.

Herald Examiner

Los Angeles Evening & Sunday
D-52,922 Sun. 494,900
Feb. 9, 1975

Rev. Moon Weds 1800 Couples

In mass wedding at Seoul, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, officiated at marriage ceremonies for 1,500 couples from the United States, Japan, South Korea and 17 other countries. There were 10,000 onlookers at the church gym. A similar ceremony in 1970 linked 777 couples. (UPI)

Chicago Sun Times

Chicago, Illinois
Feb. 9, 1975

Marriage Vows For 1800 Couples

In what was believed to be the biggest mass wedding ever, some 1,500 couples from South Korea and 19 other countries exchanged vows in a municipal gymnasium in Seoul Saturday. The 25-hour ceremony was conducted by the Rev. Moon Sun-myung, leader and president of the "Unification Church," which regards marriage as one of its major tenets. In 1970, the Rev. Moon married 777 couples in the same gymnasium.

Chicago Tribune

D-787,791 Sun. 1,016-275
Feb. 9, 1975

3600 Newly Weds

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church officiated at a mass wedding yesterday in Seoul for 1,500 couples from 21 countries, 145 from the U.S.

Newsday

Feb. 9, 1975

All Together Now

Eighteen hundred couples from 21 countries are married Saturday in a giant ceremony in Seoul by Sun Myung Moon, a religious leader. The newlyweds, who took a compulsory two-week pre-nuptial training course, said they are so grateful for Moon's guidance they will buy him a mansion.

Times Herald Record

Middletown, New York
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Marriage Planned Feb. 8

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The reception following the marriage wedding will include congratulatory remarks by prominent people from several nations.

Sun Tader

Hollywood, Florida
Feb. 7, 1975

History's Largest Wedding Set

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon who, his followers believe, is the "True Adam," or the son of God, is scheduled to officiate Saturday in what his Unification Church officials say will be the largest wedding in history.

Moon intends to marry 1,600 couples in Seoul's Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in that country. More than 10,000 relatives and friends are expected to be present.

Richmond Times-Dispatch

Richmond, Virginia
D-144,058 Sun. 198,221
Feb. 2, 1975

If you cannot find the ideal in your homes, you can never find any society or nation of such kind. Your family being the fundamental unit of the whole human society, how can you build the ideal society without your being able to find or build such a family?

Sun Myung Moon
August 11, 1974

that night featured entertainment. Some American couples then traveled to Tokyo to hear Moon speak.

The Delaware contingent, except Mrs. Sheffick, arrived home last Sunday.

Evening Journal

Wilmington, Delaware

D. 20,494

Feb. 21, 1975

3200 To Wed In Single Rite

NEW YORK—(AP)—The Korean religious-group founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, plans another mass marriage of his followers, this time 1,600 couples, a spokesman for the group disclosed Wednesday.

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They, themselves, may designate several possible choices in order of preference. In cases in which the Rev. Mr. Moon does the matching, "they don't have to accept," the spokesman said. "It's up to them."

However, in the group, the Rev. Mr. Moon is deemed to be a special bearer of God's revelation, with teachings of the group implying that he may be a "Second Messiah" to complete the work of Jesus.

Jesus' mission is regarded by the group as having failed in part because he was crucified.

The planned mass marriage is the second that he has performed. Another, involving 777 couples, was performed in Korea in 1970.

Couples involved this time are from 24 nations, with 10,000 guests expected to be on hand for the affair, the spokesman said.

In the group's teachings, the "marriages are eternal because of the intense devotion to God" of those involved, the spokesman said.

The Denver Post

Denver, Colorado

Jan. 30, 1975

1800 Couples Marry

Wearing white robe and gilded crown, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon Saturday performed the mass marriage of 1,800 couples in Seoul, South Korea.

The couples, from the United States, Japan, Korea and 17 other countries, took part in a two-week matrimonial training program before the marriage, which was held in a gymnasium before 10,000 onlookers.

Moon, founder of the "Unification Church" married 777 couples in a similar ceremony in 1970.

Sentinel Star

Orlando, Florida

D. 113,000 Sun. 146,000

Feb. 9, 1975

Moon Puts Stars In 1800 Couples Eyes

In Seoul, Korean preacher Sun Myung Moon stood facing 1,800 couples from 21 nations Saturday and pronounced them "couples forever" in a mass marriage conducted in a gymnasium. The newlyweds said they would demonstrate their gratitude by buying Moon a mansion.

The couples became "God's faithful disciples" when they exchanged gold wedding rings in the Changchung gymnasium. It was the largest single marriage ceremony ever conducted in Korea.

"Before our God and the whole world, I solemnly declare that you have become couples forever," said Moon, the 55-year-old minister of the Christian Unification Church which prides itself on its low divorce rate.

An estimated 10,000 people rose and shouted three Korean "mansei" cheers as confetti fell from 13 baskets high under the dome-shaped ceiling. Moon and his wife, Mrs. Han Hak-ja, sprinkled perfume over them.

Brides and grooms were kept for more than an hour in 18-degree temperatures outside the gymnasium waiting for the ceremony to start. It took almost another hour for them to line up inside on the red-carpeted floor.

Star Free Press

Ventura, California

D. 31,000

Feb. 10, 1975

'I Do,' 'I Do,' 'I Do,'...

There were 1,800 brides in white and 1,800 bridegrooms in black Saturday as the Rev. Sun Myung Moon conducted a mass wedding in a Seoul, South Korea, gymnasium. The couples came from 20 countries, including the United States for the ceremony, which was preceded by a two-week training program. Mr. Moon, founder of the Unification Church, wore a gilded crown and a white embroidered robe for his second mass wedding. The first, in 1970, involved 777 couples.

Minneapolis Tribune

Minneapolis, Minnesota

D. 210,275 Sun. 974,809

Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Wed At Once In Korea

SEOUL, Korea, (UPI)—Korean Preacher Sun Myung Moon stood facing 1,800 couples from 21 nations Saturday and pronounced them "couples forever" in a mass marriage conducted in a gymnasium. The newlyweds said they would demonstrate their gratitude by buying Moon a mansion.

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Enterprise and Times

Brookton, Massachusetts

D. 52,500

Feb. 10, 1975

A Chorus of 'I Do'

This was the scene in Changchung gymnasium in Seoul, South Korea, Saturday as the Rev. Sun Myung Moon pronounced 1,800 grooms and 1,800 brides "couples forever." The couples became "God's faithful disciples" when they exchanged gold wedding rings under a shower of confetti and a sprinkling of perfume. The newlyweds, representing 21 countries—there were 145 couples from the United States—had to take a two-week pre-marital training course. They said they were so grateful for Moon's audience that they will buy the 55-year-old minister of the Christian Unification Church a mansion.

Dayton Daily News

Dayton, Ohio

D. 465,340 Sun. 215,360

Feb. 9, 1975

4 From Delaware Wed Among Sun Moon's 3600



(UPI Wirephoto)

1,800 couples join in Seoul Under Unification Church auspices

Four persons working with the Unification Church group in Talleybrook were among those married in the 1,800-couple (or 3,600-person) ceremony Feb. 8 in Korea.

Dr. Joseph Sheffick, regional director for the church activities in Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, Kentucky, Maryland and Washington, D.C., was married to a Korean, Boo Young Kim. He has returned to Wilmington but she stayed temporarily in Korea.

Michael Beard was married to Barbara Whiteham. Billed as the largest wedding ceremony in history, the ceremonies in Seoul were performed by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Couples from 21 countries participated. The men wore blue suits and the women the traditional white Korean dress with veil. The couples took their vows simultaneously.

After the ceremony 100 buses took the newlyweds on a tour of Seoul. A reception

Wedding Bells for 1800 Couples



Korean preacher Sun Myung Moon of the Christian Unification Church married 1,800 couples from 20 countries yesterday in the Changchung gymnasium in Seoul. After being pronounced "couples forever," the newlyweds were showered with confetti and received the cheers of an estimated 10,000 onlookers. It was the largest wedding ceremony ever performed in the South Korean capital.

Richmond Times Dispatch

Richmond, Virginia
D. 144,033 Sun. 198,223
Feb. 9, 1975

Some 1,800 couples from 20 nations gathered at Changchung gym in Seoul, Korea for a mass wedding ceremony Saturday under the auspices of the Unification Church International. The couples underwent a two-week training program sponsored by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's church before the marriage performed in front of 10,000 onlookers.

Herald News

Joliet, Illinois
D. 48,000 Sun. 48,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Moon To Preside At Mass Wedding

BARRYTOWN—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the controversial founder of the Unification Church, will officiate at the largest mass wedding in history—1,600 couples—on Feb. 8 in Seoul, South Korea. The ceremony will be held in Changchung gymnasium, Seoul's largest indoor arena and the site of a similar marriage of 777 couples by Moon in October 1970. All of the couples, representing 24 nations and 70 of whom are Americans, are members of the Unification Church. More than 10,000 relatives and friends are ex-

pected to pack the hall.

Moon founded the Unification Church in Seoul in 1954 and since that time membership in the church has grown to more than 2,000,000 people in 50 countries.

Early in 1974, the Unification Church purchased the former Christian Brothers estate in Barrytown for \$1.5 million and now uses the facility as an educational and training center for its members. Moon is a frequent visitor to the estate.

Poughkeepsie Journal

Poughkeepsie, New York
Jan. 29, 1975

1800 Couples Wed

A total of 1,800 couples were married in Seoul, Korea, Saturday in a single ceremony officiated by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church. The couples underwent a two-week training program before the marriages, which were held in a gymnasium (UPI)

The Hartford Courant

Hartford, Connecticut
D. 170,459 Sun. 219,365
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Marriage Planned

NEW YORK (AP)—The Korean religious founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, plans another mass marriage of his followers, this time 1,600 couples, a spokesman for the group disclosed yesterday.

He said 3,200 young people, including 70 couples from the United States, will be married simultaneously Feb. 8 in the Changchung gymnasium in Seoul, Korea, the largest mass wedding ever held.

In the teaching of the group, called the Unification Church, followers who have reached an advanced stage of dedication are allowed to submit names of preferred mates, with final approval by Moon.

They, themselves, may designate several possible choices in order of preference. In cases in which Moon does the matching, "they don't have to accept," the spokesman said. "It's up to them."

The Times

Corpus Christi, Texas
D. 35,824
Jan. 23, 1975

Moon Plans Mass Marriage

NEW YORK (AP)—The Korean religious group founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, plans another mass marriage of his followers, this time 1,600 couples, a spokesman for the group has disclosed. He said 3,200 young people, including 70 couples from the United States, will be married simultaneously Feb. 8 in the Changchung gymnasium in Seoul, Korea, the largest mass wedding ever held.

Mail

Charleston, West Virginia
Jan. 25, 1975

4 in Giant Wedding Back...Alone

Four Upper Midwest residents who were married with 1,800 couples in a mass wedding in Seoul, South Korea, Feb. 8 have returned to this area—but without their mates.

The Unification Church which conducted the ceremony, requires couples to be physically separated for 40 days after a wedding. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the church, officiated at the ceremony.

Jim Gavin, 26, former White Bear Lake resident who directs the Unification Church in Fargo, said the 40-day separation is used to prepare spiritually for being married and bringing up children.

His wife, Gudrun Bresch, a nurse from Germany, is in Japan with a One World Crusade team sponsored by the Unification Church.

Jeannine Hancock, 24, who is on the staff of the Unification Church, Minneapolis, left Saturday for New York where she will train for a mission in Africa.

Her husband, Harmon Grahn, 30, is director of the Unification Center in Boulder, Colo.

Merlinda Skow, director of the Unification Center in Mankato, is also going on a foreign mission. Her husband, Lou Fournier, is with an international team in Japan.

Also going abroad will be Susan Jacobson, formerly of Fargo, who married Lorenzo Gattaraga, a Unification Church worker in Washington.

Gavin said the couples were in Korea about a week before the wedding and received counseling from Moon.

He said that his experience there had convinced him that marriage is more than a union of two people, but that it also involves God.

It made him feel "a deeper love for people around me" and "a new responsibility for God on earth."

The couples married in Seoul came from 24 countries. The 2½-hour ceremony was held in Seoul's largest indoor arena and was witnessed by 10,000 guests.

According to Religious News Service, a group of Japanese parents whose children were married in the mass wedding have vowed to fight Moon and his association until their children return to "normal life."

The parents' group which claims to have 500 members, said that the young couples had been "matched" by Moon.

The Minneapolis Star

Minneapolis, Minnesota
D. 253,494
Mar. 1, 1975

1800 Knots Tied

Seoul (UPI)—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon presided over a mass wedding for 1,800 couples from 24 countries.

The ceremony was held in the Changchung gymnasium before an audience of about 10,000, who rose after the minister pronounced the 1,800 newlywed men and wives and shouted in Korean "marriage" (cheers) three times.

Omaha World Herald

Omaha, Nebraska
D. 127,251
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Wedding Planned

SEOUL (RNS)—South Korea evangelist Sun Myung Moon will preside at a scheduled mass wedding here of 1,600 couples, despite some parental objections, according to Seoul radio.

According to the Unification Church, the ceremony in February will be "the largest mass wedding in history." It will be held in Changchung gymnasium, Seoul's largest indoor arena, and the site of a similar marriage of 777 couples by the Rev. Moon in October, 1970.

Seoul radio quoted a spokesman for the Church, known officially as the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, as saying that a number of Japanese parents had "strongly" objected to their children's participation in the event.

The parents, the spokesman said, claimed that their children would not know whom they were to marry until the wedding day "because the Association had chosen the spouses."

Mississippi Today

Jackson, Mississippi
W. 12,400
Feb. 9, 1975

Rev. Moon Marries Multitudes

In the largest marriage ceremony ever performed in Korea, 1,800 couples repeated their vows together Saturday—and promised to buy the preacher a mansion to show gratitude.

They were members of the Christian Unification Church, and were married by its minister, Sun Myung Moon.

An estimated 10,000 spectators cheered the ceremony, conducted in Seoul's Changchung gymnasium.

The couples waited more than an hour in 35-degree weather before the ceremony began, then they waited another hour while they all formed a line.

The church prides itself on its low divorce rate.

The Record

Hackensack, New Jersey
D. 158,172 Sun. 194,251
Feb. 10, 1975

MARRIAGE EN MASSE—Complete with a shower of confetti and a sprinkling of perfume, the largest wedding ceremony ever performed in Seoul involved 1,800 couples from 24 countries, including 145 from the United States, in a gymnasium where they were pronounced "couples forever" by a Korean preacher Saturday. The newlyweds, who had enrolled in a compulsory two-week premarital training course, said they were so grateful for the assurance that they will buy a mansion for 50-year-old Sun Myung Moon, minister of the Christian Unification Church.

The Detroit News

Detroit, Michigan
Feb. 9, 1975

I have no ambition other than to carry out God's will. I am doing what I am doing for the sake of mankind. Sooner or later, they will know that, and they will know what is good and what is evil. In history we will be conspicuous. Heaven will be on our side and all conscientious men will be on our side.

Sun Myung Moon
October 6, 1974

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Californian
Salinas, California
D. 20,500
Feb. 8, 1975

Here Come The Brides

The Changchung gym in Seoul, Korea was the setting Saturday for a mass wedding uniting 1,800 couples from 20 nations. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church International, performed the ceremony.

Dispatch
Orinda, New York
Feb. 11, 1975



1800 Couples Say 'I Do'

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon faced 1,800 couples from 21 nations in a Seoul gymnasium over the weekend and pronounced them "couples forever" in the largest mass-marriage ceremony ever conducted in Korea. The newlyweds said they would demonstrate their gratitude by buying the 55-year-old ministry of the Christian Unification Church a mansion.

Chicago Daily News
D. 418,314 Sun. 474,253
Feb. 10, 1975

Moon Performs 1800 Marriages

In what is believed to be the largest mass wedding in history, 1,800 couples of the Unification Church were married in Seoul, Korea, by the Rev. Sun Myung

1600 Will Be Married At Massive Rite

On February 8th, in Seoul, Korea, Rev. Sun Myung Moon will officiate at the mass marriage of 1600 couples in what will become the largest wedding in history. Seventy American couples will depart Los Angeles for Seoul on February 1st where they will join couples representing 24 nations. The marriage will be held in Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea, and the site of the unprecedented marriage of 777 couples by Rev. Moon in 1970. Over 10,000 relatives and friends are expected to pack the hall for this historic event.

The mass wedding will be this year's second major event for the Unification Church in Korea. On January 16th at the Chosen Hotel, 600 prominent citizens including the Speaker of the Lower House of Korea (corresponds to the Speaker of the House in U.S. Congress) attended a ceremonial dinner to welcome Rev. Moon to his homeland and congratulate him on the completion of his latest American tour.

The reception following the mammoth wedding will include congratulatory remarks by prominent people from several nations.

Courier
Washington, D.C.
W. 29,130
Jan. 30, 1975

Evening Journal
Wilmington, Delaware
D. 90,494
Feb. 10, 1975

Herald Journal
Syracuse, New York
Feb. 8, 1975

Long Island Press
Jamaica, New York
D. 441,001 Sun. 423,790
Feb. 11, 1975

State Journal
Topeka, Kansas
Feb. 6, 1975

Rochester Times Union
Rochester, New York
D. 145,808
Feb. 8, 1975

Standard Examiner
Ogden, Utah
D. 41,500
Feb. 1975

Stamford Advocate
Stamford, Connecticut
Feb. 11, 1975

San Gabriel Valley Tribune
San Gabriel, California
Feb. 21, 1975

The Plain Dealer
Cleveland, Ohio
Feb. 9, 1975

The Washington Post
Washington, D.C.
D. 535,016 Sun. 710,148

The Kansas City Star
Kansas City, Missouri
D. 308,862 Sun. 400,110
Feb. 10, 1975

I must again emphasize that we must learn three kinds of love: first love towards our parents; love among the brothers and sisters; and then love between husband and wife. With those three loves totalized and put together, we can really taste the true kinds of love, and then we can build good homes and good societies.

*Sun Myung Moon
August 11, 1974*

Moon, founder and president of the cult. Among the couples representing 24 countries, were 70 couples from the U.S. The majority was from Korea and Japan.

The mass wedding was held in Changchung gymnasium, Seoul's largest indoor arena. A 40-piece Seoul City Police brass band played wedding marches as brides dressed in white Korean gowns and grooms in dark suits filed in for the two and a half hour ceremony.

Mr. Moon, 55, asked the couples, "Do you swear before God that you will be eternal husbands and wives?" The couples replied in a chorus, "Yes."

The Unification Church leader then offered a 30-minute prayer, concluding with the raising of his right hand and the affirmation that they were being married together under the "principle of the big world family."

Some 10,000 guests rose after the ceremony was completed and shouted "mansi" (cheers) three times. The married couples were showered with clouds of confetti from baskets hanging from the ceiling, and then rode in a motorcade through Seoul.

The World Unification Church believes its commission is to unite all religions of the world around the "new messiah" or "Lord of the Second Advent" who Sun Myung Moon claims to be.

Moon's church is not Christian in doctrine or commission. His "gospel" is what the apostle Paul would term "another gospel" (Gal. 1:6-9).

Moon is generally opposed by the Christian community as well as other sources.

A news report from Japan indicates that a group of Japanese parents, whose children were married in the mass wedding, have vowed to fight Mr. Moon and his association until their children return to "normal life."

The parents' group, which claims to have 500 members, said in a joint statement that the young couples had been "matched" by Mr. Moon.

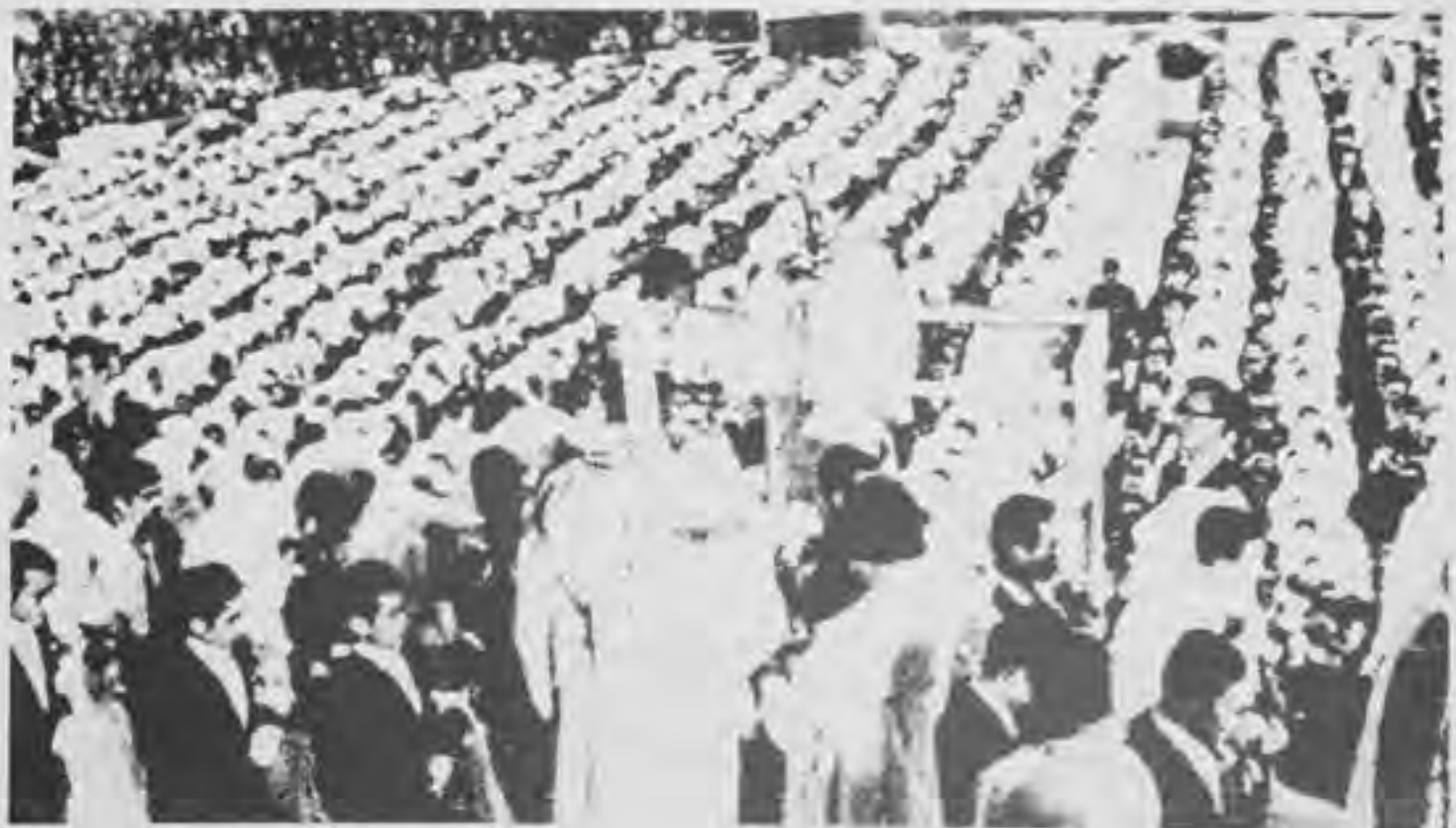
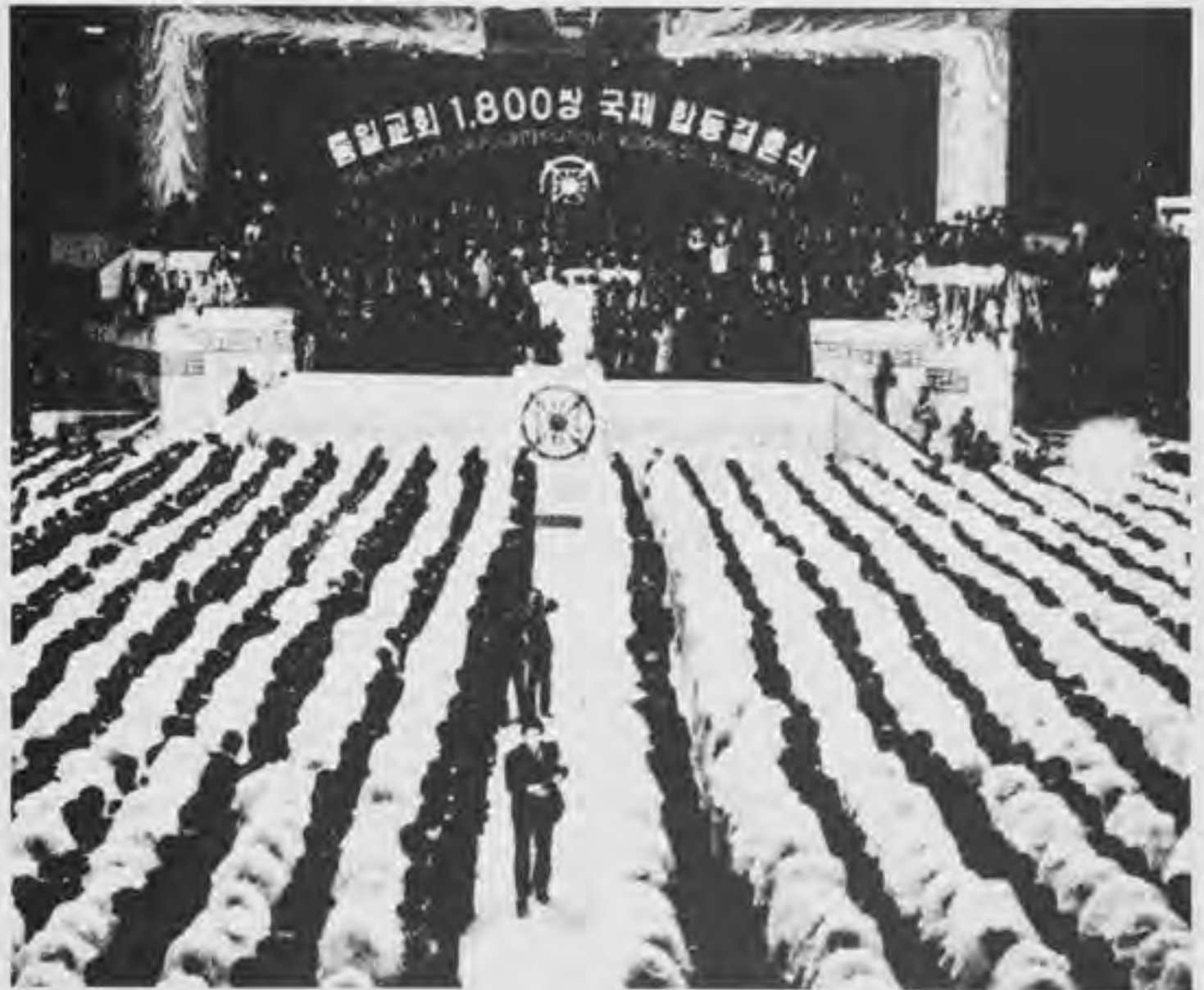
The Unification Church, founded in 1954, now claims to have more than two million members in 50 countries. A mass wedding of 777 couples was conducted in Seoul by Mr. Moon in 1970.

Earlier simultaneous weddings were performed on three, 36, 72, 124 and 430 couples. Mass weddings are conducted to underscore the cult's belief in the "one world family of man" and to emphasize the role of marriage.

Mr. Moon recently completed a tour of eight major U.S. cities, speaking on "The New Future of Christianity." An international "Day of Hope" team of 400 is now carrying the message to major cities in Asia and Europe. Mr. Moon will speak at the Budokan Hall in Tokyo.

Christian Crusade Weekly

Tulsa, Oklahoma 74102
March 9, 1975



You must be more strongly drawn to God's love than to your spouse's love. When your love is God-centered, divine love and human love are concentrated together, and you can multiply children as God-created human beings.

*Sun Myung Moon
August 4, 1974*

1600 Couples? Holy Matrimony!

TOKYO (AP)—Dozens of young Japanese are leaving Tokyo these days on their way to Seoul, Korea, to be married in one of the world's largest mass weddings.

About 1,500 Japanese are among the 3,200 members of a Korea-based religious group, founded by the 54-year-old Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Saturday married in a giant ceremony.

Nobuko Hikari, 29, of Tokyo, is one of the 1,600 brides whose husbands were chosen for them by the Rev. Mr. Moon.

"We sent him our photographs and then he told us who we should marry when he came to Japan for a short trip in January," she says.

"He knew instantly our spiritual inside and could choose the right partners for us."

The religion's formal title is "Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity." It is called more simply "Unification Church," and is a Christian sect claiming a worldwide following of over two million, based on the teachings of the Rev. Mr. Moon.

It strives to unite all Christians under the teachings of its founder and rejects ideologies such as socialism, communism and atheism, a church spokesman said.

One of the sect's major tenets is the importance of marriage and it calls adultery the world's worst crime.

This was to be the second mass wedding sponsored by the church. The first was in 1970 when 1,554 members went to Korea without knowing whom they would marry, and within a two-week period were matched up by the Rev. Mr. Moon and married in a ceremony in which he officiated.

Yoshiro Toyomura, 27, of Tokyo, who was among them, says he is happy with the marriage, although he and his wife, Yoshiko, have lived together for only about a year. They work on opposite sides of the globe for the religion—she is in Washington, D.C., and he in Tokyo.

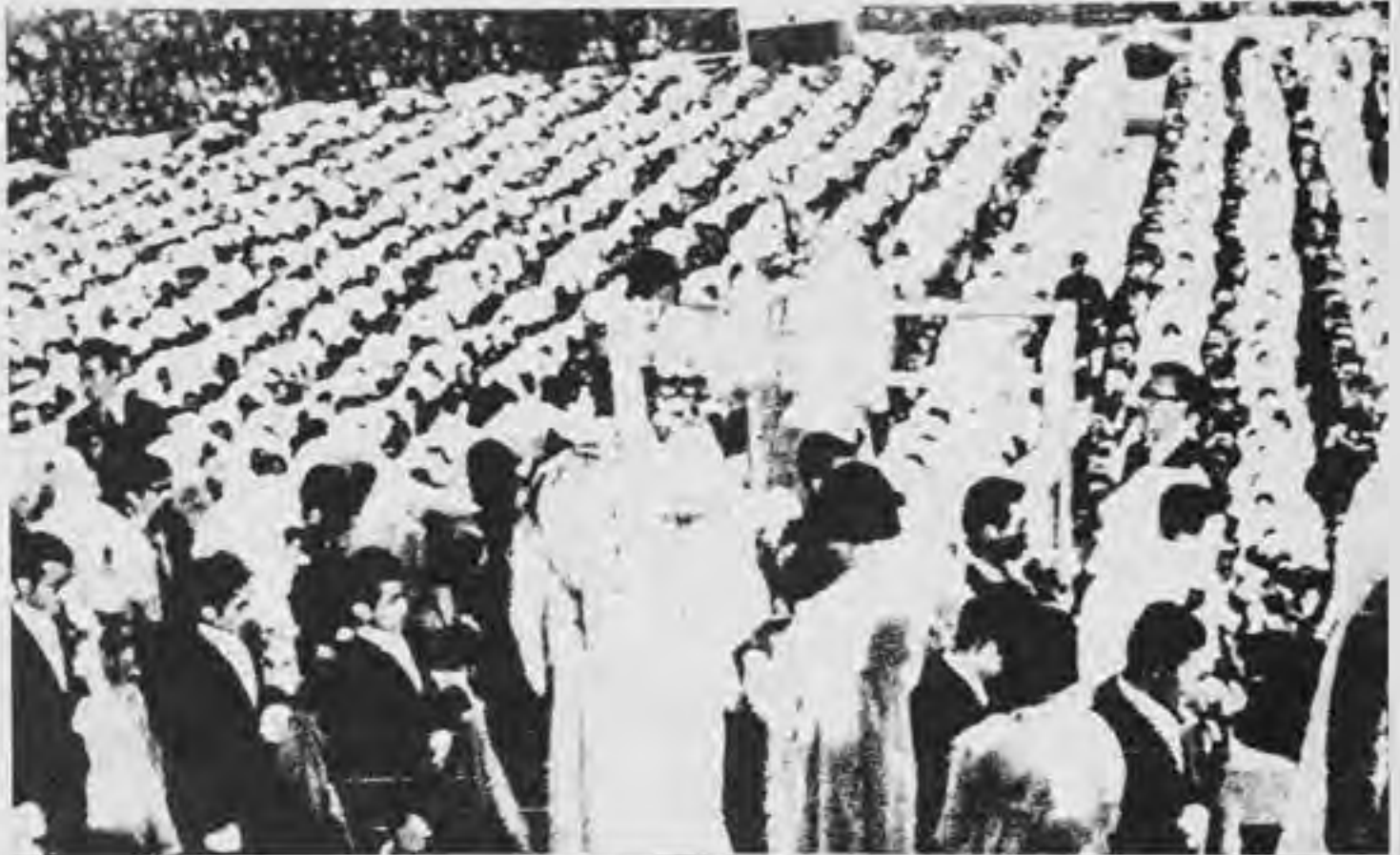
"Rev. Moon knows my wife more than I do," says Toyomura. "He understands the internal and spiritual world of a person and when he said she was the right partner for me, we both knew instantly he was right."

"But the final decision is ours. If we don't want to accept his advice, it's okay."

Members who wish to be married by the Rev. Mr. Moon first must give long service to the church and introduce about three new converts. Many of the prospective brides and bridegrooms are full-time employees of the church.

"The reason I wanted to be married," says Miss Hikari, "is because two people are stronger than one and we can work harder for the religion."

"My former husband and I do not plan to lead a married life for about three years.



Instead, we will go abroad for training."

A spokesman for the religion says there have never been any divorces in the church.

"According to the principles of the religion, divorce is not possible," the spokesman says "unless they fall away from the church and then divorce is a personal decision."

Meanwhile, Unification Church sponsored "Day of Hope Festivals" in Japan have filled auditoriums to capacity offering a program of songs, movies and lectures. On the streets of Tokyo and in other parts of Japan, young people, both Japanese and foreign, have been passing out literature and willing followers in a campaign to increase the 200,000 Japanese membership in three months.

"I don't have time to become a member," says one middle-aged housewife at a lecture. "But I suppose many young Japanese will join because they (the religion) have pretty girls and nice boys from many countries and good lectures."

Crusades go to the meetings for two reasons. One way to find the true reason for being. The other is to finish up one's unfulfillment.

The Daily Breeze

Torrance, California
Feb. 3, 1975

Dozens of Japanese Married In Mass Ceremony In Korea

Nichi Bei Times

San Francisco, California
D-7, 3007
Feb. 27, 1975

Mass Wedding Ceremony To Unite Japanese Youths

Tribune Herald

Hilo, Hawaii
D-10, 154 Sun. 11, 437
Feb. 4, 1975

Here Come The Brides -1800 Of Them

San Jose News

San Jose, California
Feb. 8, 1975



3600 Lose Their Freedom In South Korean Wedding Rite

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It was the sixth such mass ceremony arranged by Moon's Unification Church since 1965; 430 couples were married in 1965 and 777 in 1971.

Born into a Christian family in Juhagu, North Korea, in 1920, Moon established the Unification Church in Seoul in 1954.

His followers have increased to more than 500,000 in South Korea and 50 other countries, according to church officials.

Las Vegas Sun
Las Vegas, Nevada
Sunday, Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Married By Rev. Moon

'I do, I do, I do' ...It's Said 1800 Times

Head Of Korean Sect Arranges Marriages—Sight Unseen

Moon Marries 3600 In Mass Wedding

Rev. Moon Officiates At Wedding Ritual For 1800 Couples

1800 Couples Married In Gymnasium Ceremony

Now That's A Big Wedding

Mass Wedding in Korea

Moon Weds 3600 In Seoul

Buffalo Evening News
Buffalo, N.Y.
D: 231,982; Sun: 297,247
Feb. 8, 1975

Memphis Press Scimitar
Memphis, Tennessee
D: 133,258

The Hawaii Hochi
Honolulu, Hawaii
D: 12,005
Feb. 3, 1975

Herald
Everett, Washington
D: 41,000
Feb. 10, 1975

Sentinel
Pikeburg, West Virginia
D: 12,500
Feb. 8, 1975

Recorder Democrat
Amsterdam, New York
Feb. 8, 1975

Dispatch
Moline, Illinois
D: 34,000
Feb. 8, 1975

Honolulu Star Bulletin
Honolulu, Hawaii
D: 115,686
Feb. 8, 1975

Portland Evening Express
Portland, Maine
D: 29,000
Feb. 7, 1975



If a woman loves her husband more than she would her own self, she has the qualification to have God, and participate in God's love. And if a man loves his wife more than he would his own self, he has the qualification to love God, and possess God, and participate in God's love. If you are the same with your brothers and sisters, and with your parents, you have the qualification to belong to God and to possess God. This is why Jesus said, "If you love your brothers and sisters more than you do your own self, there can be no greater love than this."

Sun Myung Moon
March 9, 1975

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1800 Couples Wed In Mass Ceremony

The Shreveport Times

Shreveport, Louisiana
Tel. 914-331 Sun. 121-249
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Wedding Rite Unites 1800

Missourian

Columbia, Missouri
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Give Vows In Mass Ceremony

Courier Times Telegraph

Tyler, Texas
Sun. 28,500
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Wed In Mass Rite

Banner Herald and Daily News

Athens, Georgia
Sun. 16,500
Feb. 9, 1975

3600 Say 'I Do' For Rev. Moon

Examiner Chronicle

San Francisco, California
Sun. 840,526
Feb. 9, 1975

'We Do' Vow 1800 Couples —All At The Same Time

Star Journal and Chieftain

Salida, Colorado
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Tell Preacher 'We Do'

News

Framingham, Massachusetts
D. 21,000
Feb. 9, 1975



Crossing a platform, members walk two couples abreast between the Parents. The ceremony, lasting several hours, also consisted of congratulatory remarks, the marriage vows, and a prayer by Father. 100 Western couples participated.

Mass Wedding Rites 3600 Married In Mass Wedding

Awaiting the pronouncement that would make them man and wife are some of the 1,800 couples from 20 nations who gathered Saturday at Changchung gym in Seoul, South Korea, for a mass wedding ceremony under auspices of the Unification Church International.

SEOUL, South Korea (AP)—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the "Unification Church," today officiated at a mass wedding for 1,800 couples from the United States, Japan, Korea and 17 other countries.

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The couples were approved by Moon after a two-week training program sponsored by his church. In 1970, Moon married 777 couples at the same gymnasium.

Review

Hayward, California
D. 33,500 Sun. 33,500
Feb. 10, 1975



1,800 Couples Married in Seoul Ceremony
under auspices of Unification Church movement

New Era

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
D. 56,590
Feb. 8, 1975

Leader and Press

Springfield, Missouri
D. 47,000
Feb. 8, 1975

Mail

Charleston, West Virginia
D. 56,000
Feb. 1975

News Press

St. Joseph, Missouri
D. 45,500 Sun. 51,000
Feb. 9, 1975

News Press

Santa Barbara, California
D. 48,000

Columbus Evening Dispatch

Columbus, Ohio
Feb. 8, 1975

The News Sentinel

Ft. Worth, Indiana
D. 78,484
Feb. 10, 1975

Jackson Citizen Patriot

Jackson, Michigan
D. 40,052 Sun. 44,803
Feb. 9, 1975

Argus-Leader

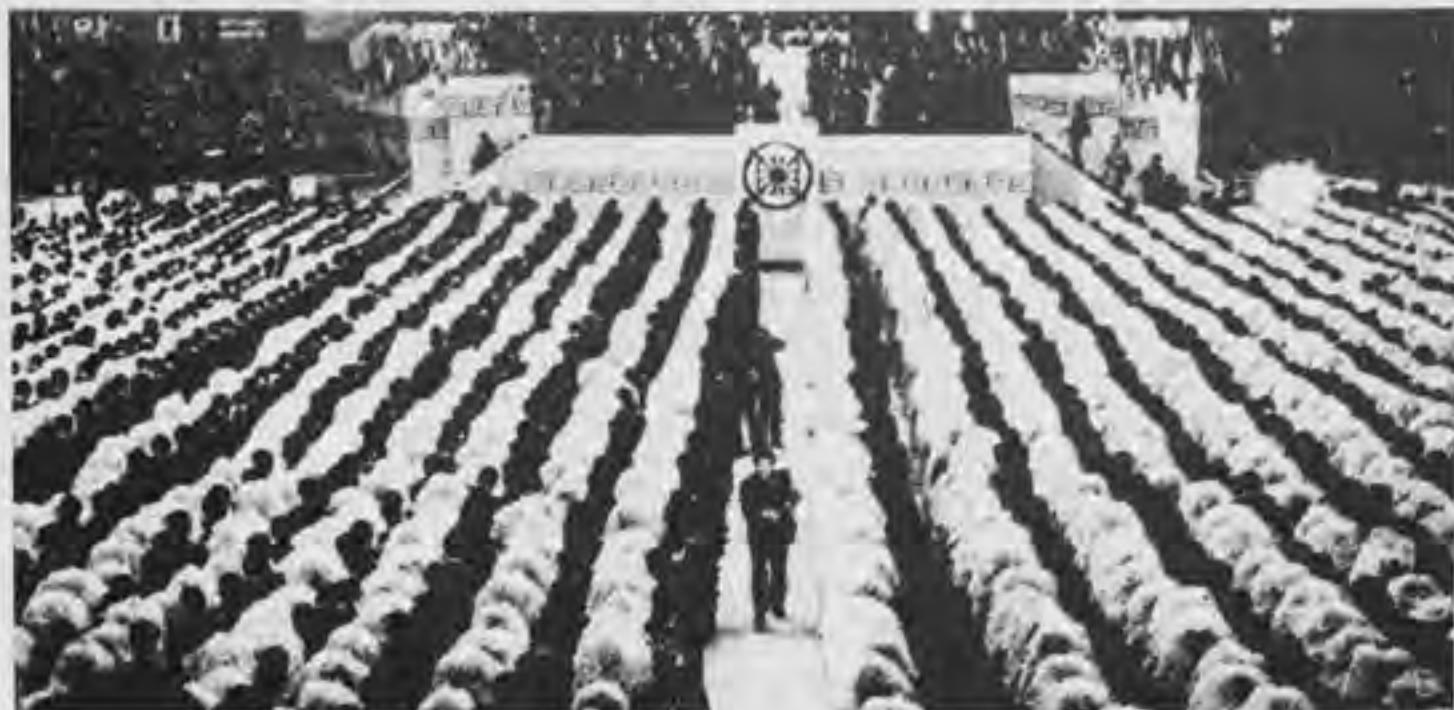
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
D. 50,500 Sun. 54,000

Eagle

Reading, Pennsylvania
D. 42,500 Sun. 85,500
Feb. 8, 1975

Review-Journal

Las Vegas, Nevada
Sunday, Feb. 9, 1975



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Examiner
San Francisco

D. 203,026
Feb. 8, 1975

Sun Myung Moon Conducts Wedding

Facts

Redlands, California
D. 7,500

3600 Say Vows In Mass Wedding

Record

Columbus, South Carolina
D. 32,000
Feb. 8, 1975

Mass Wedding Held For 3600

The Miami Herald

Miami, Florida
D. 384,824 Sun. 486,568
Feb. 9, 1975

3600 Married By Rev. Moon

Town Talk

Alexandria, Louisiana
Feb. 8, 1975





But What About The Reception?

3600 Wed

Delta Democrat-Times
Greenville, Massachusetts
D: 13,500
Feb. 9, 1975

But Who Gets To Kiss The Bride?

Burlington County Times
Willingsburg, New Jersey
D: 35,000
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples United In Korea

Mass Wedding Performed

News
Parkersburg, West Virginia
D: 19,000 Sun: 34,000
Feb. 10, 1975

Moon Beams on 21-Nation Mass Wedding in Seoul

1800 Couples Say, 'I Do'

Post Times
West Palm Beach, Florida
Feb. 9, 1975

South Korea

1800 Couples Get Married 'Forever'

The Virginia Pilot
Norfolk, Virginia
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Marriage Performed in Seoul

Wedding Unites 1800 Pairs

Tulsa World
Tulsa, Oklahoma
D: 117,736 Sun: 193,984
Feb. 9, 1975

Moon Married 1800 Couples

SEOUL—A Korean preacher Sun Myung Moon wedded nearly 1800 couples from 21 nations and pronounced them "couples forever" in a mass marriage ceremony.

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Breeze
Torrance, California
D: 54,000 Sun: 54,000
Feb. 10, 1975

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*Sun Myung Moon
March 3, 1975*

Moon Followers Married In Mass Seoul Ceremony

Courier Times

Levittown, Pennsylvania
D. 50,000
Feb. 9, 1975

World's Largest Wedding In Chang Chung Gymnasium

Banner-Herald and Daily News

Atlanta, Georgia
D. 100,000

One For Guinness

1800 Couples Wed in Mass Rite

Union

Sacramento, California
D. 90,500 Sun. 86,500

But 'Couples Forever' Happy

Mass Marriages Begin In The Cold

State Journal Register

Springfield, Illinois
Sun. 70,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Two From N.H. Take Spouses In Seoul Ceremony

1800 Couples In Mass Wedding

New Hampshire News

Manchester, New Hampshire
Sun. 49,000

1800 Couples Wed In Mass Ceremony

Blade-Tribune

Oceanside, California
D. 41,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Marriage Held In South Korea

Morning Advocate

Baton Rouge, Louisiana
D. 81,000 Sun. 97,167
Feb. 9, 1975

The Unification Church's secret is this formula, nothing else: parental love—but with the heart of the servant, serving, shedding tears for man, and sweat for earth, and blood for Heaven, even risking your life. This is the formula of the Unification Church. Only with this is unification possible in the world. Do you understand? Conscientious people, once they know the truth, must put it into practice, isn't that true? When you reach this stage you will feel God is with you, He is surrounding you, and encouraging you. You find for the first time, that our Heavenly Father is alive, "He is living with me, speaking to me, and I sense Him with me."

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News

Enid, Oklahoma
D. 18,000 Sun. 25,000
Feb. 9, 1975

The San Diego Union

San Diego, California
D. 173,147 Sun. 292,966
Feb. 9, 1975

Korea Holds Mass Wedding

Leader

Fredrick, Oklahoma
D. 3,000
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 'Couples Forever' Wed In Mass Marriage

Journal News

Newark, New York
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Wed in Seoul

Scrantonian

Scranton, Pennsylvania
Sun. 47,500
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Wed In Mass Marriage By Rev. Sun Moon

Vermont News

S Burlington, Vermont
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Wedding Ceremony Performed in South Korea

Times Sentinel

Caldwell, Ohio
Feb. 9, 1975

Moon Marries 1800 Couples

Journal

Albuquerque, New Mexico
D. 64,500 Sun. 86,500
Feb. 9, 1975



1800 Couples Are Wed

Post

Morgantown, West Virginia
D. 9,500
Feb. 9, 1975

Sweethearts Brave Cold For Mass Marriage Rite

Tribune Herald

Waco, Texas
D. 48,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Thousands Married In Mass Ceremony

Herald

Albany, New York
D. 11,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Single Ceremony Unites 1800 Couples In Marriage In Seoul

News Free Press

Chattanooga, Tennessee
D. 60,075 Sun. 55,350
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Married in One Ceremony

Journal-Tribune

Blackwell, Oklahoma
D. 5,000
Feb. 9, 1975

We must build the way so that it crosses every nation around the world, so that people situated in every corner of the earth will be able to reach the highway and go the way to the Kingdom of Heaven.

*Sun Myung Moon
May 30, 1974*



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couples forever," said Moon, the 55-year-old minister of the Christian Unification Church, which prides itself on its low divorce rate.

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The couples included 145 from the United States.

1800 Couples Wed In Single Ceremony

Leader

Logansport, New Mexico
D: 2,500
Feb. 9, 1975

Mass Wedding In Korea Joins 1800 Couples

Boomerang

Laramie, Wyoming
D: 6,000
Feb. 9, 1975

'I Do' 1800 Times And It's Forever

Sun Telegram

San Bernardino, California
Sun: 79,500
Feb. 9, 1975

Getting The Word From Moon

Times News

Kingsport, Tennessee
Sun: 29,000
Feb. 9, 1975

3600 Are Wed In Korean Rites

The Detroit Free Press

Detroit, Michigan
D: 615,000 Sun: 714,831
Feb. 9, 1975

Ceremony For 1800 Couples

Reflector

Greenville, North Carolina
D: 11,500
Feb. 9, 1975

Citizen

Midland, Connecticut
D: 7,400
Feb. 9, 1975

Nashville Banner

Nashville, Tennessee
D: 103,441
Feb. 10, 1975

Rocky Mountain News

Denver, Colorado
D: 214,490 Sun: 236,903
Feb. 9, 1975

News

Springdale, Arkansas
D: 2,483 Sun: 8,000
Feb. 7, 1975



3200 To Wed in Mass Event

New York, N.Y.—AP—The Korean religious group founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, plans another mass marriage of his followers, this time 1,600 couples, a spokesman for the group has disclosed.

He said 1,200 young people, including 70 couples from the United States, will be married simultaneously Feb. 8 in the Changchung gymnasium in Seoul, Korea, the largest mass wedding ever held.

In the teachings of the group, called the Unification Church, followers who have reached an advanced stage of dedication are allowed to submit names of preferred mates, with final approval by Moon.

They may designate several possible choices in order of preference. In cases of which Moon does the matching, "they don't have to accept," the spokesman said. "It's up to them."

However, in the group, Moon is deemed to be a special bearer of God's revelation, with teachings of his group implying that he may be a "Second Messiah" to complete the work of Jesus.

Jesus' mission is regarded by the group as having failed in part because he was crucified.

The second planned mass marriage is the second that he has performed. Another, involving 777 couples, was performed in Korea in 1970.

Couples involved this time are from 24 nations, with 10,000 guests expected to be in attendance.

In the group's teachings, the marriages are eternal because of the intense devotion to God of those involved, the spokesman said.

Mass Marriage In Seoul

Herald Leader

Lexington, Kentucky
Feb. 4, 1975

3600 Married At Once

Herald and News

Klamath Falls, Oregon
D. 75,500
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Married

Telegraph and News

Macon, Georgia
Sun. 69,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Say, That's A Lot Of Rice

Fort Worth Press

Fort Worth, Texas
D. 50,375/Sun. 56,901
Feb. 9, 1975

Milwaukee Journal

Milwaukee, Wisconsin
D. 350,005/Sun. 543,992
Feb. 1, 1975

A Ton Of Confetti

Sun

Lawrence, Massachusetts
Sun. 11,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Moon Struck

SEOUL, Korea—Korean Pastor Rev. Sun Myung Moon said facing 1,800 couples from 21 nations—5,000 and promised them "couple-honey" in a marriage conducted in a gymnasium. The newswire said they would demonstrate their gratitude to him by giving Moon a marriage.

1800 Couples Wed

Times Standard

Eureka, California
D. 27,500
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Get Rite Idea

Milwaukee Journal

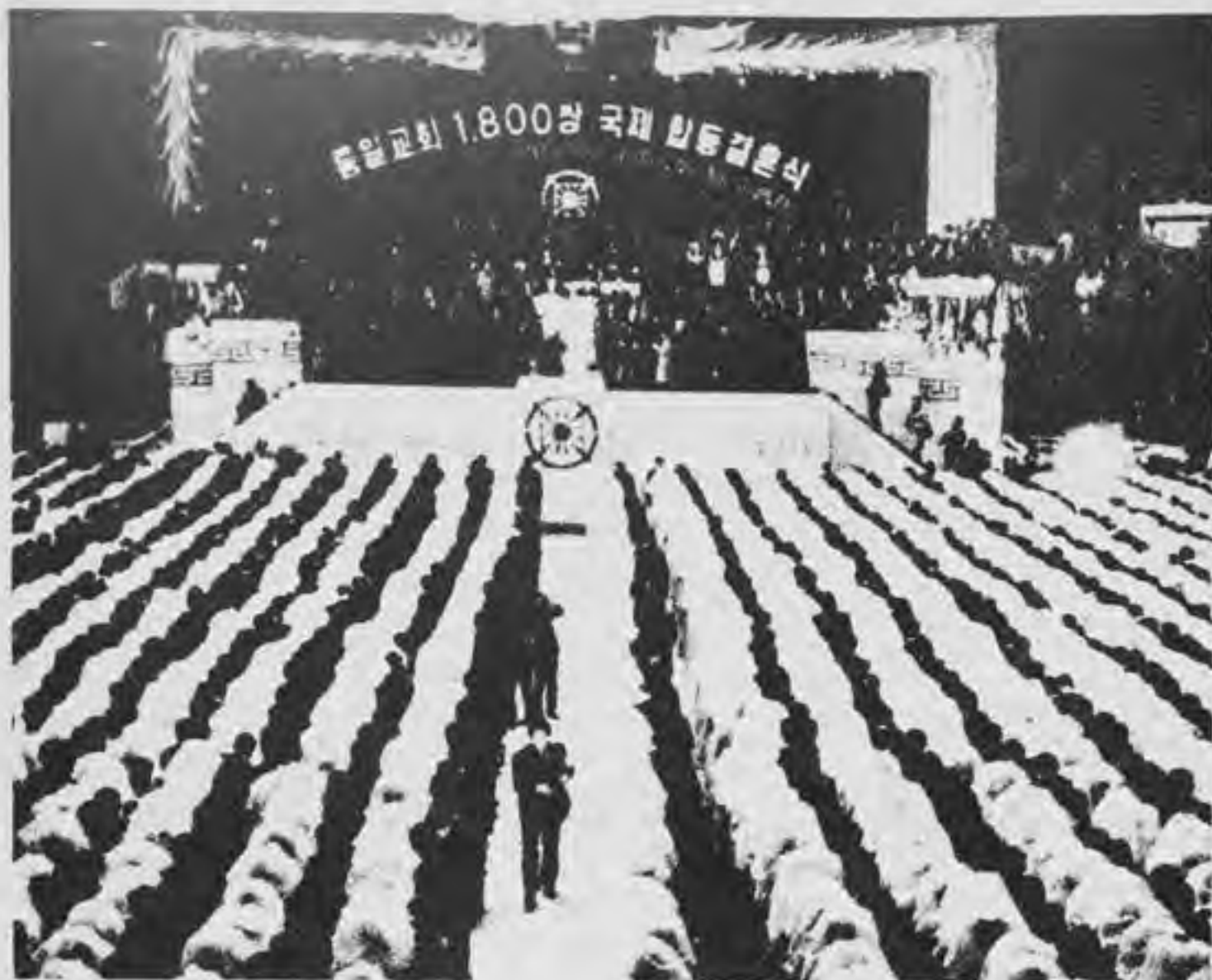
Milwaukee, Wisconsin
D. 350,005/Sun. 543,992
Feb. 9, 1975

The Dominion

Feb. 11, 1975

Breeze

Tomball, California
S. & Sun. 54,000
Feb. 10, 1975



1800 Married By Sun Moon

The Nashville
Tennessean

D: 141,342 Sun: 234,036
Feb. 9, 1975

SEOUL, South Korea. (AP)—There were 1,800 couples honeymooning this weekend after a mass wedding officiated by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the "Unification Church."

The couples underwent a two-week training program sponsored by Moon's church prior to the marriage, which was held in a gymnasium before 10,000 onlookers Saturday.

Moon wore a gilded crown and a white embroidered robe for the ceremonies, which included couples from the United States, Japan, Korea and 17 other countries.

In 1970, Moon married 777 couples in a similar ceremony.

Moon Marries 1800 Couples

News Globe

Amarillo, Texas
Sun: 77,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Moon Weds 1800 Couples

Times Union

Albany, New York
D: 80,048 Sun: 195,001
Feb. 9, 1975

Honeymooning The El Paso Times

El Paso, Texas
Feb. 9, 1975

American

Odessa, Texas
Feb. 9, 1975

News

Lancaster, Pennsylvania
Sun: 111,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Atlantic City Press

Atlantic City, New Jersey
D: 64,457 Sun: 58,457
Feb. 9, 1975

1800 Couples Tie Knot

News

Lima, Ohio
D: 40,676 Sun: 45,674
Feb. 9, 1975

News Sun Sentinel

Fort Lauderdale, Florida
Sun & Sun: 101,500
Feb. 9, 1975

Youngstown

Youngstown, Ohio
D: 100,987 Sun: 155,644
Feb. 10, 1975

Vindicator

Springfield Republican

Springfield, Massachusetts
D: 113,754
Feb. 9, 1975

Ledger Enquirer

Columbus, Georgia
Feb. 9, 1975

The Commercial Appeal

Memphis, Tennessee
D: 216,286 Sun: 257,068
Feb. 9, 1975

The Spokesman

Spokane, Washington
D: 89,000 Sun: 115,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Review

Eagle and Beacon

Wichita, Kansas
Sun: 171,019
Feb. 9, 1975

Gazette Mail

Charleston, West Virginia
Sun: 107,000
Feb. 9, 1975

The Observer Dispatch

Oriskany, New York
Feb. 9, 1975

St. Paul Pioneer Press

D: 187,963 Sun: 238,225
Feb. 9, 1975

Poughkeepsie

Poughkeepsie, New York
D: 15,759 Sun: 41,003
Feb. 9, 1975

No matter what the rest of the world says, I will go on for the sake of the Father. I am destined to live this according to His will. You just make up your mind firmly. Don't be shaken. That's the key to success.

Then, in order to do that, become a public person. Do not harbor personal ambition. Let us be greedy for the ideal, for the sake of everybody; be unselfish, that's the key. We must not be boastful. We must be humble and meek in front of everyone. When you walk this path there are many times you come to a moment when it is very difficult to judge which way is the right one. Sometimes confusion prevails. Then what is the solution to finding the right way? In that particular moment of confusion, be humble and have an unselfish mind. If from that point of view you look at the situation, then your course of action is very clear.

If you become an unselfish person, then in this universe, just like the great magnet of the north pole and south pole, there's a magnet of God, and that greatest power of the universe will pull you when you make yourself unselfish. Then you'll be pulled by that magnet and will be directed into the right direction.

Sun Myung Moon
September 8, 1974



Western couples sing "Arirang," "Tangut," and "Come and Go With Me to this 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.

Unification Church Holds Mass Wedding

The largest wedding ceremony in history will be held today in Seoul, Korea. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon will officiate at the wedding of 1,800 couples who have come from 21 nations to participate in the ceremony. Over 70 couples from the U.S. will be included.

The wedding will begin at 10 a.m. at Changchung gymnasium, the largest hall in Korea. The men will all wear blue suits, while the women will wear the traditional white Korean dress with wedding veils. The couples will take their vows simultaneously, with 10,000 wedding guests attending.

Following the ceremony, the couples will board nearly 100 buses for an extensive parade tour of Seoul. That night, they will return for a huge reception featuring entertainment by top professional performers and the couples themselves.

After the Korean festivities, the American couples will travel to Japan to attend the Rev. Moon's speaking engagement at Budokan Hall in Tokyo, the Madison Square Garden of Japan.

The American couples are due to return home about Feb. 16.

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The couples included 145 from the United States, 297 from Japan, 12 from Britain, 19 from West Germany, 15 from Austria, nine from France, six from Holland, four from Canada, 15 from Taiwan, 1,264 from South Korea, two from Belgium, Italy and Australia and one each from Mexico, Switzerland, Israel, Trinidad, Estonia, Brazil, Argentina and Sweden.

Brides and grooms were kept for more than an hour in 18-degree temperatures outside the gymnasium waiting for the ceremony to start. It took almost another hour for them to line up inside on the red-carpeted floor.

Michael Warder, 28, of Tarrytown, N.Y., said after the ceremony, "I am a very happy man."

Warder referred to the high divorce rate in the United States and added, "In the Unification Church, I think 1 or 2 percent have been divorced."

The Seattle Daily Times

D. 247,540 Sun. 106,612
Feb. 9, 1975

Democrat and Chronicle

Rochester, New York
D. 144,697 Sun. 221,661
Feb. 9, 1975

Progress

Charlottesville, Virginia
D. 23,500
Feb. 9, 1975

Press Enterprise

Riverside, California
Sun. 76,000
Feb. 9, 1975

Northside Reporter

Jackson, Mississippi
W. 4,209
Feb. 13, 1975

Here Come The Brides!

Some of the 1,800 couples from 21 countries gathered at Changchung gymnasium Saturday for a mass wedding ceremony under the auspices of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Church to form 1,800 UPI telecasts.

Journal World

Touristville, Kansas
D. 15,000
Feb. 8, 1975