

News from the Day of Hope campaign: Hartford, CT, Princeton, NJ, Charleston, WV, Columbia, SC, Louisville, KY, and Indianapolis, IN

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As the Day of Hope campaign continued its rapid progress from city to city, bits and pieces of news filtered into national headquarters.

In Hartford, Connecticut, the fifth city of the 32-city campaign, Dr. Dow of the American Revolution Bi-Centennial Commission of Connecticut attended the Day of Hope dinner. He gave a short speech and presented Reverend Moon with a silver medallion of the Bi-Centennial Commission. Reverend and Dr. Moon and some of their children drove from their home in Irvington, New York each day to the meetings in Connecticut and New Jersey.

In Princeton, a seven-inch snowfall greeted Reverend Moon and his party. However, that did not stop the preparations of Mr. Teddy Verheyen's IOWC team. A Nobel Prize winner from Japan, Mr. Fukui, was among the distinguished guests at the Day of Hope dinner.

In Charleston, West Virginia, the Day of Hope dinner was interrupted by a disgruntled guest who stood up and told how team members were disrupting the city and then aimed several accusing questions at the head table. When he finally sat down, the minister at the head table

rushed to the podium to support Reverend Moon's cause. He compared the banquet to the woman who broke the precious ointment over Jesus's head and said that the poor would always be with us, but that we must honor those of importance while they are among us. (See Mark 14:3) After he sat down, a lay minister and a retired army officer among the guests also stood up in defense of Reverend Moon.

In Columbia, South Carolina, a guest minister spoke at the banquet in honor of Reverend Moon and announced that he was giving \$1,000 for the expenses of the campaign.

In Louisville, Kentucky, Unification Church members had recently purchased a new house. The state One World Crusade team, consisting of enthusiastic young men and women, provided a good base for the campaign, according to Bill Torrey, of the Mobile Staff. The dinner and speech were held in a beautiful hotel on the Ohio River, with an estimated 500 guests coming for the speech.

In Indianapolis, Indiana, Bill Torrey drove up to a gas station and mentioned that he was with Reverend Moon's tour. One person there exclaimed, "Oh, Reverend Moon! I've wanted to hear him so bad." Local publicity was aided by a press conference and television announcements showing the poster. Attendance at the banquet was the largest since Manchester, New Hampshire.