Who would have thought we would see the day that Father would declare, speaking in Korean through an interpreter, “On this day of November 29, 1997, at RFK Stadium in Washington DC we are Blessing 3.6 million couples and 36 million couples together—39.6 million couples are being blessed in front of you.”

It was truly a wonderful day—the culmination of decades of effort by True Father and months of feverish activity in Washington and around the world.

Even arriving in Washington the evening before the event was special, the unseasonably balmy air in the late evening was quite unexpected having just left freezing weather in New York City only a few hours before.

The following morning was just as pleasant, overcast but not cold. The Robert F. Kennedy Memorial Stadium looked fabulous as we approached—the bright yellow flags of the FFWPU and the multicolored WCSF flags flapping in the slight breeze, crowds everywhere. The only forlorn note was the six, or was it ten, demonstrators led by Steve Hassan with placards near the entrance. Quite a drop from the massed protesters we had to run the gauntlet of at Yankee Stadium! Not surprisingly though, a TV anchor was doing her bit with the knot of dissent as her backdrop rather than the bustle and excitement around the stadium.

Nothing different there!

Outside the entrance were huge tables piled with WCSF bags—two styles, sports or tote; I chose tote—for everyone attending. Inside the bag was a beautiful “Blessing Shawl” of white satin and gold trim (think of a long white scarf); the booklet of Father’s speeches, True Love and True Family; a program and booklet about the week’s events; a WCSF poncho; and a seat warmer, a thin cushion that got hot, and stayed hot for hours, and was a delight to sit on.

Moving on, another huge table with what see RFK on page 14
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Realization of a Peaceful World by the Ideal of True Family

physical suffering, the crime of corruption, and the lie, that God does not exist. To tell the truth, and to deny God and make men and women unable to find their ultimate value.

Immoral people, the second headache of God, is destroying families and countries and taking lives just as surely as an invading army. Moral corruption is one of the main causes of divorce, teenage pregnancies, crime, and drug addiction. The decline of morality is not limited to any single nation’s borders but is becoming the world’s common problem. The worldwide AIDS pandemic is a direct consequence of sexual promiscuity and moral decay. AIDS continues to spread, and tens of millions of people will die and humankind’s existence will be threatened.

How about God’s third headache, the division and disunity within Christianity and between the world religions? For God, religious people are the conscience of the world. Religious people should have traditions and values and practical power to overcome evil. But instead they are divided. They antagonize and fight with each other. They have become incompetent and have lost the power to overcome evil and educate the world about the true way of life.

Importance of Man’s Portion of Responsibility

These three fundamental headaches are the result of the failure 50 years ago of those chosen to receive God’s message. Distinguished world leaders! From God’s point of view, all of that suffering was totally unnecessary. All the misery, death, and destruction were not inevitable. It could have been avoided. If in the late 1940s, the religious world centering on Christianity had followed God’s revelation and become one with God, there would be no religious wars. Religious people would not have become incom- petent and be unable to lead the world toward peace.

Confronting God’s three headaches, particularly communism, made me unusual, even controversial. I was labeled a fascist and a religious charlatan, but I personally paled in the United States on trumped-up charges of tax evasion. Nevertheless, for 25 years I have been pouring out my soul, heart, and energy to make the United States understand its global providential responsibility.

Through my work in the Western Hemisphere and around the world, I was able to help the United States overcome communism. Now communism has almost disappeared. But immorality and social decay are systematically attacking the family. Modern think-
How can all of this happen? Because True Parents are among us. The power of truth and love are encompassing the globe.

The press, in an interview with Min- 
ister Farrakhan asked, “Why do you stand with Reverend Moon? What is it he is saying?” Minister 
Farrakhan replied, “Because Reverend 
Moon teaches truth and practices truth!”

Anyone who follows God and True Parents receives heavenly 
protection. To this date, we have witnessed works beyond 
our comprehension. We reached more than 20 times our goal. Is that not a victory for 
god’s family? God’s method of restoration 
exists at every stage. Remember, the 30,000 couple Blessing was formation stage,
more than 100,000 couples was perfection stage. 
So 36 million is growth stage on the 
next level and True Father did that at the same time as 3.6 million, so now we are on the way to 360,000,000 couples, to be culminated in May! How rapidly Heaven is moving now. Please keep up! Please deepen your faith! Please change your attitude if you do not understand the 
Blessing we are tasting! We are on the way to God!” We must be fully prepared to present that faith and face to others. Do not concern yourself 
with small petty annoyances or errors that might have occurred November 
29. Do you think that other large families, events, even with all their big 
problems, such as the Olympics, do not make many errors? It is natural to do so. We 
must not focus on these small things. We look at the victory. On the evening before the Blessing, 
as we were at Washington, DC to give the blessing to the families of Mrs. Ful 
and I, along with Dr. Hendricks, defi-
nified the pre-blessing ceremony for some of the participations in the 
academic seminars that were held that 
week. We were expecting just a small 
number. But in walked growth stage: 3.6 
million couples were involved. This is victory. We must also realize that most of the 
70 million blessings around the world were accomplished during the last two to three months before November 
29. This is the speed with which Heaven is working. So of course True 
Father is expecting 360 million couples 
by spring. Why not? Now our real 
work begins! No problem. We can do it

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Gate of the New Millennium

in the air. We can go deeper into the heart of God by studying truth which True Father has spoken through the years. We will grow deeper in spirit as we read the difficult and griefing path of God and True Parents, forever reaching out to us, the rebellious children. We will become more repentant and determined to bring victory as we see how consistent Father has remained in his faith in God and his own mission, and how faithfully he is leading us to the new millennium and eternal life. As we do this reading and teaching each day, for our family and for our tribe, we will find ourselves becoming empowered. We can quickly fulfill by covering our nations with blessed couples.

We were so privileged to have True Parents in Washington, D.C., for the Blessing. We have tasted victory. Now we can really get down to work for the next Blessing in 360 million couples. By giving good-quality education and attention to our newly blessed couples, we will be giving them the opportunity to learn the precious value of their family, how to guard it, how to make it grow in love, and how to offer that family to the service and glory of God. They, in turn, will joyfully bless others. In that way, God can fill the Earth and for our tribe, we will find our heart. After becoming a member of Family Federation for World Peace and Unification, her heart was healed and she felt it right to marry once again. Through substitution, she could have chosen her own mate if she desired, instead she requested that True Father choose her husband for her. Mysteriously, Heaven chose a man who was apparently Western, with a Western face. But after learning more about this man, an Australian, it was discovered that his father was Japanese! How perfectly Heaven works.

D ear American Family.

My wife and I recently attended the 3.6 million couple blessing in Washington, and are writing to express our thanks for the tremendous effort made by brothers and sisters in organizing all the events. This was our first visit to the U.S.A. and we were most impressed by the American family. We hope to come to America again and trust that our stay will be longer the next time.

Rev. & Mrs. Pak at RFK in the early morning before the Blessing

God Appears Through the Clouds

A s written in the Bible (Matt. 3:16-17), “And behold, the heavens opened and he saw the Spirit...” The same vision reappeared during Father’s benediction over the worldwide 3.6 million blessed couples in Washington, D.C. Nov. 29, 1997.

For those who were personally present, that was really a wonderful experience. Among close to 60 thousand participants, my brother and sister-in-law, who live in D.C., first shared their surprise about the dramatic changes before and after the ceremony day. It was windy and rainy before the great “Day of True Love” and afterwards. Saturday itself was cloudy, with a fair temperature of 54 degrees Fahrenheit, and an occasional breeze, including several minutes of drizzle which counted as a sprinkle of “heavenly holy water” around 4:30pm. The cloud really made its most dramatic change at the climax of the festival, 11:30am-12 noon, when Rev. and Mrs. Moon appeared to officiate the Blessing Ceremony.

That amazing change occurred at the moment of True Father’s prayer for all the blessed congregation. Following Father’s special Korean praying voice, louder and louder, I gradually sensed an approaching bright wave approaching my closed eyes: Is my dream in heart (that the sun will appear through the cloud) real? For a moment I was not sure. But help but whisper to my sister Alice, “The sun is going to come out!” My hand held True Father’s hand and I let it (for almost one minute); a bunch of silvery sunshines spread over the whole stadium, making all the brides’ snow-covered petals shine so brightly. Father continued praying, holding True Mother’s hand, facing the sun and the blessed congregation. That warmth and light, shining up, through the clouds, for about 5 minutes, just like the love and blessing freely and richly given from God to all of us. The guest of China sitting next to me also cheered about this unusual scene she never saw before.

True Father’s prayer concluded at 12 noon. At the same moment of sitting back to their seats, the congregation, including my parents, saw another vision with their very eyes that the cloud suddenly thinned off, leaving a gray layer, elaborately absorbing the sun. Jayly at the round shadow of the sun, feeling its warmth without being burned by it. And the sun! Oh! Isn’t it like “the sun of the spirit world”? I excitedly passed the vision of the sun among the people and my sister. “Such warmth is just like the spiritual current of the spirit world.”

At the next day’s Sunday service, Rev. and Mrs. Kung and the elder members of the Queens Family Church of New York shared the same impression and inspiration. All sharings agreed that the “opening of the sky” foreshadowed the appearance of Heavenly Father through the cloud. And the moment God made His personal presence was also the same time when He was smiling happily from heaven over the blessed crowd. I sincerely wish everyone’s appearance would comfort our most beloved True Parents, bless all humanity, and shine the world with True Love forever. 

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FEDERATION FOR WORLD PEACE

A World Vision for the 21st Century

by William Selly—Washington, DC

The 4th World Peace Conference of the Federation for World Peace was a total success. As part of the 3rd World Culture and Sports Festival, we were able to enhance the value and importance of the festival through the participation of the esteemed guests. Held at the Capital Hilton Hotel in Washington, D.C. from November 27 to the 30th, the 4th WPC was co-hosted by the Summit Council for World Peace and AULA (the Association for the Unity of Latin America). Under the theme, A World Vision for the 21st Century, the event was chaired by Dr. Aziz Sidky, Prime Minister of Iceland (1983-87 and 1988-91), and Sir Edward Heath, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom (1970-74) and the Rt. Hon. Albert Reynolds, Prime Minister of Ireland (1992-94).

The international event brought together forty current and former heads of state, government and prime ministers, vice presidents and deputy prime ministers; more than one hundred and sixty distinguished statesmen including ambassadors, senators, congressmen, cabinet ministers, university presidents and scholars from eighty-seven nations.

Opening Plenary

In the Presidential Ballroom of the Capital Hilton, Dr. Sidky eloquently introduced the Founder to the august audience who spoke on “The Significance of the Family Unit Toward Making a Cohesive and Contented Society.”

Hon. Edward Heath

The practical significance and depth of Father’s message was complemented by Sir Albert Reynolds who spoke on “The Significance of the Family Unit Toward Making a Cohesive and Contented Society.”

Sir Albert challenged the conference participants to improve the climate of their countries.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon greeting the Hon. Edward Heath (back to camera)

Father addressed some of the problems of the developing countries and cautioned them not to follow the example of the developed countries that sought irresponsible self-centered satification at the cost of the creation and environment. He said, “Esteemed leaders! You need to know that God created all things for the sake of “True Love” and “True People.” All creation is structured in pairs. Animals, plants, and minerals are arranged in subject-object relation, and harmony of give-and-take between them forms the base for all existence, for all energy for productivity, and for love and goodness. Humans were also created with this duality of mind and body within the individual and between man and woman. God’s ideal was for an individual’s mind and body to be united, centered on His love, and then for perfected men and woman to unite in the family unit. In this way, Adam and Eve could become a true reflection of God’s divine nature and become an object of God’s love. Then they could bequeath to their descendants true love, true life, and true blood lineage emanating from God.”

In an eloquent manner he expounded on the meaning of the blessing of the 39.6 million couples and invited the entire assembly to participate in the worldwide movement to restore the world. He said: “I would like to personally invite you to a very special event at RFK Stadium on Saturday morning. Along with representative leaders of the world’s religions, my wife and I will officiate the blessing of 39.6 million couples in 185 countries around the world. The goal for this ceremony was 3.6 million couples, but we went far beyond that to more than 36 million couples. Many couples from your countries will be participating. More than 36 million couples worldwide will be connected via satellite and video. These couples are dedicating their marriages to God, promising to remain eternally faithful to their spouses and to raise their children with commitment, fidelity, and strong moral values. These couples are representing different religious backgrounds, languages, races, and national origins, but what draws all of them together is a love of God and a belief that world peace begins with stable, healthy, and God-centered families.

I would like you all to observe this history-making ceremony but, more than that, I strongly encourage you to gather here to also participate. More than 36 million couples will be connected via satellite and video key solutions to the central search for meaning, contentment and harmony. "If the political will exists, the war will be won. All generations will be judged by the kind of world they leave behind."
We, incumbent and former Heads of State and Govern-
ment, Prime Ministers, royalty, and other citizens tak-
declare our commitment to World Peace, and call upon the world
and its leaders in all fields to review and assess our traditional pat-
terns of thinking in order to promote greater cooperation among
individuals, groups, and nations, and the empowerment of the under-
privileged, so as to ensure the creation of a new world of prosper-
ity, freedom, justice, and peace for all humanity.
The participants of the Fourth World Peace Conference urge all
leaders and responsible citizens to unite in a global effort to bring
about peace and cooperation, to restore, protect, and preserve the
natural resources of our planet, to transcend the barriers of reli-
gion, race, and nationality, and to promote human development in
all its forms, including access to the instruments through which
men and women can realize their highest potential.
The reality of a peaceful global village is within our reach. New
thinking and restructuring based on deeper understandings and
realizations on the ideal of the family is needed to match the pre-
sent realities in our world as we enter the third millennium.
Accordingly, we summon the people of the world to maintain,
support, and encourage a movement of true human solidarity to
rebuild the family through word and example. We make a special
appeal to religious leaders of the world to put aside their differ-
ences and spearhead this call, guided by the following principles
and affirmations:

- That every human being, regardless of race, color, or religion,
is a son or daughter of God endowed with limitless potential for
creating and giving that can be developed through education of both
the mind and heart. Because of this relationship with the Creator,
we are members of one human family and, as such, should take
responsibility to improve and alleviate the sufferings of humankind,
including our own, the earth.
- That the purpose of a man and woman is to form a family,
which is the school of love. In this original institution an individual
learns love for his spouse, filial piety toward parents, respect for
creation, and reverence for our Creator. In this manner, by appli-
cation and extension, we learn to embrace humanity by loving our
brothers and sisters and learn to exemplify God’s parental heart
by loving our children.
- That charged with the stewardship of Nature, humankind must
come to terms with the proper care and distribution of our her-
tage, both in order to preserve intact what has been inherited by
the present generation, and to improve and repair the legacy to be
passed on to future generations.
- That the 21st Century needs to bring a balance of equality, not
based on the redistribution of results, but on expanded human and
capital development opportunities for wealth creation, to unleash
the potential of untapped human and capital resources throughout
the world, particularly in lesser developed nations and peoples, to
solve the vast necessities of infrastructure development, clean ener-
y, water, and air for all.

We call upon Governments, legislators, and leaders of the world
to enact laws that will support a new education that focuses not
only on academic and technical studies, but on the fundamental
education of the heart. This education will nurture virtuous, pub-
lic-minded individuals who learn to give themselves to the com-
unity, country, and world.

With clear vision and a continuous commitment of internal and
external resources, this worthy purpose will surely be accomplished.
Women's Federation for World Peace held its Third International Convention as part of the World Culture and Sports Festival on November 26-30 in the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, D.C. The convention was attended by 388 participants from 163 countries. 365 were from abroad and 83 from the U.S. The opening plenary session on November 27 featured: Mrs. Maureen Reagan as Conference Chairwoman, Greetings by Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu, the Founder’s Address, Introductions were made to WFWP officers and VIPs in the audience. A speech by Madam Sukarno was read and a short history of WFWF was presented by Mrs. Lan Young Moon Pak followed by a video on the Bridge of Peace.

“The coming time is the age of One World Under God. God is working for this kind of world and will always help those people who are working for the same goal. There is a problem. Many people want to lead the world but do not want to participate in God’s providence. In order to make one peaceful world, my husband and I have poured injustice to women. We need to strengthen the role of women in world’s affairs. But to do this realistically and effectively, we need a women’s movement that strengthens the family and cares about the well-being of children. We need a women’s movement that promotes compassion and understanding between men and women. We need a women’s movement grounded in spiritual and moral values. The Women’s Federation for World Peace is such a movement. I applaud you for being a part of it, and a wish you great success.”

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3. Mrs. Cora Masters Berry—New York, NY 10016
4. Dr. Sommers—New York, NY 10016

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1. Dr. Muthgard Hinkelmann-Toese—Germany—Founder, Practice-Oriented Feminist Science (PROFS) and UN NGO; Professor of Social Science (PROF-S) at the University of California; Serving on the board of directors of the Graduate School of Education Alumni Association in U.C. Berkeley; Co-Chairwoman of the WFWP of Northern California. Topic: Character Education

All participants attended the breakout sessions with interest and sincerity. The questions and answers sessions were lively, and according to the feedback, the participants felt that the content was excellent. Many commented about the high quality of both the presentations, the discussions afterward, and the quality of participants.

Two additional speakers, Datuk Pudhka Dr. Saleha bte Hj Mohd Ali of Malaysia, who spoke on “Putting Heart Back Into Education”, and Prof. Young Hee Suh from Korea, gave educational and informational speeches which were well received.

In fact, when people kept coming to the office for issues, we knew they had growing experience.

Where Do We Go From Here?
A “Where Do We Go From Here?” forum featured four speakers who spoke about projects which would pair women from developing and developed nations. They spoke about micro-credit loans and sponsor projects. This was a foundation for asking all countries to think of themselves as “givers” of something material, spiritual, or educational.

One presenter from China, director of a Beijing center for family issues, expressed that China wants to give, not receive. She said, “We have many wealthy people in China; also, we have many students who speak English who might like to work as volunteers.” A representative from Malaysia also said that they want to offer something to the rest of the world. There was a powerful response to this session.

In conclusion, the “Where Do We Go From Here?” session, we presented the following 4-step strategy.

1. Keep in touch with your sister from the sisterhood ceremony.
2. Go back to your country and help develop WFWP there. Work with the Japanese volunteers who are already there to serve your nation.
3. Create a strategy for international communication and inter-action. We want to find 50,000 women worldwide who are committed to eradicate poverty.

By January 1, 1998, send your strategy to international headquarters. What can your country give? What does your country need?

Step 4. On the basis of receiving this information, International headquarters will form a committee to match up needs and offerings.

Testimonies
A lady from India chose to cross the bridge with a lady from Pakistan. It was an especially significant event because this particular day was the anniversary of the separation of India and Pakistan.

One lady from the Philippines was struggling about the blessing especially True Father’s role as Messiah. As a Christian, she said she felt that Rev. Moon was either from God or from Satan; so she prayed for a sign. When the sun came out during T r u e F a t h e r’s prayer, she was convinced that this was his sign, and said, “Now I know he is from God.”

The wife of the Ambassador from Niger was deeply moved by the convention and our work. Although she spoke only French, she made a good connection with the French translator, seriously discussing her concern for women in her own country. Since the convention, she has already contacted the president of Niger who wants to work with WFWP Niger. Also the translator (in America) is preparing a special fund raising drive with women in America to help build a well in Niger and connect with the Japanese sisters in Niger for service projects. This testimony is an example of the spirit of sharing that the convention promoted.
INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON THE UNITY OF THE SCIENCES

ICUS Comes of Age at ICUS XXI

by Gregory Breland—Lexington, Kentucky

The International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS XXI) marked 25 years of support from its Founder, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, by meeting in the capital of the United States, Washington, D.C., on the theme: “Science for the Benefit of Humanity,” as part of the Third World Culture and Sports Festival from November 24-29, 1997.

Conference Chair, Tor Ragnar Gerholm, Professor of Physics, Stockholm University and member of the Nobel Prize Nominating Committee of the Nobel Foundation, helped assemble a vast array of notables for this ICUS on topics ranging from “Information Technology” to “Life, Death, and Eternal Hope.” The 159 participants from 40 countries were truly rewarded for their efforts in which over 100 papers were presented and discussed in a three day period. In fact, the discussions were so intense that many a coffee break was missed, but no one seemed to mind.

ICUS and PWPA held several joint activities together as the Opening Reception, Opening Plenary and three evening plenary sessions. Just being in the receiving line and shaking the hands of over 500 people from 121 countries was an exhilarating, if exhausting, experience.

The Joint Opening Plenary was set in the International Ballroom of the Washington Hilton and Towers and was adorned with flags from each of the 121 countries represented. Dr. Gerholm gave welcoming remarks noting that science, at least in part, responsible for making Washington, D.C. and America, in particular, the world’s focal point for military and political power.

He opened that with this power comes great responsibility. He was followed by the conference vice-chair, Norge Jerome, Professor Emeritus of Preventive Medicine and Associate Dean of Minority Affairs at the University of Kansas, who introduced the Founder. She observed that in having a woman introduce the founder for the first time, ICUS had come of age at twenty-one. After noting some of the endeavors she had been involved in such as ICUS, PWPA and the University of Bridgeport, she said the best way to know and understand a man like Reverend Moon is to come to know the fruits of his labor. “I have learned that his morality and integrity have no bounds and are manifest in the executives who administer his organizations. If you really want to know the man, look at his fruits. They say more about him than I can.”

Several of the participants commented that Reverend Moon’s Founder’s Address was “great.” In it Reverend Moon said that every parent wants their son or daughter to be better than they, that every parent wants their children to be children of filial piety, loyal citizens, and saints. And following the logic that God is the parent of humankind, God wants this for each of his children, too. Also, in clarifying who is the true owner of one’s sexual organs, one’s spouse, Reverend Moon gave the solution to the sexual misconduct that is plaguing many of the world’s societies. If this simple idea were to take root, the confusion that surrounds male and female sexuality and appropriateness would end.

Following the Opening Plenary, ICUS went into another pleasant setting in which Alvin Weinberg spoke on the topic of “Scientific Milieu.” Dr. Weinberg gave the solution to the sexual misconduct that is plaguing many of the world’s societies. If this simple idea were to take root, the confusion that surrounds male and female sexuality and appropriateness would end.

Blessing in Honduras

by Mario Salinivas—Honduras

After strong persecution from the media and the Catholic and Protestant churches we finally were able to celebrate the Blessing Ceremony in one of our floors building in the Tegucigalpa the Capitol of Honduras with 200 people and 35,000 families all around the nation. It is important to consider that this celebration was held one day before the elections for President, congressmen, deputies and mayors. Making the attendance a little poor because the people needed to go their home places for voting.

All over these circumstances we have a great sense of victory because we were able to transmit all the ceremony from the beginning to the end plus 15 minutes of introduction and 15 minutes of closing via national television. For us it was an opportunity to prove to the media and the Catholic and Protestant churches that this celebration was a true blessing and a celebration for the poor because the people needed to go their home places for voting.

The blessing ceremony was held one month before the Blessing Ceremony from Puerto Rico on Oct. 30 after three months of development. The speech was given by Mr. Phillip Sanchez was well attended because he was Ambassador here from the United States in the 70’s. The meeting was held with more than 200 people from the media, industries, tourism and businessmen.

Jesu Schimwald, a UTS graduate who came to Honduras 3 years ago has established Tiempos del Mundo here. Even though he faced great difficulties and lots of opposition, he persevered and succeeded. Now Tiempos del Mundo has positioned itself as one of the major newspapers in Honduras and its journalists are regularly invited to important press conferences.

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clear that higher education must adapt to the increasing age of its students, and that the traditional methods of teaching are becoming more and more outmoded. We are coming to see that they need life-long educational opportunities. This is where the field of non-linear technology can be very helpful. Many examples of what is being done in various parts of the world to serve students from all over the world were discussed, such as the Open University in England, the largest such university in the world.

Committee 2 was chaired by Bulent Aksay, Professor of Physics, Mary Washington College and the University of Virginia and entitled, “Symmetry in its Various Aspects: Search for Order in the Universe.” This committee’s honorary chair was the noted scientist, Yuval Ne’eman. Distinguished Professor of Theoretical Physics, Tel Aviv University, Israel. The papers dealt with symmetry in mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology, art, music, financial markets, and anthropology. Upon recalling all the types of symmetry in so many different fields, one is struck with the concept of a guiding force behind nature quite compelling. Committee 3 was a continuation from the last ICUS. It was chaired by Brent Cooke, Associate Professor of Russian, Texas A&M University and entitled, “Human Universals and the Biological Foundations of Art.” One of the foremost scholars in the humanities served as honorary chair, Frederick Turner, Founder of Professor of Arts and Humanities, University of Texas at Dallas. Looking at various examples of art and literature this committee attempted to analyze the effect of Darwinian evolution on these various art forms. Some of the questions addressed included: Does art benefit humanity? Is aesthetic appreciation an inborn trait that we all have, that is only slightly modified by the culture we grow up in? This is a field that is only now beginning and ICUS was happy to provide a forum for this discussion to continue.

Committee 4 was chaired by noted Academician, Eugene Velikhov, former Vice-President, Russian Academy of Sciences and President, Kurchatov Institute in Moscow. This is one of the foremost research institutes in Russia today. The committee was entitled, “Treatment of Non-linear Systems in Physics and Economics.” Especially in Russia and other newly-emerging democracies, the old system of economics tends not to be very accurate in predicting future developments. By looking a new advances in particles, waves, astronomical structures, fluid dynamics, and plasma physics and applying these non-linear developments to the economy, more accurate predictions can be made. Committee 5, “Wholeness Through the Pathways of Wisdom,” was chaired by W. Andrew Achinstein. Deputy Director, Institute of Gerontology, Professor of History, University of Michigan. His committee was balanced between representatives from the East and West as well as from the humanities and the medical field. One of the basic questions addressed was the effect one’s faith has on healing and overcoming illness. By looking at various faith traditions it could be derived that this attribute is present in many religions, but often relies on the individual to activate it.

Committee 6 was chaired by Paul Badham, Head of the Theology and Religious Studies Department, University of Wales and was entitled, “Life, Death, and Eternal Hope.” This committee admittedly was dealing with topics not frequently discussed by your usual scientist, that area of “life” that begins when one’s physical life ends. Looking at near-death experiences, comparable memories of those who have gone to death’s door and returned, and supposed communication between the living and dead made this committee one of the more interesting. Of course, if one believes in an afterlife this has an affect on how one lives one’s life in the here and now. Also addressed is how we care for those who are terminal and begs the philosophical question: If we believe it is better on the other side, why do we delay the elderly or infirm going to that better place, especially if they are in extreme pain?

As mentioned before there was a Festival committee and ICUS was instrumental in designing this committee and many felt his presence during the sessions. As the sessions concluded many noted how intense the time together had been. On Friday, November 28th many participants took advantage of a complimentary tour of Washington, D.C. that included the Jefferson, Lincoln, Roosevelt, Korean War, and Vietnam War Memorials. Following that was a stop at the White House, the World Culture and Sports Festival Exhibit at the Armory and the various museums on the mall. We were asked to suggest three of our most prominent people for the VIP area at the IIF Stadium Blessing on Saturday. One prominent participant who was asked to sit in the VIP area hesitated at first, saying she had planned to go shopping. We pointed out to her that the Reverend and Mrs. Moon had prepared a magnificent Christmas present for her and everyone else at the stadium and we didn’t want her to miss it. After thinking about it over night, she decided to go. Seeing her later that day she said it was a tremendous event and she was so happy she went. If you would like to get a program from the conference, they can be obtained from the Secretariat’s Office at 147 Goodrich Avenue, Lincoln, KY 40503 or by email at icus@compuserve.com or by phone (606) 277-2743 or (606) 278-4009. Programs are $2 each and individual papers can be purchased for 81 each. Gregory Brelan is the Executive Director of ICUS.
Identity and Character Focus of the Seventh International Congress of PWPA

by Gordon L. Anderson—St Paul, MN

The conference looked at the topic from several angles. Panel 1 explored the philosophical foundations of character. Classical western civilization is rooted in Greek philosophy, notably that of Aristotle. Dr. Jude Dougherty, Dean of the School of Philosophy at Catholic University of America, explained the common body of belief that made up Western identity and underpinned the legal systems of West. Dr. John Simpson explained the challenge to Western tradition from Descartes onwards to the deconstructionist philosophy of Derrida which relativizes all notions universal truth and morality. He emphasized the importance of stories as communicating concepts of self and cultural values that serve as a basis for sense of identity in nine recent historical persons who have had great influence on their societies: Nelson Mandela in South Africa, Jomo Kenyatta in Kenya, Charles DeGaulle in France, Alcide de Gasperi in Italy, Walter Juza in the American Congress, and Rabindranath Tagore in India. These people all provided great leadership to their societies when confronted with challenges or transitions. Their own sense of identity and character created such leaders? The panel presentations shed a wealth of insight into the formation of such people.

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Panel 4 looked at Identity and Character in Literary Figures. The characters in great works of literature, and today on the movie screen, have a great impact on our sense of identity. As remote observers of these stories, we identify positively and negatively with the actions and decisions of literary figures—both heroes and villains. Unlike the figures on the historical panel, the characters in the literary world are faced with a tragic fate. Cordelia in Shakepeare’s King Lear remained truthful even though her world was falling apart. Okonkwo in Achebe’s Things Fall Apart failed to adjust to the modern and colonial changes in Africa leading him to becoming an outcast. Captain Ahab in Moby Dick was a man of intense loyalty and drive who carried forward as “human,” yet the true leader has sense of self and loyalty to the community which allows for successful adaptation to new social and physical realities.

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gender. Thirdly, were papers that looked at identity with respect to certain races: Arabs, the New “Soviet Man,” Black Africans and South Africans.

Following the 40 presentations on the 2nd day of the conference, PWPA delegates from 100 countries broke into regional sessions to discuss issues of identity and character as relates to their own part of the globe. They had exchanged reports that were compiled in a conference book Identity and Character: A Worldwide Survey. They also came to the conference table with specific concerns, issues and ideas to discuss. The Latin Americans are divided according to identities with Europe, Africa, and the Native Americans. The most common problems are: increased migration leading to decreased family loyalty. Problems of migration from Latin America to the United States include loss of civic identity and mutual respect. Globalization and its effect on the economy and the higher cost of law.

The Asians noted they had been developing their post-colonial identity since World War II. The region is being hit by the migration of peoples in which leaders of national independence have always seemed to have an insatiable demand for power. Even today’s democracies are autocracies in democratic skin which continue to ignore the will of the people. The Europeans noted that identity was lost with the collapse of communism and many people and nations are attempting to return to the pre-communist identity of their grandparents.

In the West, millions of migrants are affecting the identities of more homogeneous states. New Europe is becoming much more multicultural and this is creating tension with those who hang on to traditional identities, shouting “many for the Germans.” Right-wing authoritarianism is on the rise following in the wake of left-wing collapse. Creating a new identity is harder than returning to xenophobic movements. The Europeans thought that the United

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Mozambican Blessing

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the country of Mozambique is out of a 15-year civil war, the mood is optimistic and positive (things can only improve), there is food, sunshine, songs everywhere. It’s a fascinating place. I met a Russian in the street of Maputo. Said he: Mozambicans earn 10 times less than us Russians, but they are a lot better. It means, there are plenty of fruits for beggars.

The people here are really nice. One particular point is, they don’t bother at all for the complicated things and thoughts of the richer “civilized” people. So, when speaking with them, you can go straight to the essential things. Why would God created the world, what the Fall means, how the key to our problems is establishing a Family spirit it around the world (and when he next meal is). In “complicated” countries, it’s a lot more difficult to go deep into those questions. That’s perhaps why Jesus said, the Kingdom is for children.

Visiting pastors, then, as well as politicians, people etc in preparation for the Blessing was a very good experience. I now understand Father better. Whenever Father says next to Gorbatchev, Heath or Bush, Father speaks plainly, straight, of “God made Adam and Eve, from absolute, unchanging love, but the Angel, etc.” Father does not get into the complicated, cautious and “educated” talk of the civilized person: he gets to the point, regardless of who you are. (Father is the scourge of translators, protocol people etc. It is the world’s responsibility to understand Church, not the other way around. Mozambique, to the Completed Testament preacher, is a relief.

So, when meeting anybody, I do what Father does: a DP crash course, wether in 5 or 55 minutes. What amazes most Mozambicans, I found, is that Father holds a world record for being jailed for his activities. A good 99% of Mozambicans have been jailed for quite some time, and an estimate shows that about half of them have lost their lives during the marxist craze of 1978-1992. Even in older colonial time (before 1975) when the Portuguese were in charge, it was forbidden for blacks to believe in anything but the Catholic truth, and many black pastors were jailed because they had created their own church. So, in their opinion, anybody jailed or slandered in the last 50 years has got to be good.

The hall for the Blessing was provided by a large church, whose pastor got inspired by the idea of the Blessing. That church (The Assembly of God of Mz) is huge: it’s a former Airplane maintenance hall, it takes a lot of people, really. We had the banner made by a professional workshop (those guys who used to work for the Marxist regime, making those May First banners etc. You just change the text). We invited pastors and congregation from about 50 different churches, so, besides the Blessing, it was an inter-religious meeting as well.

Right in front, there were 33 representative couples in white wedding dresses, brought by our Korean elder. There was a super-loud opening prayer by all pastors joining hands, then the blessing of those 33 representative couples (chosen from over 10,000 pre-blessed couples), etc. My part was M-1, through the event, and delivering the Blessing Speech in portuguese, with a translator into Shangana, the local language.

The rain had begun pouring 8 days before, on november 21st. 3 days later, all the streets of Maputo had become rivers and plazas, swimming pools for kids. We thought, all the water from heaven has fallen, this can’t go on for ages. But one should not underestimate Murphy’s Law, especially in Mozambique. It kept raining and raining, Saturday morning, one pastor said that when it rains too much, people stay home, because they can’t swim, and perhaps, if that Blessing means the Kingdom of God to Mozambique, well, perhaps, it’s for the next time. We said: wait and see, we Unificationists have seen much worse, we’ll all canoe or prostrate our way there and it’ll be great. (The hall is next to the airport, and it’s away from central Maputo, getting there is a real challenge). So the sceptical pastor could see, on saturday afternoon, people coming anyway, soaking wet (it rained cats and dogs all through the Blessing). I was afraid Rev Moon wouldn’t be known henceforth as the “rain man” (but after all, for Africans just like American Indians, the rain man is a good sorcerer who knows how to get Heaven’s Blessing). The unity between all of us, the Koren Elder ("Adam") couple, the Japanese elder, the Japanese sisters and myself was the key factor. We followed the ways of our Korean elder, and it turned out just fine. God’s "mysterious ways" aren’t so mysterious after all – they became mysterious after the disgrace caused by Babel, and they’re de-mystified when open hearts make for de-babelization.❤️
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looked like, 50,000 boxed bunches of teriyaki chicken, rice, salad, cake and an apple. Clutching these goodies I was swept with the crowd into the stadium itself.

Inside were tables laden with fruit and danish for those who had not breakfasted along with stands serving coffee and hot chocolate. At last it was down a tunnel and onto the field—it was breath-taking. The stage area at the far end of the field was a huge, white prosenium decorated with the WCSP logo and world flags and proudly proclaiming the Blessing of 3.6 and 36 million couples. Flags were flying all around the stadium—with USA and Washington DC city flags centered above the stage—and flowers and gold cloth adorned the stage.

There were three great banners hanging over the stage: “Blessing ‘97 Celebrating 39.6 Million Couples by July 15, 1997,” “Blessing of 30,000,000 Couples by Nov. 29, 1997” and, in the center, “World Peace Through True Families” (39.6 Million Couples Worldwide).” On the left wing of the stage was a statue of 10-foot high gold lettering, “World Peace Through Ideal Families” complemented by “Family is the School of True Love” on the right.

On either side of the stage were two Jumbotrons which displayed close-ups of what was happening on the stage, which was just as well because, from where I was sitting, people on the stage appeared quite tiny.

On the field in front of the stage were arrayed thousands of the couples to be blessed while behind them was a heated tent for the many VIPs from the WCSP conferences attending the event.

Preliminaries
As the stadium slowly filled, encore Larry Moffit took the podium at 9:30 and welcomed everyone to the stadium, declaring that the 40-minute mark had been passed days before and that, “Once the Blessing process starts it’s like a wave, it has a life of its own.”

While we were waiting for the satellite hook-up which was scheduled to begin at 11, “Richard Harlee and the Soul Resurrection,” a local singing and dance group, took to the stage and got the spirit moving.

Larry Moffit then read excerpts from the letters of congratulations that had arrived from eminent people within the USA and around the world.

Several members of Congress, governors and mayors praised the purposes of the Festival. Governor James S. Gilmore of Virginia and Governor James D. Hunt Jr. of North Carolina declared it “World Peace Through True Families Day.” The governor of Illinois and Governor James D. Florio of New Jersey also sent their good wishes.

Larry told a few of the many wonderful experiences people had going out into the world to bring the Blessing—couples being reunited, reconciliations and heartistic transformations.

Raoul and Miuki sang “Your Heart Will Open the Way,” a song originally written byKevin Pickard for the stadium Blessing in Korea. They were warmly received and Larry gave their new album a gentle plug.

Neil Salonen took the podium and asked everyone to put on the Blessing shawl they were given as they entered. He invited the VIPs onto the stage. Representatives of the True Family entered and sat on the left, while six religious dignitaries entered with Reverend Kwan and sat on the right. These were Sri Swami Sat钦tdhmananda of India, a Hindu; Sul Jung-jeon of Korea, a Buddhist; the Rev. Francis Xavier D’Sa of India, a Jesuit priest; Archbishop loan of Russia, head of the Orthodox Church of Mother Mary; the High Bhak Kripal Singh of Malaysia, a Sikh; and The Honorable Minister Louis Farrakhan, leader of the Nation of Islam.

Mr. Salonen invited 36 representative couples to ascend the stage and stand before the central dias at the foot of the long, red-carpeted stairs that Participants would later descend.

Everyone stood for the playing of the USA National Anthem followed by the invocation by Pastor T. L. Barrett of the Church of God in Christ, Chicago, who spoke of all people becoming True Parents.

Commenement
At eleven o’clock exactly, the worldwide broadcast by satellite began with a TV-news-like introduction. Reverend Kwan welcomed the world-wide participants and gave a brief history of the Blessings since 1960 and an overview of the Fall and Restoration.

Next, a song of true love was beautifully sung by Jaime Baer Peterson and Mr. Salonen introduced six representatives of the world’s religions—Hindu, Buddhist, Islamic, Orthodox, Catholic and Sikh faiths—to offer their blessings to the couples.

Swami Sat钦tdhmananda, an elderly man with long gray hair in a simple brown robe, spoke a few words of blessing in English and then in a sing-chant in Hindi. Archbishop loan, in gold and black robes, gave a powerful and moving prayer of benediction followed by Sul Jung-jeon, in white and brown, who chanted in Korean as he tapped on a small wooden gong he was carrying.

Officiators
The attendants to the officiators filed down the long red stairs forming two lines down either side—the men in white on the left, the women in white and pink on the right.

True Parents appeared at the top of the stairs in their ceremonial robes and, to a standing ovation, slowly descend...
ed the staircase followed by two girl attendants.

When they reached the daes at the foot of the stairs, Reverend Kwak prayed in Korean, while Mr. Salonen translated. He concluded, “These 39.6 million couples want to participate in God-centered families.

The girl attendants then brought forward holy water in silver bowls and True Parents sprinkled it on the representative couples standing in front of them.

Throughout the stadium, church elders in their white holy robes also moved throughout the multitude—about 40,000 strong at this point—and also sprinkled holy water on everyone.

The attendants brought white leather-bound folders stamped in gold to True Parents from which they read the wedding vows in Korean—a translation of them appearing in English on the Jumbotron. At the end of each vow, Mr. Salonen asked everyone to respond, and the assembled moaned back, “I Do!”

Mr. Salonen then solemnly said, “True Parents will now invoke the Holy Blessing.”

To appreciate what happened next one has to understand that while the day was unseasonably mild, the sky had been solidly overcast all day. To the delight of those who appreciate such signs and portents, just as Parents raised their hands to proclaim the victory, the clouds broke and the whole stadium brightened up as Father’s powerful Korean reverberated throughout the huge stadium. When they lowered their hands at the end of the invocation, the break in the clouds closed and the sun disappeared. Breathtaking!

Next was the exchange of rings. Mr. Salonen encouraged those who were rededicating their marriage to remove and re-exchange their rings. Three couples stepped forward to receive their rings from True Parents and the couples exchanged their rings. While those running the Jumbotron images for much of the program proved themselves somewhat inept, they did manage to capture the intimacy of the ring exchange in a remarkably poignant way.

Father made his historic pronouncement in Korean with a translation on the Jumbotron:

“On this day of November 29, 1997, at RFK Stadium in Washington DC we are Blessing 3.6 million couples and 36 million couples together—39.6 million couples are being Blesseed in front of you.”

He had been very serious up to this point, but now he stood there and just beamend a great smile.

After Father and Mother had sat down, Mr. Salonen spoke of the over 70 letters of congratulations received from the United Nations and Congress.

After Gloria del Paraguay, resplendent in turquoise and glitter, had sang a dramatic opera aria with great expression and dramatic gestures, a rather overwhelming trophy and a bouquet of flowers were presented to True Parents.

Explaining the oriental tradition of bowing to parents and the ‘forever’ cheer of m a n s e i s. 40,000 voices make for a magnificent ‘Mansei’ that, I’m sure, was heard across town in the Capitol.

This was the end of the Blessing ceremony, and to the sound of a fanfare, True Parents climbed back up the red staircase followed by the attendants.

Celebration

For the next hour or so we munched on our boxed lunches and enjoyed the soup and hot chocolate provided at the concession stands. It was a picnic atmosphere and time to socialize. Lots of re-unions and thrilled exclamations of congratulations for newly weds and parents. Brides and grooms acted like newly marrieds anywhere, posing endlessly for photographs with new spouses and friends.

While we partook, True Parents lunched with the VIPs in the tent set up on the field.

The first thing we did after lunch was the “wave,” something Larry thought originated in European soccer matches. It started with the people sitting next to the stage as Larry got them to throw themselves in the air and yell. Those sitting next to them did the same, and so on around the arena. Once started, it really was like a wave rolling over, and we almost felt compelled to leap and shout and it passed over. Clearly everyone was enjoying it as much as I was because the wave took on a life of its own and just kept going round and round and Larry had to make a concerted effort to get it to stop.

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to entertainment and celebration.
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to raise them up to be the reporters of truth that God needs, no matter how tortuous that journey may be.
Eventually, those biased media will experience a cognitive dissonance, whereby the attitude and standard of the Unificationists they meet will be out of synch with the accusations of our lacking. Their truth will become apparent.

Today's prevailing style of journalism is all to often adversarial and sensationalistic. In a country desensitized to murder and mayhem, tabloid style reporting sells. Tabloid-style reporting often misses essential parts of the truth in a rush to be the first to appear in print. Almost any allegation can be made without regard to consequences. This style has been slowly but definitely creeping into more mainstream journalism and is a reflection of the times we live in. (Witness on TV alone, the proliferation of the talk shows, the magazines, with exact street numbers, of robberies and murder scenes, the address is written like “the 1100 block of [blank] Ave.”)

When asked for a written apology for putting people’s lives and property at risk, the Post editor gave an abrupt “no.”

These kind of stories—I call them hit pieces—are often produced by people who have an incredible command of the language, so that the average reader doesn’t pick up the nuances right away. If you pay close attention to the adjectives chosen by the writer and the way things are juxtaposed, then you begin to discern a coloring or shading that is often subtle, but very effective in communicating a certain view.

The entire world of media is very spiritual—words, ideas, sound bites, voice intonations, editing, omitting—and of course impossible to control. Once a person submits to an interview, all outcome is in the hands of the journalist and their editor. Don’t be too quick to criticize a reporter. Many a good story has been hacked to pieces by editors who ultimately have the final say on an article.

However, things are changing for the better. I noticed that the Japanese media who covered the Blessing asked pre-ded questions. By and large, the media in America has stopped using inflammatory words in describing our community.

Of course, Father himself is the most sought after subject for the media. From NBC to CNN, everyone requested to interview Father. It will take a special reporter, one who can understand our theology and Father’s huge accomplishments, to accurately interview Father.

But let’s take a moment here to step back and get some perspective. I thank God for the free press in this country. Amidst all its shortcomings, it is ultimately in place to serve God’s purposes by allowing people access to the truth. This is no small thing and historically it is only a recent freedom. While it’s not perfect, it allows us some measure of recourse if we feel wronged and ultimately allows anyone the opportunity to start their own media outlet.

If we have good stories to tell—home town service projects, awards we or our children might have won, or whatever—we should contact the media and take our place in the powerful tapestry of people’s accomplishments which make up this great nation.

Steve Hassan’s massive demonstration outside RFK
The Performing Arts at WCSF III

by David Eaton—NYC

The World Cultural Sports Festival (WCFS) III, was undoubtedly one of the most significant events that our movement in America has produced. As director of the cultural programs of WCFS III I was presented with the challenge of fashioning a series of events that would reflect the spirit of True Parent’s vision and values.

The following is a synopsis of the week’s events:

New York City Symphony and Un Mundo at The Washington Times’ Arbor Ballroom.

This concert was created in order to highlight the work of the Washington Times in South America and its sister publication in Washington, Tiempos del Mundo. The concert featured two outstanding musicians from Venezuela, flutist Marco Granados and harpist Annette Leon in a performance of Mozart’s Concerto for Flute, Harp and Orchestra with members of the New York City Symphony. David Eaton conducting. Both soloists are of notable stature in their country (Miss Leon is the principal harpist with the Simon Bolivar Symphony Orchestra in Caracas) and they performed with great panache and virtuosity as the caliber of their musicianship was extremely high.

The second half of the program featured Mr. Granados and his quartet Un Mundo in a program of Latin Jazz and Folk music. The quartet was of exceptional quality and they received a long standing ovation.

There were several dignitaries from South American Embassies in attendance and a reception followed the concert. Caroline Betancourt of the Washington Times in South America and its sister publication in Washington, Tiempos del Mundo were co-producers of this event.

Spyro Gyra at the Omni Shoreham Ballroom.

Spyro Gyra is one of the pioneering groups of what is now known as “cool jazz.” Their performance was of extremely high caliber as well. We expected that, given their reputation as one of America’s leading instrumental ensembles. The production aspects (handled by Kashmere Productions, Ltd. and New World Productions) were first rate and the reception of the audience was totally enthusiastic.

The MC for this event was radio personality Lee Hamilton of FM 105.9, the “cool jazz” station in DC.

Aaron Rosand at the Corcoran Gallery’s Frances & Armand Hammer Auditorium.

This is the letter of introduction written for the WCSF III arts program:

I have almost thirty years as a professional musician. I’ve had numerous occasions to perform for audiences throughout the world. Wherever my concert experiences have taken me, I have always been fascinated by how much people from diverse cultural backgrounds have in common. The universality of the human spirit is indeed a palpable reality, thus the artistic expressions of any given culture can provide unique insights to the heart and soul of humankind.

When asked by the World Cultural and Sports Festival to construct a series of events that would reflect world culture, I felt that expressing the universality of the human spirit through the arts would be a most felicitous way to pay tribute to the ideals of love and family, central themes of the Festival and elemental values cherished by people of all ethnic backgrounds.

I have always believed that artists could, and in fact should play a significant role in creating conditions conducive to world peace and harmony. Obviously, the notion that art has persuasive affects is not new. Conclusus, Plato, Aristotle, Boethius and St. Augustine shared the belief that art possessed the power to impact the moral and ethical standards of society. Twentieth century German composer Paul Hindemith believed that only an artist believed that particular assertion, one should then use that power “with the severest sense of moral responsibility.”

As we move toward the beginning of the new millennium, the arts will continue to have a profound influence on the attitudes and values of contemporary culture. It is my hope that by discovering commonality among various cultures through the efforts of the talented artists participating in this festival, a spirit of altruism can emerge and thereby stimulate our global consciousness to aspire for a world culture that embodies the noble and godly attributes of truth, beauty and goodness.

David Eaton

Un Mundo at The Washington Times’ Arbor Ballroom.

The Kirov Academy of Ballet at Tawes Hall, University of Maryland.

The Kirov Academy presented a completely first rate performance featuring two solo dancers of the Kirov Ballet in Russia, Yegor Ivanchenko and Irina Amosova. The students of the Kirov Academy were totally charming. There was a very fine turn out as well with nearly 1000 people in attendance. Michael Board, Executive Director of the Kirov Academy and his staff did a great deal to generate an audience and their efforts paid off.

Shin Sekai Chamber Ensemble at the Corcoran Gallery.

This ensemble is comprised of soprano Yosshini Kadota, Violinist Makiko Tachugi, guitarist Isamu Nakashita and pianist Kihoko Asanuma. Their performances were of a very high level and their heartistic commitment to this event was evident. Here's our report on page 18 of ARTS.
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dant gifts for the sake of others, and
to accomplish God’s will as best he
understood it.

We gather to say farewell to this
gentleman and friend to us all—and to
send him onward, to be with his beloved
wife, Laura—whom he never referred
to by any other name than “Wahwee,”
her nickname from childhood.

Patronymism and principle was the
determining force and guiding light of
his entire existence. He originated in the
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promise.

Neither of those cases apply to Amb.
Douglas MacArthur II, as he passes on
to be greeted amid cheers and welcoming
embraces by Wahwee, his Uncle Doug
and so many others who were com-
panionized in his enviable life—rich with
adventure, interwoven in intimate detail
with the history of the world of the twen-
tieth century.

Ambassador MacArthur has begun
his everlasting life in the righteousness
of the almighty with abundant peace,
tranquility and joy.

The greatest praise one can pay him
is to say that in the highest sense, he
was a true American, a great patriot,
and my personal hero. The name
MacArthur is inscribed twice in world
history—one by an Uncle Douglas, and
now by a Nephew Doug. The Second

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working with them on many other
occasions I was especially proud of their
efforts in this concert.

Flutist Marco Granados made a guest
appearance in a performance of Astor
Piazzolla’s “History of the Tango” for
Flute and Guitar, a piece that has become
very popular in the classical music rep-
ertoire. He and Isamu Nakashio per-
duced with a band, Mavis had people
dancing in the aisles by the end of her
performance. Mavis is a friend of
our movement having performed at
the Lincoln Theater.

Rev. & Mrs. Moon welcoming Amb.
Douglas MacArthur II to the 5th World
Media Conference, Seoul, 1982; his first
contact with our community.

Ambassador Douglas MacArthur II

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out his painstaking efforts and patient
diplomacy, the very foundation for
Japan’s postwar economic miracle—
and in turn Asia’s economic miracle—
would not have been laid. For this we
all owe Amb. MacArthur an enormous
debt of gratitude.

Ambassador MacArthur played an
instrumental role in the Summit Coun-
cil for World Peace of which I serve as
president emeritus. He was a key play-
er in the formulation of the Summit
Council’s International Commission for
the Reunification of Korea. The work
of the Commission included several his-
torical trips to North Korea and meet-
ings with former president Kim Il Sung
and the current leader, Kim Jong II. It
allowed the Summit Council to work
behind the scenes and help unlock the
nuclear stalemate that existed between
this country and North Korea.

I, as a chairman of the Washington
Times, personally owe a debt of grati-
tude to Amb. MacArthur for his immense
contribution as a member of the Edi-

torial Advisory Board of the Washing-
ton Times at the inception of the paper
and the World Media Association. I
worked with him from 1995 for 10 years as found-
ing president. It is quite natural for those of us left
behind, to lament the loss of a depart-
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Several people have asked me to write a history of the songs I've recorded on "Dan Fefferman's Greatest Hits." So here it is. But first a word about how the album was produced. In the basement of the DC-based church of our musical director, Otmar Weinmann, maintains an impressive crammed studio pipe. Pipes run along the ceiling, and the scurrying footsteps of Japanese musicians can be heard on the floor above, busily preparing to head out to bless people.

While things quiet down, Otmar and I concentrate on synthesizers and arrangements, saving the vocals until we can use the miles wide of footsteps. Through Otmar's wizardry and my voice and guitars, Dan's Greatest Hits was born.

All the songs were written and sung by yours truly. Otmar did the engineering, played the keyboards, and provided the synthesized effects such as trumpets, strings, woodwinds, and angelic chords in the background. The arrangements were done by me and turned over to Otmar, with help from the Band In A box computer program. How they get all those drums inside that little black box is a mystery to me.

Now, about the songs.

"Come on in the Kitchen." I wrote this just because I was in a late 1968 mood, trying my first three-day's. That's why it's about vitality elements. The title is taken from an old song by Moonflower bluesman Robert Johnson: "You better come on in my kitchen, it's going to be a lot of music tonight." "Generation of Righteousness." This one came as a revelation. It was in Berkeley, in May 1969. There was an upstart in our office, and I prayed to God to give me a song that "our whole Family--could sing." Later without a later "Generation of Righteousness," probably my most complex composition, was complete. I've always thought of trumpets with this song. Now, at last, I have them. "The Kingdom of Heaven" This version captures the way I originally composed it--Cajun style with accordions and fiddles in the background--to the tune of an old Louisiana dance song. The "Ah-nee-Ahne's" use the two-note melody of Jewish priestly on their ram's horns during the high days, and it seemed to go in the theme of dar- lion calls, Joshua, and bells of illusion com- coming tumbling down. I've Got A Right to Be Happy. This one memorializes a very hopeful moment. I was leaving a CAPP IV team in Los Angeles, when the news came of our first daughter who had been born in a few years as a mis- sionaries. I knew that if I were to see her, I would soon be becoming together to start our family. It's one of those love songs that doesn't know whether it's addressed to one's spouse or to God.

"The Day of Hope." I wrote this in Balti- more during prepa- rations for a concert. These talks during the first Day of Hope tour in 1973. We were doing street theater to publicize the talks, and I decided to write a theme song. In the cho- ruses, there's a touch of a Koran folk song from a record Dr. Young Oum Rin gave me. "Shout About It!" The first song I ever sang for True Father, when he came to the Bay Area in 1969. He closed his eyes in prayer the whole time I was singing. I still wonder where his spirit went dur- ing those minutes. I've always wanted to give this song to a powerful gospel group like the Mighty Clouds of Joy. Oh yes, believe it or not, the three female singers in the background are all me."

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Blessing In Macedonia

by Svenir Brkic

I will share a few words about the Blessing '97 Ceremony. On Tuesday, November 20, 1996, we were blessed by the Skopje, capital of Macedonia on November 29. The event took place in the same hall as the inaugura- tion of the FFWP almost exactly one year ago. After two short congratulat- ion messages and musical performance by a classical trio, we started to follow the organization of the main Blessing ceremony.

We had a big screen showing the Washington event, but it was not by direct broadcast. We watched it through normal TV antenna, since Macedonian national TV broadcast the whole satellite program from Washing- ton! So even though there was only 20 to 30 pre-blessing couples (due to poor organization from our side), the blessing matched couples and some more guests, we think that many more pre-blessed couples will be able to have the Blessing prayer through TV. This was the first time True Parents came to Macedonia so almost directly.

One of the new brides was from Alba- nia. She was a Catholic of the major Roman Catholic Church. Her boss, the ambassador, traveled by car all the way from Albania to Skopje, together with his daughter and five more people--just to be at her wedding. We invited him to cut the cake together with that sister's couple and he said a few wonderful words with fatherly heart. He just came suddenly out of nowhere, made us all feel even more special and happy, and he disappeared again.

In the end, we invited everybody to the stage to sing and dance with us. When I saw them all together, I felt so happy, so beautiful.

A comment from an elderly lady who saw the Washington event on TV (with- out much understanding of English or our movement). "Well, there were many brides and grooms, and then the King and the Queen came..."
Ecape to the south! Escape to the south! That was every- one’s goal. The war was all about south, which as everyone could get. Thousands of people set out every day for Pusan, at the southernmost tip of Korea. The roads were full of people.

Father, however, did not go to the south right away. First, he wanted to check on his disciples in Pusan. Had they gone south? Were they safe? He refused to leave without them.

God’s direction to Father did not include his going home, so he did not go back to his home city; he never saw his parents and family again.

In Pusan he found his first disciple, Won Pil Kim. Together they went to visit each disciple. To True Father’s surprise, his early followers’ disappointment, many of them had not remained faithful. While Father had been suffering so terribly in the prison, they had become discouraged and gone back to living for themselves. Father went to see each one of them three times, and three times they declined to join him.

During this time, the war continued between the communists and the United Nations troops. The communists were led by two men. One was a Chine- nese man named Mao Tse Tung, and the other was a Korean named Kim Il Sung. Satan was using these two men to build the Satanic Kingdom on earth.

Here, Father’s mission was to save the world, not to join the war. God was using Father to build the Hea- venly Kingdom on earth.

Because his disciples had lost faith in him, Father decided that he should go back one more to the southern part of Korea. He told Won Pil Kim, “You and Mr. Pak should prepare to go to the south with me right away.”

Won Pil Kim went to find Mr. Pak. Imagine his surprise when he found that Mr. Pak had a broken leg. He had been shot, and had remained in ques- tion. As punishment, they broke his leg, but then they decided he was innocent and let him go.

“Father,” Mr. Kim said, “Mr. Pak has a broken leg. He can’t walk. He has a big cast from the top of his leg all the way down to his foot. He has a broken leg and cannot walk. He has even forgotten to care for his own children when this happened. Father never thought of saving himself. He took care of them all, even after two and a half years in prison. He was even more amazing by his strong spirit!”

Sometimes the communists would shoot at the people from airplanes high in the sky. When the people saw this, they would run and try to save them- selves. Mothers and fathers sometimes even forgot to care for their own chil- dren when this happened. Father never acted this way. No matter what hap- pened, he always took good care of Mr. Pak and Won Pil Kim.

Even though True Father took care of Mr. Pak, eventually the poor man was too weak to continue to walk. One day he said, “Father, I just can’t go on anymore. I am going to die any- way, so please go on without me.”

“No!” True Father said. “That’s no way to talk! How could you say such a thing? We are pledged to God to live together and die together, and you must not say such things!” He would not aban- don his friend.

After many days, the three strug- gling men came to a province called Hwanghae Do. Two miles from there was an island named Yongmae. They heard that if they went there they could take a boat the rest of the way to South Korea.

They would have to walk through the cold, muddy, slipper ocean. Each step was dripping mud. With each step the mud hung to Father’s feet, making them so heavy. While he walked Father prayed and thought, “This man represents all the people of the world. If I cannot succeed in helping him to this island, then my mission to save the world cannot suc- ceed.” This prayer gave Father strength to succeed at no matter how heavy Mr. Pak was or how tired Father might be.

Finally, they did it. It was the hope of catching the boat that kept them going. Father was so tired he was panting. A boat was just leaving for the south, but there were more people than could possibly fit on the boat. They real- ized they couldn’t get on. Father saw people thinking only of saving them- selves. One mother even got on the boat without her daughter. “Mother!” the daughter cried out. “Why are you going on the boat alone? What about me?” Please don’t leave me here alone!”

You are young and you’ll think of something,” her mother answered grim- ly. “I said, and I must say it now, that you’ll die or I’ll surely die.” Father felt deep pain and sadness to see people acting this way. How miserable they were! Father turned to his companions; sadly he said, “We must go back.”

The boat left. It was hopeless to think about going South on a boat now. Father knew they must leave before the communists came, so once again, when the tide went out, he put Mr. Pak on his back and carried him the two miles back to Hwanghae Do. Again they walked slowly through the thick, heavy mud.

When Father arrived back on land, his first thought was for the two men. “Somehow I must comfort and revi- talize my brothers,” he thought. He turned to them and said, “Tonight some will feed you and now you will rest.”

They began to walk, but a police- man who at first thought Father was a communist made them go north. Soon it was night, and there was no light. Three men walked in com- plete darkness. On and on they trudged— so tired, so dirty, so hungry.

They were only they saw a red light sparkling in the distance! As they went toward the light they saw a house. It was Mr. Pak and Kim were filled with joy.

When Father knocked on the door, it was an old man by the name of Kim Won Pil and Pak Jung Hwa. Father told him, “and these are my friends, Kim Won Pil and Pak Jung Hwa.” Father told him about all their experiences and the man felt sorry for their sufferings. “You are very welcome here,” the schoolteacher said. “Your road has been very hard. I don’t have much, but what I have I will gladly share with you.” He fed them a nice dinner and invited them to sleep in their packages, helped push from behind.

It was a most difficult and danger- ous journey. They could not use the main roads because those roads were reserved for the United Nations troops.
I n the “Principle of Creation,” God’s ideal for our world was present- ed. There it was explained that Creator God expressed in a tangible, visible being, with whom He could share a give and take of love. He thus created men and women who were intended to grow to perfection, form families and establish with God and each other the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth. We don’t have to look very far to real- ize that this ideal has not been real- ized. We have experienced what is per- haps the most violent century in all of history. Images of Dachau and Auschwitz, Hiroshima and the Gulag, homeless boat people and starving Cam- bodians, remind us dramatically of how far we are from anything resembling a truly human society.

Beyond these global catastrophes, there are the far too frequent suffer- ings of individuals and families. As families many suffer from conflict where there should be harmony and from resentment where we want there to be love. As individuals we often find our- selves struggling against ourselves, torn by inner conflict. We can all identify with apostle Paul’s lament:

by Gareth Davies—Barrytown, NY

Exploring the Paraguay and Amazon Rivers

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Myth or History?

In the twentieth century the idea of a human Fall has encountered no lit- tle skepticism. The issues raised by Charles Darwin have had a particu- larly significant influence on scholar- ly and popular literature and have wide- ly affected modern thinking concern- ing human beginnings.

The official announcement was made by Kim Yoon Song in charge of the New Hope Farm project in Jardim, in a meeting of businessmen and local politicians at the soccer club of Cormo- ba. The investment will be used to develop fishing and hunting activities in Parintal. Over the last two or three years our community became the largest investor in that region of Matto Grosso South State.

The journalist working for the Folha de Sao Paulo used the word “sect” to describe our movement and did not make a very good report. On October 27, the local newspaper of Campo Grande, the Diario do Serru published the photo of the New Hope Farm pro- ject on the front page with the title: “Reverend Moon plants Eden in Jardim.” And in the middle special section one full page with three pictures, with the main title: “Jardim paradise possible according to Moon”. The reports and stories were fairly positive thanks to Waldir Cipriani (working with the New Hope Farm in Brazil, Reverend Oh was happy to be able to share with the 25 graduates who are working there all of the inspirations and rich experiences of this unforgettable journey.
It's interesting to compare! Many people are painfully aware of this. We hear talk of “take care of” government programs that have been dreamed up by a mad genius. Social Security alone has a larger budget than that of almost every nation in the world. Vast legions of well-paid bureaucrats now administer these programs. Our agricultural policies involving land, water, surplus, etc. could not have been dreamed up by a mad genius. Social Security alone has a larger budget than that of almost every nation in the world.

Government solutions Americans have gotten so used to this that we expect and demand a “government solution” for every problem. Politicians promise that they can “right every wrong.” They and their allies consider each new program “progressive,” and measure the “compassion” thus expressed in terms of how many billions of tax dollars are spent.

Prefering Bastiat replied: “As long as these ideas prevail, it is clear that the responsibility of government is enormous. It is charged with everything; it undertakes everything, it does everything. If we are unfortunate, then government must bear the blame.” He wrote this 155 years ago, and since then many governments have toppled due to unfulfilled promises. Conversely, many evils have been overlooked if they “kept the trains running on time.” Both certainly applied to the late USSR. Could it apply here? After the L.A. riots, most of the rioters polled declared: “The government doesn’t care about me enough.” Most working folks hope the government—especially the IRS—ignores them!

“The government is mainly an expensive organization to regulate evildoers, and tax those who behave: government does little for fairly respectable people except annoy them.” E.W. Howe

What’s in store for this overburdened nation? After the Constitution was written, James Madison coined the term “Founding Mother.” “What have you given us?” He replied, “A republic, madam, if you can keep it.” At that time, Alexander Tyler opined, “They will last until the public discovers they can vote themselves largesse from the public treasury.”

Many people are painfully aware of this. We hear talk of “cutting the budget.” Several modern leaders have tried. This caused some painful dislocations, well-covered on TV. And it earned them unending blame and scorn. We, the voting public, must become informed, see IDEOLOGY on page 23
The Art of Listening

by David Kaskow—Dorville, MI

It’s ironic that in a society that is bombarded with information, where people get degrees in “communication,” it is one of the least understood part of this communication, listening, is a lost art. It may be good sometimes to tune out the technological devices surrounding us, but when we tune out other people, we lose something valuable. When we listen to others at all it is usually with the purpose of responding to our own viewpoint. We are usually either speaking or preparing to speak. In this mode, nothing gets accomplished because the words go out and are lost. One reason it may be so hard is that we are never taught how to listen. In the world of communi- cation skills, we are taught to write and to talk. We are also taught to read, which is a kind of listening, but we are never taught how to listen to others as they communicate directly to us. This is a tragedy, because listening to others is extremely powerful and extremely effective. We know the experience that we get from our jokes, we become funnier and funnier, and if they do not, the jokes in we weaken and fester. Out when someone listens to us, we unfold, create and grow. We know the importance of it: subject and object are both necessary for anything to exist. Who is the person you like to talk to? The one who has an opinion about everything (another sub- ject) or the one who takes time to listen to what you have to say (an object)? In relationships, listening is lacking especially by men, whether they be husbands, fathers or sons. We tend to be the problem solvers, we tend to “do” rather than “to be”. It’s why men are less likely to seek understanding. Unless you listen, you don’t really know people. You don’t let them into your life.

It was Carl Rogers who popularized listening as a therapeutic tool. He named his approach to therapy “Client Cen- tered.” It is now the basis for most thera- py. It stemmed from his belief that each indi- vidual has the desire and ability to grow and solve his or her own problems. He believed that people have every- thing they need, and can do this well, if pro- vided the right kind of environment, a supportive environment he called “Unconditional Positive Regard” or “Unconditional Love”. During World War II, he trained the thousands of counselors needed to help servicemen return home. He and his wife taught them to create this kind of environment through listening. This gives them the ability to influence others quite effec- tively. In sessions with clients, I am still amazed that just being there helps them. I may not answer any question, or give any insight, or solve any problem in a session, but they will say that the time spent togeth- er has been good and helpful.

The key collection of listening is deciding to be actively there for the other person more than for yourself. Steven Covey, author of Seven Habits of Highly Effective People, encourages us to “seek to understand before we are understood.” The goal is to not give your viewpoint, but to really understand the other person: to be able to walk in his or her shoes as closely as you can. Listening sounds like a passive enter- prise, but it is actual- ly hard work. Covey says that the result of this work gives the other person “psychologi- cal air.” It meets a vital need in the per- son: to be appreciat- ed for who they are; to be affirmed as a person; to really exist!

There is a common expression, “I need my own space.” But to really have this, we need another to be there also.

Once you can get in the space of being there for the other person, listen- ing can be taken to an even high- er level. Listening is more than just being there. It is a way to express, “I need my own space,” but also to respond to the other person in such a way that you know where they are society and nation will automatically follow suit.

During my visits to Russia and Maca- donia, I was surrounded by debate about “what system” they ought to adopt. Yet no system do not respond, no system can be made to work. On the other hand, if the people are free, honest, and involved, practically any system will work out. The United States is still the most successful and influential country in the world. At 200 years plus, it is still growing, an historical terms. It could be that this is the best is yet to come!

Several Unificationist projects have defended world and American freedom, and taught widely about the American Constitution, as the best foundation for any government in history. It is said, “If men were angels, gov- ernment would not be necessary.” But we are not, and so an attempt at build- ing Utopia has ever succeeded. Yet vir- tually all religions believe in, and speak of, a future Kingdom of Heaven on Earth, by whatever name.

The public debate is shifting. Few now believe that government pay-outs can continue much less increase—indeed. Thousands of people cut loose by welfare reform, for instance, found jobs. Several celebrities who advocate morality are becoming increas- ingly popular.

I’ve heard some excellent specula- tions about these topics, by Unifica- tionists and others. If anyone has any thoughts, I’d love to hear from you.

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New Book

Explorations in Unificationism

SA-UWC recently published a new book titled Explora- tions in Unificationism. It is a study of Unificationist scholars rep- resenting a wide variety of fields of study. It is edited by UTS’s other person “psych- ological air.” It meets a vital need in the per- son: to be appreciat- ed for who they are; to be affirmed as a person; to really exist!

The book’s introduction includes the following comments: “The present vol- ume comes to the reader in the hope that through these essays she or he may catch at least a glimpse, and hopefully an inspired vision, of the far-reaching implications of Unificationism and its applications. The essays vary consid- erably but they share one thing in com- mon: they are all explorations in Unifi- cationism or Unification thinking. Each author has attempted to relate Unifi- cation thinking to his/her respective academic area in order to develop and express it in terms of the conceptual horizons of biblical studies, theology, interreligious dialogue and encounter, philosophy, science and social science. Although the essence of Unificationism (which some might briefly describe as “true love”) remains unchanged, the way in which it is expressed and applied to contemporary societies can (and should) change.” Explorations in Unificationism is now available at UTS and HSA book stores for $12.

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and strong willed enough to “bite the bullet” on these tough issues. Yet, the very people who benefit from government programs are also voters. That’s one reason the United States is a Republic, because we can elect people brave enough to run the govern- ment right, and keep it within proper bounds. (Read John F. Kennedy’s Profiles in Courage for true examples.)

The public must relearn leaders who do the job well, no matter how painful it is. The people rarely get leaders any better than themselves! Again we refer to the Divine Princi- ple. It speaks of the special nature of democratic governments—that, as the people become more religious, their...
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**Parents and the Future**

These couples stood up for that of which everyone knows our society is in desperate need: husbands who are faithful to each other, and people who are faithful to each other and to their mutual, natural covenant. They stood as families seeing beyond race, nation and religion to affirm that what unites us is not skin color, not perspectives on the divine, not flags or systems of government, but the love we share in the family. This is the love which creates us, and the love which makes, as the song goes, the world go round.

More than that, these couples stood up for the future. They revealed the future through their love, because their love can only be heard through the cone.

Conquering love always has that “future publication” attached to it; hence it has “responsibility” and “commitment” attached to it. Conjugal love is, in a sense, an entity unto itself, because it represents the baby which it can bring into being. In a sense, conjugal love itself is a person, a third party to the husband and wife. There is always that “future baby” which is an integral part of their love.

This is why Catholics and Unificationists are against artificial birth control. To separate commitment and responsibility from conjugal love is to diminish it, to make it resemble the love of preposterously wealthy men and Eve, free sex. Free sex is sex without the future. It is sex with no commitment or responsibility. It is a desolate way. Hence, free sex does not lead to marriage or family. Hence, free sex is end unto society.

True Parents are the first cre- ators of a public space. They create that lit- tle public space inhabited by children who can share in their joy, their despair, their dances, their regrets, their dreams, and the nourishment of body and spirit. Rev. Moon teaches that the chil- dren’s spiritual life feeds off of the spiritual life (“vitality”) of their parents. The family takes a man and woman and makes them the arbiters of that little public world, that small civilization, thus, true rulers.

We may shirk from the idea that par- ents should use a president, king or dictator as their model, and shrink we should. It is not the traditional behavior of the ruler which should be taken into the home. Rather, it is the tradi- tion of the parent of which the world should be taken into the civil society. The president and king should be true parents to the people, should rule society with the heart of a parent caring for the household. From this per- spective, we understand Rev. Moon’s viewpoint that half of elected officials should be women.

This, Rev. Moon surveyed, and in his mind’s eye, he saw and prayed for: the millions upon millions of cou- ples in the world joining the couples in the stadium. These couples affirmed true love, by their very becom- ing what we have said it does not: to be married. We can only express love to each other; it belongs not to you: it belongs to your spouse. It is the most holy place, never to be defiled or abused: It belongs to only One: your king, your queen. And in one flesh created by the love of the king and queen. God the Creator comes to the scene: there is something for 30,000 couples, 39.6 million couples, all of humankind, all the people ever lived, to smile about and celebrate with joy.

And Reverend Moon surveyed a peo- ple of peace. I’m not talking about a Woodstock Nation or a political con- vention trying to be a Woodstock nation. Queer Nation, Rhythm Nation or Nation of Anything less than The Nation of the World. I am talking about the nation of serious homegrown Catholics, Mus- lims, Jews, Hindus, Buddhists, Sikhs, and everything in-between, which is what Rev. and Mrs. Moon are calling into being. This is no mean feat, for Reverend Moon has brought about this not through the liberal secular state strategy of leaving religious faith at the door. He has brought it about within the context of one of the most sanctified and identified with the par- ticularity of each

**Parents and Peace**

Most people marry in their church, mosque, shrine, chapel, temple, gurudwara or synagogue. Each dedicates to God as He appears to each. The New York Times (Dec. 7, 1997) published an excellent series of testimonies of faith, entitled “The Decentralization of God.”

God is at work everywhere, among every race, political posi- tion, theological persuasion and nation- ality. No one can institutionalize God. We can only recognize, glorify, protect and uplift God’s institution, and that’s the family. There in RKFD Stadium were 30,000 couples, surely of every face, every political position, theological persua- sion and nationality, recognizing God in marriage and dedicating their mar- riages to God.

We read of Christians and Muslims, in particular, dazing battlefields and weapons. We read the most eminent and pious of Christians express ignorance of the Jewish world. We meet Jews committed to an “eternal war” with the Palestinians. One search- es for the common ground. Reverend Moon has found it and through his sac- rifice has enlarged it to the point at which he can grab the attention of the world. A sign carried by a Unificationist, 済美 to “Come to the Wedding.” Who wants to fight at a wedding? This is true. But the wisdom which Dr. Lee presents is that the era of free sex could come to an end in the foreseeable future. Who can give Hollywood a cold shower? What about the levita-than-homo sexual lobbies? Sex on the internet? The del- uge of pornography in the formerly com- munist world, not to mention anytown, USA?

Quite right. And yet, it was 1984 when Dr. Lee published a work with a similar title, “The End of Communism.”

Dr. Lee presented in this materi- al from Freud, Reich and Marcuse to point out how sexual liberation is a “kamikaze” movement. He also argues for the comparability of Marx, Darwin and Freud as architects of the era of free sex.

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Dr. Lee’s final chapter is entitled “The End of the Era of Free Sex.” Of course, it is beyond anyone’s wildest dreams that the era of free sex could come to an end in the foreseeable future. Who can give Hollywood a cold shower? What about the levita-than-homo sexual lobbies? Sex on the internet? The del- uge of pornography in the formerly com- munist world, not to mention anytown, USA?
most healthy divorce gives one a sickening feeling in the pit of the stomach. It might by compared to a magazine called Murder, whose editor explains that his purpose is not to endorse murder, but to encourage some people to explore the possibilities of refraining from it. But for those times that murder is “your reality,” we’re here to answer your questions: how to do it neatly, efficiently and at with least legal trouble. Or, let’s say, a magazine called Adultery, or Prostitution. Come to think of it, such magazines do exist, but with somewhat more respectable titles.

Back to the Basics

The U.S. Department of Education has provided funds to five middle schools to conduct a two-year experiment, holding same-sex classes—classes consisting of only boys or only of girls. The Washington Times reports (Dec. 15, p. A8). “Although it is too early to assess the success of the program, teachers and students taking part seem enthusiastic and students taking part seem enthusiastic.” This is wonderful news, marred only by the question of why the taxpayer is paying a half-million dollars to each of the five schools participating in the program.

Christian Numerology

“The number eight was, for ancient Christianity, the symbol of the Resurrection, for it was on the day after the Sabbath, and so the eighth day, that Christ rose from the tomb. Furthermore, the seven days of the week are the image of the time of this world, and the eighth day of life everlasting. Sunday is the liturgical commemoration of the eighth day, at the same time a memorial of the Resurrection and a prophetic evidence to show: Girls’ grades improved immediately, especially in math and sciences. The elimination of distractions caused by the presence of members of the opposite sex is one of the advantages cited by advocates of same-sex classes.” This is wonderful news, marred only by the question of why the taxpayer is paying a half-million dollars to each of the five schools participating in the program.

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Media Coverage and RFK

by Chris Corcoran—NYC

During Blessing ’97, I had the great fortune to work with the Festival media team in Washington, DC, headed by Mike Smith and Howard Self. We had an unprecedented number of media attend the week long event and while there were some biased reports, overall coverage tended to be objective and thorough.

Our team in DC eventually grew to about eight full-time and five part-time people and everyone was kept busy day and night. One or two people on our team worked mostly with the entertainers and the rest of us organized press conferences, issued press releases, set up interview opportunities and press conferences, issued press releases and the rest of us organized team worked mostly with the entertainment. One or two people on our team was kept busy day and night.

I knew we were to store for an unusually energetic campaign when in one afternoon I received calls from the media of Ireland, United Arab Emirates, Japan and England. As the tidal wave of media washed over our office, at times it became laughable: people scrambling from one office to another, clutching handfuls of papers for the overworked fax machine, shouting to one another. “Pick up line 8, its CBS Evening News, Hard Copy’s on line two, People Magazine on line three, Japanese television on line 6.”

All media personnel who wished to cover the Festival were required to have special credentials which we issued after checking their identification. This enabled us to screen any potential frauds as well as keep a handle on how many and who to expect at the Blessing. All totaled, some 300 credentials were issued, an astonishing figure!

With the help of talent-enhanced reinforcements such as Jim Flynn, Tom Oatts, Naomi Payer and Eugene Harnett, we were able to keep on top of the avalanche of requests for information and interviews.

Before and on the day of the Blessing, we made available various newly matched and blessed couples for the media to interview. This was very successful and put a human face on the huge numbers that we were reporting. The newly matched couples such as Jennifer Perry and Sebastian Jean, and Barbara King and Andrew Robertson did an excellent job of answering the media’s questions. They were a joy to watch; happy, excited and brimming with anticipation that only newly matched couples can exhibit. Their stories received wide and positive coverage.

Having been a journalist myself, I know what it’s like to be on the other end of a story. Therefore I always treat the media with the utmost respect and goodwill, even if a particular reporter’s previous biased articles gave me reason to doubt. Why, you may ask?

First, all journalists should be treated as professionals, even when their behavior may not warrant it. What they are doing is their job and livelihood and most are trying their best to get to the truth as they see it. I always, always treat them with respect and courtesy. Unfortunately, because many of them begin with a false premise then the story that emerges often resembles a house built on a crooked foundation. Nonetheless, they hold a powerful yet invisible sword in their hands. Handle them unfairly and you may well be on the receiving end of that very sharp-tipped weapon. I know that it’s extremely frustrating to speak to a reporter one day and then the next day see one’s words twisted and edited to fit that particular reporters premise. It happens sometimes and must be tolerated, to an extent. “The truth will out,” is the famous expression and we have to have patience. Truth is truth. It doesn’t mean that we have no recourse if a biased or inaccurate story appears about our church. If the piece is a half-faced hit piece, we should write letters (all members should do this) and speak to the editors, publishers and owners of the particular media outlet and let them know clearly that we feel we have been unfairly portrayed.

The relationship between a journalist and their subject is based on trust. They trust us to speak accurately and with full disclosure. That’s our side of the bargain and it’s not to be taken lightly. We have an obligation to the truth. They also are obliged to report accurately what we said to them and what they saw. That’s their end of the bargain and unfortunately it seems they sometimes fall short. In reality, even when they do a fair job, it may seem unfair because we have so much we want to convey or we believe they left out important pieces or made small inaccuracies that only we would pick up on.

Internally, I try to treat the media professionals with a parental heart. We should always exhibit a parental heart to them, even if they’re acting arrogantly or deviously. It does not mean that we have to grant them all their wishes, but we have see MEDIA at page 16.

The World Media Conference on C-Span

Father at the closing banquet of WCSFIII