

New Orleans

. . . Its members also move in force into cities where the Rev. Mr. Moon, now on a four-month, 21-city tour, is to appear, selling tickets to his lectures.

Because of the all-out way they flood a city with his name, on posters, by radio and television, in newspaper ads and in sidewalk conversations, they're sometimes called "Moon people."

—*The States-Item*

New Orleans, Louisiana
Saturday, October 13, 1973



above: Nancy Callahan, Louisiana State Representative, with Our Master and Mother.

left: Interesting newspaper advertisement on "interesting Rev. Moon."

below: City of New Orleans Key Charm given to Our Master as a remembrance of His speeches in the "International City."

Recommended

Sun Myung Moon

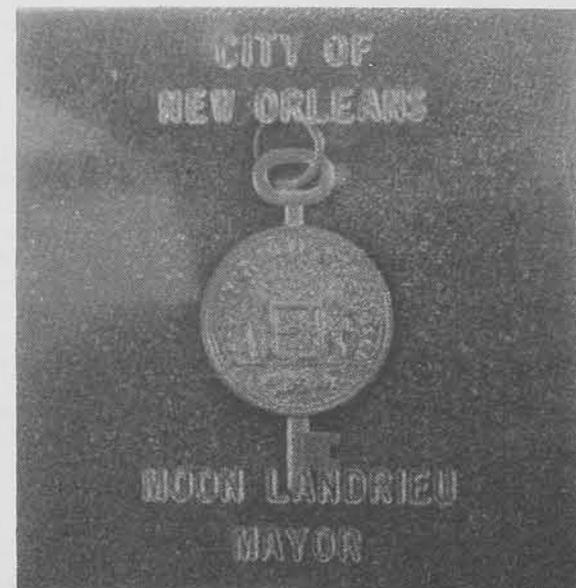
The Rev. Sun Myung Moon—the Korean religious leader, whose titles include founder and chairman of the board of: The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, The International Federation for Victory over Communism, the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, The Tong Wha Titanium Company, The Il Hwa Pharmaceutical Company, among many others—will be in New Orleans this week for his One World Crusade, which has been touring the U.S. amidst lots of publicity.

To put it a little more simply, the Rev. Moon is the head of the organization of which the local Unification Church on Canal Street (often represented publicly by Nancy Callahan) is a part. The controversial church has a number of local college students and ex-college students among its followers.

At any rate, the Rev. Moon will speak The Word on Oct. 26, 27 and 28 at 8 at the New Orleans Theatre for the Performing Arts. And even if you aren't too interested in religion, you'll certainly be interested in finding out what makes Moon and his religion a worldwide phenomenon with offices in Seoul, Tokyo, London, Paris, Sydney, San Francisco, Vienna, Amsterdam, New York, and other principal cities.

Admission is two bucks.

—*Figaro*
New Orleans, Louisiana
October 24, 1973



NEW HOPE NEWS

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Reverend Moon will speak at the Theatre for the Performing Arts, October 26, 27, and 28 at 8 p.m. on Christianity in Crisis.

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON TO SPEAK IN NEW ORLEANS

CHRISTIAN IDEALS UPHELD IN NEW MOVEMENT LED BY SOUTH KOREAN

Sun Myung Moon, a dynamic Christian leader, has attracted much interest in Asia and throughout the world. Reverend Moon has dedicated his whole life to end the suffering of both man and God. Through his teaching, which springs from his Christian background as well as his knowledge of Oriental culture, Rev. Moon has brought thousands hitherto uncommitted, to a fuller understanding of God and Christ. His deep dedication to world peace has led to many activities promoting dialogue and unification throughout the world. In the Orient, he has led ecumenical groups uniting hundreds of ministers in discussion of spiritual matters and common problems.

Where known in the United States, his work has greatly encouraged concerned people. It has given hope especially to alienated youth, steering them away from drugs and violence towards constructive activity on all fronts.

Sun Myung Moon was born in Pyongan Buk-do province in what is presently North Korea on January 6, 1920. Early he saw the lack of a unified effort among Christian churches and other faiths to provide strong moral direction to modern man, as well as to solve critical social problems. In 1945, Rev. Moon began his public ministry, working to renew the promise of Christianity and to inspire people to dedicate their lives to the fulfillment of this promise. His speaking brought him much persecution by the communists who were then growing in strength. He was tortured several times and finally sent to a prison camp for three years. Released by the allies at the end of the Korean War, Rev. Moon went to South Korea where he began the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (also known as the Unification Church) in 1954. The Church then expanded to Japan in 1957 and the United States in 1959. Now in each of the 50 states and over 30 countries the Church claims nearly three-quarters of a million members.



Nancy Callahan began the work of the Unification Church in New Orleans.

proves that New Orleans is not altogether "the city that Care forgot." The life and the understanding of the Community are inspiring many people, especially young people to live a life and build a world centered on Christian ideals. Many have found in the Unification Church the place where Christ's teachings can best be learned, lived, shared. All of the members look forward to a year of expanded growth and service in Louisiana.

UNIFICATION CHURCH

In the United States, the majority of the church membership is young people in their twenties. These young people have found concrete ways to demonstrate their commitment to building a better world. Members have found that

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UNIFICATION CHURCH TAKES ROOT IN NEW ORLEANS

The Unification Church of Louisiana began in April, 1972. At that time one young woman came to New Orleans to teach the Unification Principle and establish a Church Community. Today, two Church Centers have been established, and more than twenty young people have joined the residential community.

The work of the Church began in an apartment. As several people joined, a house was rented on 9th Street. This March, less than a year later, it was necessary to move to the large house on Canal Street which presently serves as Louisiana State Headquarters. Another center was begun this fall in Baton Rouge just three blocks from the LSU campus. In November, a third center will open in the city of New Orleans.

The young people who have joined have come from a variety of religious backgrounds including Catholic, Baptist and other Protestant denominations. The average age is 23. Those with professional backgrounds include a chemist, teacher, nurse, and printer. Student members have come from Tulane, Newcomb, Loyola, LSUNO, and LSU. Several members are now serving in national work.

The Church Center has conducted a variety of activities including daily lectures and weekend workshops. Projects to serve the churches and community are being initiated. Three student groups at Tulane, LSUNO, and LSU are in their initial stages.

The rapid growth and continued expansion of the work of the Unification Church Community in New Orleans



MOON LANDRIEU
MAYOR

CITY OF NEW ORLEANS
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

"PROCLAMATION"

WHEREAS, for over two centuries, the City of New Orleans has been esteemed for its beauty, warmth and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans is a uniquely international and interracial, with a tradition of unity amidst diversity; and

WHEREAS, it is on this foundation of unity that our city has been able to flourish as a center of Culture and Trade; and

WHEREAS, we have entered an era when cultural differences have ceased to be an asset in creating a sense of variety, but rather difference has caused division; and

WHEREAS, in these times of increasing conflict on every level of our society, the City of New Orleans can serve as an example to these United States and to the world by meeting the challenge of these times, by working to bridge the gap of separation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that, unity of purpose strengthens our city, and that growth in unity and harmony for all the citizens of the City of New Orleans:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Moon Landrieu, Mayor of the City of New Orleans, do hereby proclaim the day of May 4, 1973 to be

"UNIFICATION DAY"

in New Orleans.

Given under my hand
and the Seal of the
City of New Orleans
on this the 4th day
of May, 1973.

Moon Landrieu
MOON LANDRIEU
MAYOR



Menu

Shrimp Cocktail Remoulade
Roast Half Chicken Bonne Femme
with Mushrooms, Pearl Onions
Chateau Potatoes
Petit Pois au Beurre
Lettuce and Tomato Salad
French Dressing
Crème de Menthe Parfait
Fresh Rolls and Butter
Coffee or Tea

Program

1973 Day of Hope Dinner
Royal Orleans Hotel
New Orleans
October twenty five, nineteen seventy three

Reception

Invocation

Dinner

Welcoming Remarks

Mr. Neil Albert Salonen
President, The Unification Church of America

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon

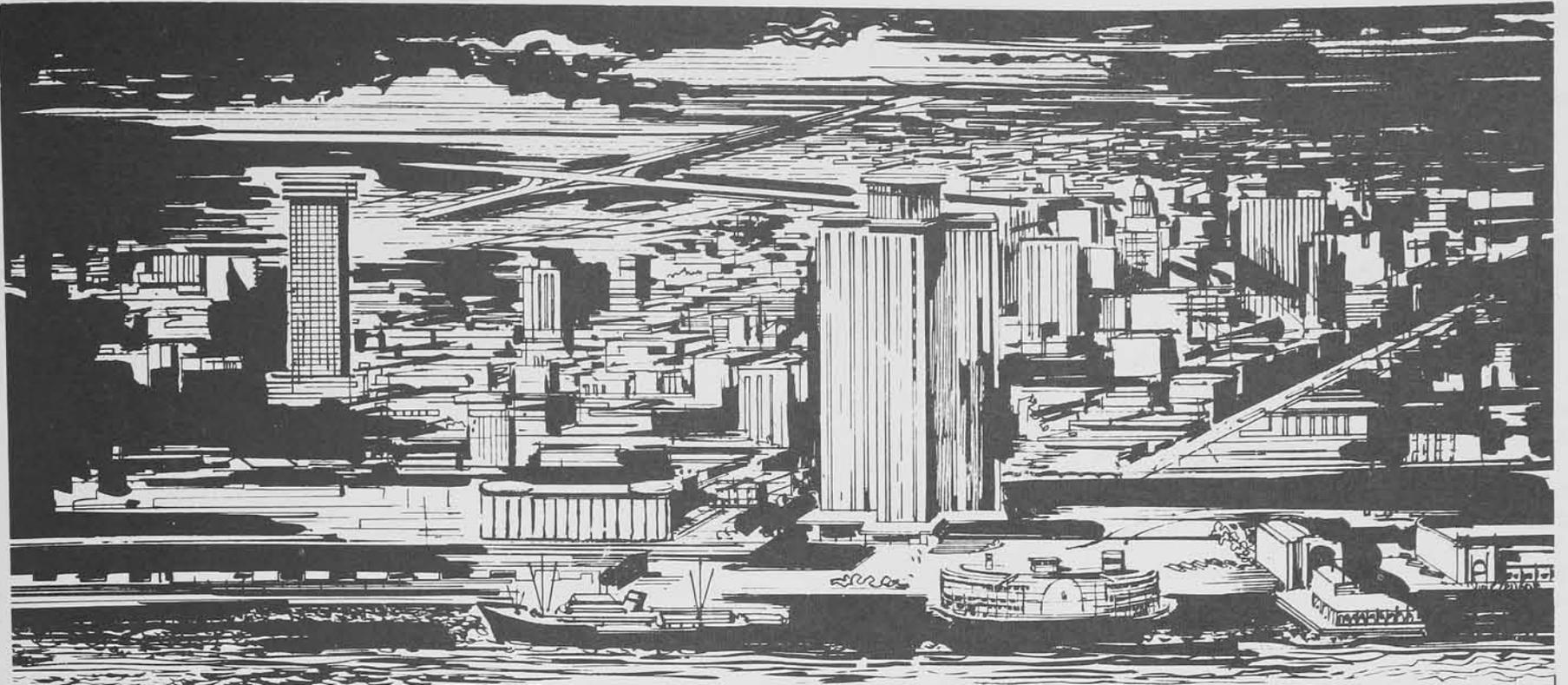


This is the emblem of the Unification Church symbolizing the unification of Christianity. The circle in the center represents God, the twelve rays emanating from the center represent the twelve gates to the new Jerusalem mentioned in Revelation 21:10-14 ("... on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed... and the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb"), and the arrows encircling the symbol represent the universal give and take among God, man and creation that is the basis for harmony and union.

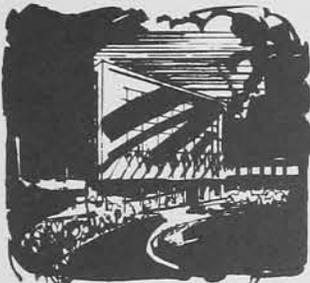


above: Banquet menu and program.

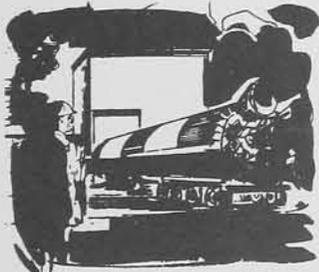
right: Our Master receives an Honorary Citizenship at the banquet from New Orleans Mayor, Moon Landrieu.



New Orleans Skyline—The International City



City Hall and Civic Center



NASA-Michoud Assembly Facility



World Famous Cuisine

Greetings

Be it hereby known that

SUN MYUNG MOON

has on this 25th day of OCTOBER 1973 been made an

Honorary Citizen of New Orleans The International City

founded 1718 A.D. by the French Explorer Bienville . . . a city of Old World tradition and New World enterprise famed for its charm, beauty and hospitality . . . one of America's most progressive communities . . . a great World Port and the center of a vast and growing industrial empire

Moon Landrew
MAYOR

James A. Morison
COUNCILMAN AT LARGE

Joseph W. Gilpin
COUNCILMAN AT LARGE

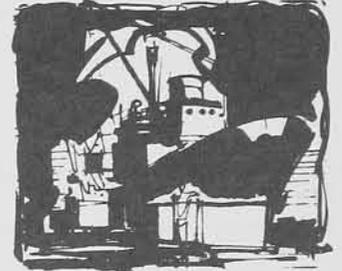
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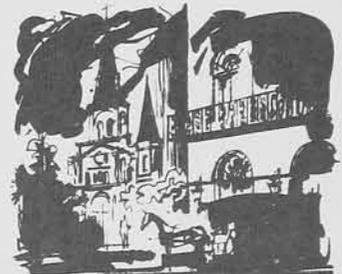
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John R. Leavelle
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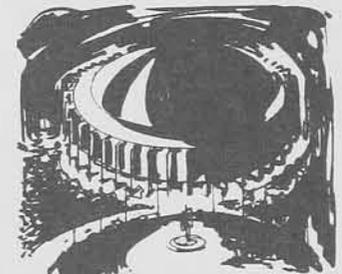
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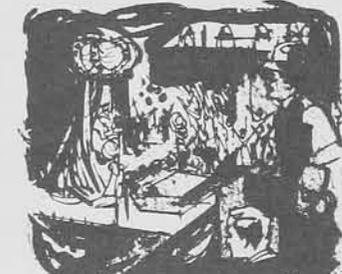
The Nation's Second Port



Romantic Vieux Carre



Big League Sports City



The Mardi Gras



The Birthplace of Jazz



Dallas

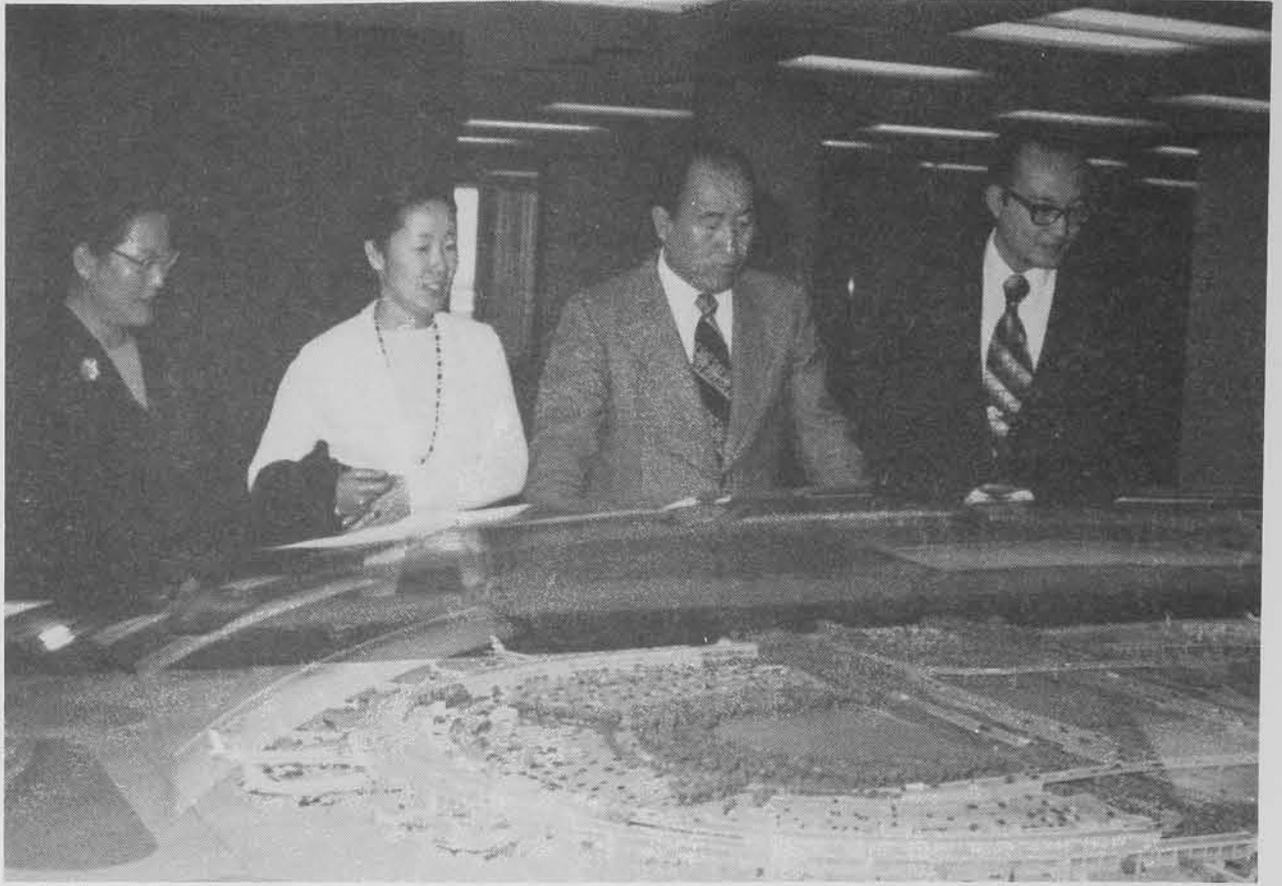
The Moon people are coming.

Don't panic. They won't be slipping in the dark of night on unidentifiable flying objects, armed with ray guns that bring instant disintegration to earthly enemies.

Earthly creatures themselves, these Moon people are coming here to give residents a shot of new theology on next-worldism.

Specifically, they are followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean born evangelist who has embarked on a 21-city "Day of Hope" tour of the United States. And, after all, no religious crusade is worth its salt that doesn't include Dallas, the "city of churches" with an army of Bible-carrying Christians.

— *The Dallas Morning News*
Dallas, Texas
Tuesday, October 16, 1973



above: Our Master and His party study a model of the new Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport.

right: "The Day of Hope and Unification" proclamation from Dallas Mayor, Wes Wise.



FUTURE OF CHRISTIANITY—Rev. Sun Myung Moon from Korea will speak on "God's Hope for Man," "God's Hope for America" and "The Future of Christianity" at the Dallas Convention Center Oct. 30, 31 and Nov. 1 in the Christianity in Crisis national tour. Rev. Sun Moon has tirelessly sought to know God on God's terms. Mayor Wes Wise is shown with Brenda Claunch, executive assistant, and John S. Doroski Jr., Texas state director of Unification Church, which is sponsoring the Rev. Moon tour.

— *The Dallas Times Herald*
Dallas, Texas
October 22, 1973

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR/CITY OF DALLAS



Proclamation

Whereas, Dallas has established itself as a great urban center with an abundance of hospitality and warmth; and

Whereas, Dallas is recognized for its national contribution to economic and cultural development of our Nation and stands on the threshold—with the opening of the Dallas-Fort Worth Regional Airport—of advancing a full range of ties abroad; and

Whereas, all Dallas citizens are seeking to understand cultural differences and are seeking to establish themselves as a peoples who welcome the challenge to bridge diversity and division and create an atmosphere of unity and harmony,

Now, Therefore, I, Wes Wise, Mayor of the City of Dallas, do hereby proclaim November 1, 1973, as

THE DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

Mayor, The City of Dallas



The City of Dallas Key tie pin presented to Our Master in appreciation of His inspiring visit to the city.

Office of the Mayor



Proclamation

WHEREAS the purpose of the Day of Hope Speaking Tour is to lay the foundation for society's emergence into a peaceful and harmonious civilization on the basis of God-centered families, societies and nations, and

WHEREAS the Reverend Sun Myung Moon is contributing to an extraordinary awakening in America rekindling American youth, and

WHEREAS the City of Garland stands proudly on its Christian heritage, seeking to serve and welcome people of all cultural backgrounds and religious heritages.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Don Raines, Mayor of the City of Garland do hereby proclaim November 1, 1973 as

THE DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City to be affixed, this 25th day of October, 1973.



Don Raines
Mayor, the City of Garland

Office of the Mayor
City of Richardson



Proclamation

Whereas: THE PURPOSE OF THE DAY OF HOPE SPEAKING TOUR IS TO LAY THE FOUNDATION FOR SOCIETY'S EMERGENCE INTO A PEACEFUL AND HARMONIOUS CIVILIZATION ON THE BASIS OF GOD-CENTERED FAMILIES, SOCIETIES AND NATIONS; AND

WHEREAS: THE REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON IS CONTRIBUTING TO AN EXTRAORDINARY AWAKENING IN AMERICA REKINDLING AMERICAN YOUTH; AND

WHEREAS: THE CITY OF RICHARDSON STANDS PROUDLY ON ITS CHRISTIAN HERITAGE, SEEKING TO SERVE AND WELCOME PEOPLE OF ALL CULTURAL BACKGROUNDS AND RELIGIOUS HERITAGES.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RAYMOND NOAH, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF RICHARDSON, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM NOVEMBER 1, 1973,

THE DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY TO BE AFFIXED, THIS 8TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1973.

Raymond Noah
Mayor, The City of Richardson

Office of the Mayor
CITY OF IRVING

Proclamation

Whereas: The purpose of the Day of Hope Speaking Tour is to lay the foundation for society's emergence into a peaceful and harmonious civilization on the basis of God-Centered families, societies and nations; and

WHEREAS: The Reverend Sun Myung Moon is contributing to an extraordinary awakening in America rekindling American youth; and

WHEREAS: The City of Irving stands proudly on its Christian heritage, seeking to serve and welcome people of all cultural backgrounds and religious heritages.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, R. Dan Matkin, Mayor of the City of Irving, do hereby proclaim November 1, 1973 to be

THE DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City to be affixed.

R. Dan Matkin
R. Dan Matkin, Mayor



THE DALLAS TIMES HERALD

DALLAS, TEXAS, TUESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 23, 1973

Wise defends Moon's proclamation

By NADEANE WALKER
Staff Writer

Mayor Wes Wise has no misgivings about issuing a proclamation honoring the visit of Korean evangelist Rev. Sun Myung Moon, despite protests from church leaders in Dallas who call Moon's theology "highly suspect."

"I will go ahead and welcome Rev. Mr. Moon in my office," Wise told The Times Herald. "I have no regrets about the proclamation of a Day of Hope and Unification."

Told that one scholar says Moon's Unification Church is "basically like the Hari Krishna sect in another kind of clothing," Wise said, "Well, I'd do the same thing for the Hari Krishnas if they had a visiting leader. Whether I approve of his teachings or not, unless he's preaching something really radical, I would extend the same courtesy to any visiting religious leader. Everybody's entitled to his own beliefs, although I don't know much about Rev. Mr. Moon's."

But one scholar of Korean religion said, "Somebody has put their foot in their mouth. He (Moon) will use being welcomed by the mayor of Dallas to legitimize his movement. I didn't think anybody took him that seriously, but if

his campaign in Dallas is successful, he could catch on all over the country."

Dallas is the second stop in a proposed 21-city tour.

Volume 43 of page 167 of a book on Korean religions, published in 1967 by the Royal Asiatic Society, contains an article by Ch'oi Syn-Duk on Moon's Tong-il Movement. It says Moon's first wife at one time had him placed under arrest. They had one son and after their divorce Moon "fathered a son by an unknown mother."

In 1960 he married an 18-year-old high school student. Their marriage was known as "the Feast of the Land," and the bride as "the Mother of the Universe" or "True Mother". She was entitled to receive deep bows or kow-tows and their children are claimed as "sinlessly conceived"

The article says Moon was accused of disturbing the social order in North Korea in 1948, after he established an independent church.

After being released by nationalist troops, Moon continued his movement in South Korea. In 1955, he and several other leaders were imprisoned, accused of "injuring the public morals." They were released as innocent three

months later and in 1956 the movement was registered as a legal social movement.

The Moon visit proclamation is the second recent one to arouse questions. After Wise gave a certificate of special recognition to self-styled "Male Model of the Year" Jerry Lynn, a Times Herald inquiry failed to validate the title.

No procedure is clear for recalling a proclamation or certificate of recognition after it has been issued.

How much screening is done before they are issued?

"That would be my responsibility," says mayoral assistant David Miller. "No, I didn't check with the Greater Dallas Council of Churches on the Moon visit proclamation. But it (the proclamation) doesn't really endorse him or his movement."

A lot of people ask the mayor for proclamations of special days, weeks or months — 126 of them have been signed since February. There have also been about half a dozen special days proclaimed for individuals.

A secretary in the mayor's office says, "There are just jillions of them."



A RALLY to publicize the coming visit of Unification leader The Rev. Sun Myung Moon was held in Stone

Place Mall recently by 40 young Asians and Europeans of the International One World Crusade.



Dallas Cowboy football player John Niland passes "honorable football" to Rev. Moon.

Korean Evangelist Cites, Praises Dallas

A Korean evangelist arrived here and cited Dallas as the center for two important institutions — Christianity and football.

"East and West meet here," said the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, "on the center of one God. Texas is an important part of the United States and God's blessing is abundant here."

The evangelist spoke to about 100 persons attending a banquet at the Hotel Adolphus Monday night, kicking off his 3-day crusade on "Christianity in Crisis; New Hope" which began at the Dallas Convention Center Tuesday.

He was welcomed by Dallas Cowboy guard John Niland who presented him an autographed football on behalf of the Dallas branch of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

"American football belongs to Texas," remarked the Rev. Mr. Moon. "The honorable football is rectangular. It jumps about in all directions and is difficult to control. It is a symbol of courage of youth, particularly in Texas.

"No wonder the Dallas Cowboys gather so many honors here."

— *The Dallas Morning News*

Dallas, Texas

Thursday, November 1, 1973

Tampa

Two years ago, Joseph Sheftick gave up a \$50,000 job in New York City to spread the teachings of a 51-year-old stranger from Korea.

Today, Sheftick has traveled to all 50 states in America as an international team leader in the Holy Spirit Association of the Unification of World Christianity.

"Man's had questions since the beginning of time but not logical answers," Sheftick said. "We get logical answers here with heart."

Sheftick, a chiropractor and former Catholic, explained that Moon's teachings "give you an understanding of all religions."

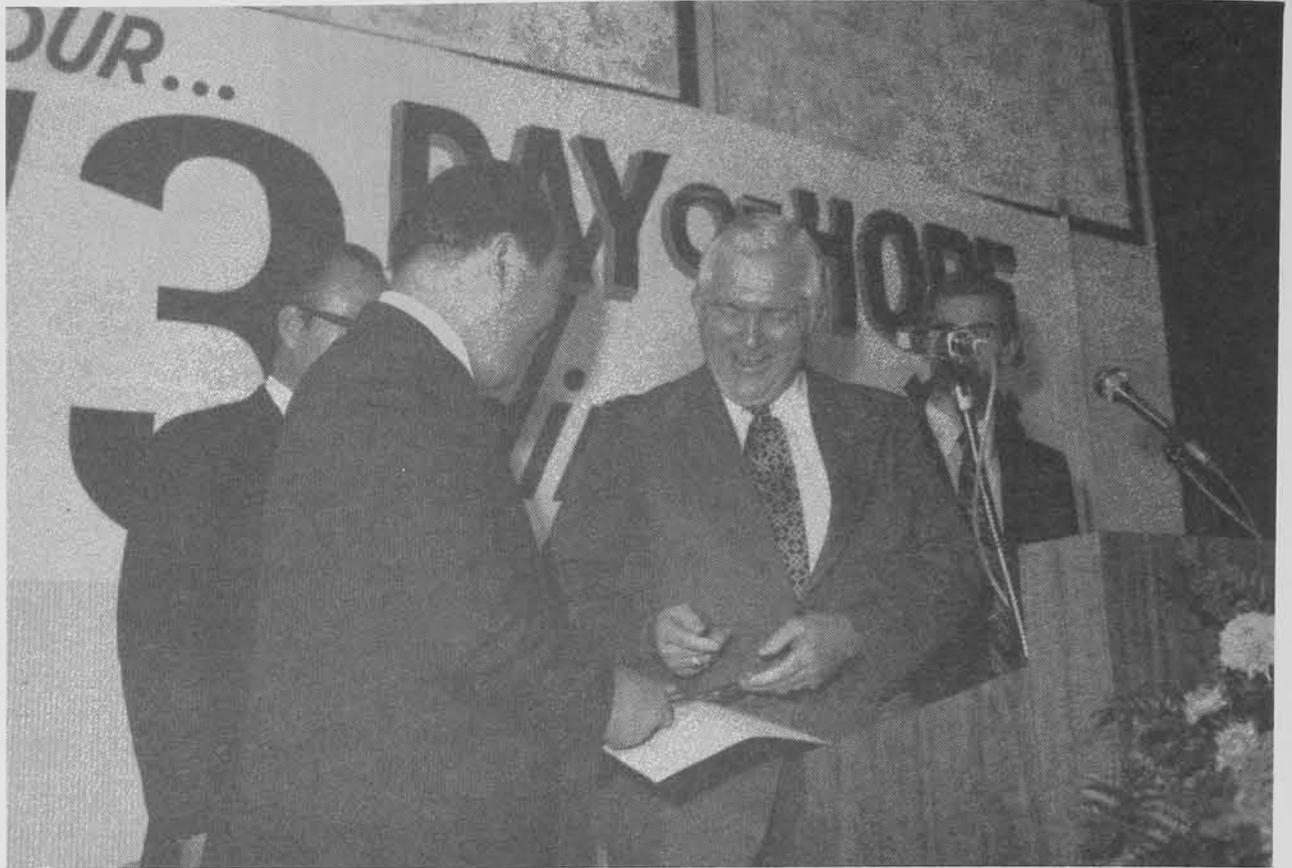
"Eventually there will be no religion as we know it," he added.

Moon started the Unification movement in 1954 following his imprisonment by Communists in a Hungnam camp. He has since created a training program for South Korean civil servants, a program of conversion for Communist political prisoners, and a folk ballet company known internationally as the Little Angels.

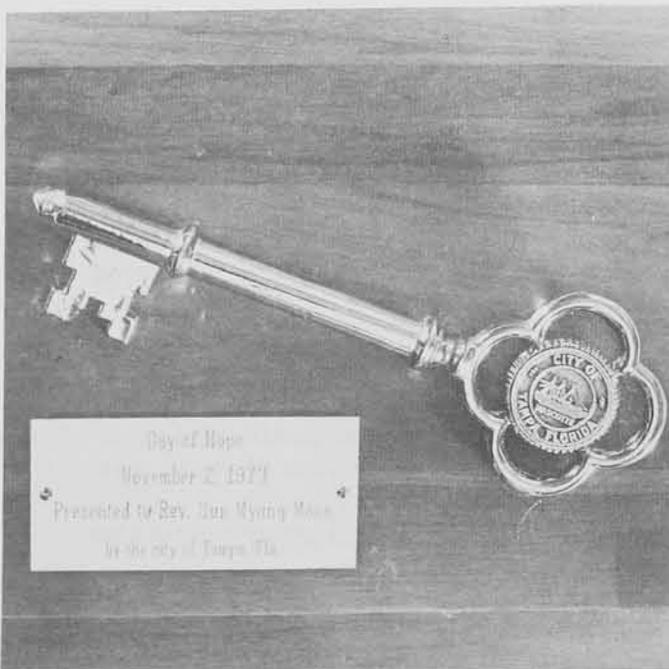
— *The Tampa Times*

Tampa, Florida

Saturday, November 3, 1973



Our Master receives the Key to the City of Tampa.



Proclamation

CITY OF TAMPA

DICK A. GRECO, JR.
MAYOR



EXECUTIVE OFFICES

WHEREAS, for over a century, the City of Tampa has been esteemed for its beauty, warmth and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tampa is uniquely international and interracial, with a tradition of unity amidst diversity; and

WHEREAS, it is on this foundation of unity that our City has been able to flourish as a center of Culture and Trade; and

WHEREAS, we have entered an era when cultural differences have ceased to be an asset in creating a sense of variety, but rather difference has caused division; and

WHEREAS, in these times of increasing conflict on every level of our society, the City of Tampa can serve as an example to these United States and to the world by meeting the challenge of these times, by working to bridge the gap of separation; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that, unity of purpose strengthens our City, and that growth in unity advances the welfare of all the citizens of the City of Tampa.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dick A. Greco, Jr., by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Tampa, Florida, do hereby proclaim November 2, 1973, as "THE DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION"

Dated at Tampa, Florida this the 2nd day of November, 1973.



Dick A. Greco, Jr.
MAYOR

The Tampa Tribune

TAMPA, FLORIDA, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1973

Rev. Moon Imports Gospel To Tampa

By BARBARA HUNTING

"The Unification Church was founded in 1954 in Seoul, Korea, by Sun Myung Moon. Also known as the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, the Church is now established in over 40 countries throughout the world. In 1959 the first missionary arrived in the United States, Miss Young On Kim, professor of New Testament and Comparative Religion at Weha Women's University in Seoul. Since America is the most advanced communications center in the world, it is an ideal base from which to make this message — the Unification principle—available to the world."

That's the message from the Moon children, followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, which is delivered to the dignitaries of the cities in which Rev. Moon is scheduled to visit.

Mayor Dick Greco received this message the first week in October and was invited last night to a banquet to honor Rev. Moon held at the Sheraton-Tampa Hotel. Tonight, tomorrow and Monday Dr. Moon will speak at 8 p.m. at the same hotel.

WHO'S MOON? That's the question on the tongues of hundreds in the Tampa Bay area who are suddenly hearing the name, Rev. Moon, for the first time.

The energetic Moon children have held street crusades, traveled door to door and set up teams to travel in shopping centers to urge people to attend the lecture to be held by Rev. Moon in Tampa.

"I wonder if the people of Tampa realize the great opportunity they are being offered by having Rev. Moon here," questioned Debbie White, a fresh-faced German crusader who handles publicity for the group.

REV. MOON will travel to 21 cities in the U.S. Before he arrives, in each city, a team of 80 members of the Unification Church, the One World Crusade, will travel by vans and locate at the headquarters established in that particular city.

In Tampa the international team is already here, 80 in all, and are housed between the two houses located at 4311 Obispo Ave. and 305 S. Boulevard. Forty Europeans and 40 Japanese make up the team.

"We will be out of the house on Obispo by the end of November, but will remain on Boulevard permanently," said Ernestine Pichelbauer, a member of the group.

TAMPA HAS a permanent group of members of the Unification Church. All are housed in the two houses. There are 30 members who will remain here in the city. All preach the doctrine founded by Dr. Moon.

The gospel, according to Dr. Moon, a Korean

The gospel, according to Dr. Moon, is to preach brotherhood and dedication to the pursuit of world unity under God.

"Moon has run afoul of the established churches in South Korea. We consider it a pseudo-religion more evil than Satan." Korean Church Official



REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

evangelist, is to preach brotherhood and dedication to the pursuit of world unity under God.

The group claims to number two million and growing throughout the U.S. and Europe.

"In Tampa we keep getting more and more members interested in the movement," said Ernestine Pichelbauer.

PART OF Rev. Moon's doctrine is that the Messiah will be born in the new Israel — Korea — by 1980.

Rev. Moon was born in Pyungan Buk-Do province, at 16 he was in deep prayer on Easter morning when Jesus appeared to him, revealing that Rev. Moon would have a great mission in the fulfillment of God's providence.

BUT IT was not until 1954 that he officially began the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, also known as the Unification Church, in Seoul, Korea.

The family unit is the key to the philosophy of Dr. Moon. Only the righteous parents who form faithful marriages will be welcomed into the coming kingdom of the God the Father, according to Dr. Moon. His mass weddings, that he performed in 1960, were evidence of his strong convictions. At one ceremony he performed 777 marriages. Dr. Moon further believes that love within the family unit is the key to world peace.

Husbands and wives are taught to be strictly faithful to each other — the worst sin is adultery — and to raise as many children as possible is encouraged.

IN AN ARTICLE which appeared in Newsweek Magazine, Oct. 15, 1973, it was stated, "Moon has run afoul of the established churches in South Korea. 'We consider it a pseudo-religion more evil than Satan,' says the Rev. Kim Kwan Suk, head of the Korean National Council of Churches."

However, Dr. Moon's anti-Communist organization enjoys a privileged relationship with the Seoul government.

During a recent crusade in downtown Tampa the group was ousted from the street in front of the Sacred Heart Church. The Rev. Emile A. Bordenave, pastor of the church, had not been informed of the group's arrival and had failed to get a proper permit.

Many people in Tampa have telephoned The Tribune asking about the group who go door to door preaching the doctrine of the Unification Church. One woman stated, "Every time you turn around it's another group peddling a new religion."

Atlanta

Reverend Moon's ministry has deeply affected the lives of many young people and inspired them to devote their lives fully to God. Between October 16 and November 8, 1973 over 500 dedicated young Christians — including 300 from 9 overseas countries (England, France, Denmark, Holland, Italy, Germany, Austria, Japan, Ireland) and at least 2 from every state in the U.S. — will converge on Atlanta to spread the word. Everyone is urged to experience this vital message. Call 378-7749 for further information.

—Atlanta Daily World
Atlanta, Georgia
Sunday, November 4, 1973



President Salonen, Our Master, and David Kim discuss new plans for the Day of Hope.



Staff Photo—Dwight Ross Jr.

Young 'One World Crusade' Evangelists Sing Out for Worldwide Unity

—The Atlanta Constitution
Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, August 4, 1973

In August, members of the International Team #2, who came from Japan, Germany, England, Scotland, France, Italy, Austria, Denmark, and cities across the U.S., campaigned for one week in the Atlanta area. Three months before the Day of Hope talks in November, members held rallies and witnessed on the streets and door-to-door to invite people to hear Our Master speak.

NEW HOPE FOR AMERICA

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON



The most dangerous time for any civilization comes when its moral and ethical foundation is in crisis. History has shown us that if a society loses this, it cannot survive.

America has grown and prospered so greatly because those who settled it came seeking God. The only way it will fall is if those who live here stop seeking Him.

This foundation of our country is in a period of obvious crisis. Is it still true that, "In God We Trust?" Are our churches filled? Do our churches really address themselves to the questions people are desperately asking?

If Christianity is in crisis it can only be because we have abandoned God. In this dangerous situation, new hope comes only from seeking to know God's will as it is, and not as we wish it to be.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon from Korea has tirelessly sought to know God on God's terms. What he says about God, Jesus Christ, man and the time we live in will revitalize and warmly personalize your relationship with God and help you to understand what God is doing in the world today.

Speaking on:

God's Hope for Man • God's Hope for America • The Future of Christianity

REGENCY HYATT HOUSE NOV. 6,7,8/8PM CHRISTIANITY IN CRISIS

FOR INFORMATION CALL 378-7749

Reverend Moon is currently on a 21 city tour throughout the United States. He will speak in the following cities: Atlanta—Regency Hyatt House/Baltimore—Lyric Theater/Berkeley—Zellerbach Auditorium, U.C./Boston—John Hancock Hall/Chicago—McCormick Place/Cincinnati—Convention Center/Dallas—Convention Center Theater/Detroit—Masonic Auditorium/Denver—Phipps Auditorium/Kansas City—Capri Theater/Los Angeles—Hilton Hotel/Minneapolis—West Bank Auditorium, U.M./New Orleans—Theater of the Performing Arts/New York—Carnegie Hall/Omaha—Burke High School/Philadelphia—Scottish Rite Cathedral/San Francisco—Scottish Rite Auditorium/Seattle—Seattle Center/Tampa—Sheraton Hotel/Tulsa—Tulsa Civic Center/Washington, D.C.—Lisner Auditorium

There's a \$15,000 campaign being waged to bring new hope to Atlanta. It's a special brand of hope touted by Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon, who will speak at 8 p.m. Nov. 6-8 at the Hyatt Regency Atlanta.

If in the past weeks you've walked on a downtown sidewalk or in a suburban shopping center, you've likely seen his face on billboards, on vans equipped with blaring loudspeakers.

You may have been among the hundreds who were gently accosted by Moon's international brigade of 200 young advance men and women here to spread his word.

The 20 Moon followers living in the Atlanta area raised \$10,000 of the publicity cost by selling candles, flowers and soliciting street-corner donations. Moon's headquarters, located in Tarrytown, N.Y., pitched in \$5,000.

The money went to buy newspaper advertising, to flash commercials on the Atlanta Stadium computer during Sunday's Falcons-Rams game, to put advertising on MARTA buses and billboards. They placed a one-quarter page ad in Georgia's United Methodist Wesleyan Christian Advocate.

They shelled out \$120 a day to finance

three loudspeaker vans that have covered hundreds of Atlanta miles. They spent more on the flyers and pamphlets Moon's followers have passed out by the handful on Atlanta's streets.

All the money and legwork is destined to promote Moon as a spiritual leader come to save the world and to sell \$2-a-night tickets to his lectures.

— *The Atlanta Constitution*

Atlanta, Georgia

Tuesday, November 6, 1973

... when he established his new teaching most religious leaders objected to it.

"But before objecting to and persecuting it they should have studied its contents," he said. "For we must find and select one which is highest and closest to God," said the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

His lecture traced the history of man's relationship to God and how it led to the church's belief that the second coming of Christ is near.

Moon said he is here to proclaim God's new revelation "not at my desire but at

God's urging. I believe circumstance did not allow Jesus to finish what he had come to do and that is why he promised to return."

— *The Atlanta Journal*

Atlanta, Georgia

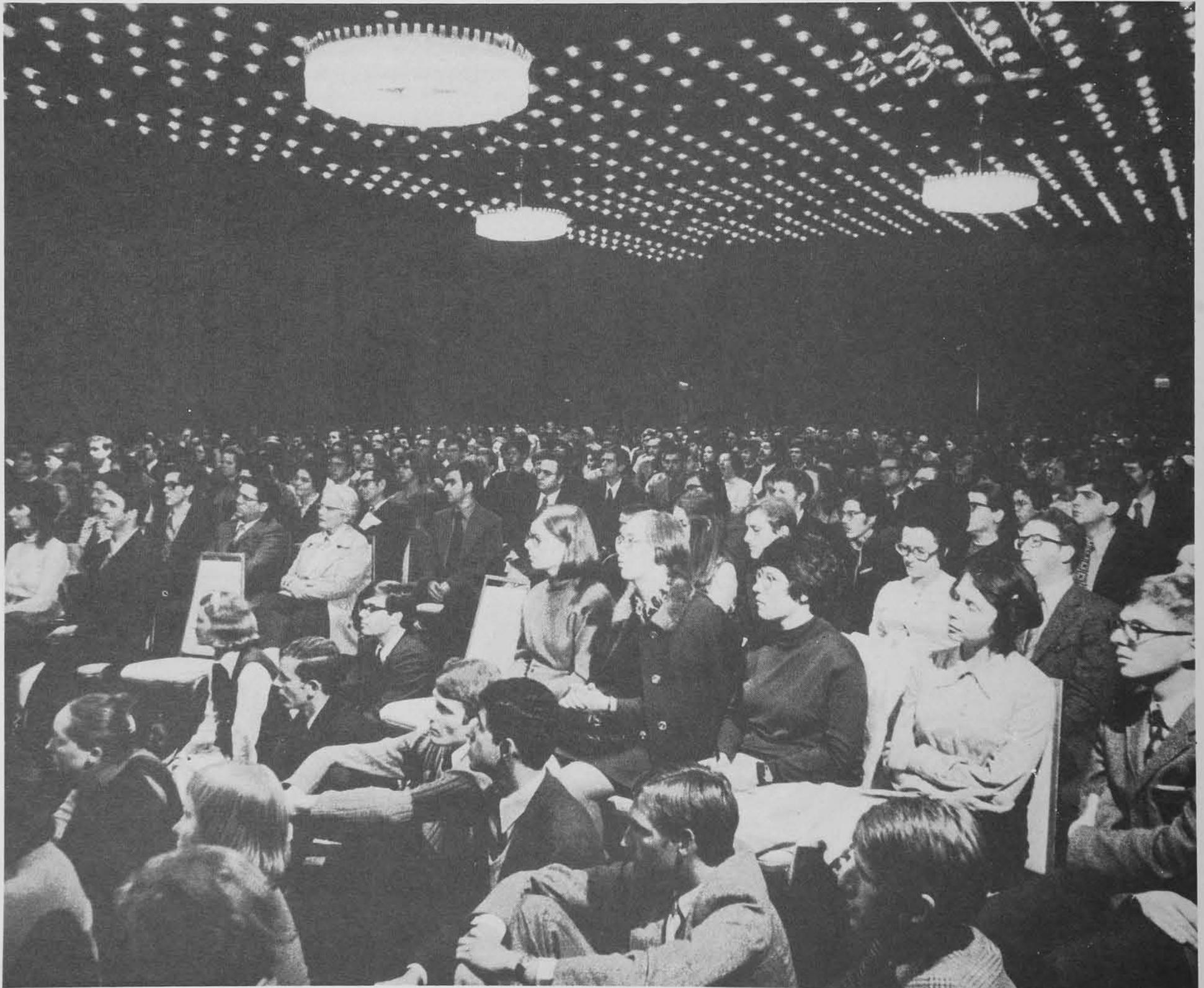
Wednesday, November 7, 1973

A fiery, fast-talking Korean evangelist preached his one-God, one-world religion theory Tuesday night at the Regency to a crowd estimated at close to 1,000.

Most who came to hear the 53-year-old Rev. Sun Myung Moon were young people, but a sizable number were middle-aged and elderly Atlantans. Of the 1,000 there, from 20 to 300 were followers of Moon's.

Moon's Tuesday night lecture was on the "divine principles" he said God revealed to him. Among them was a complex theory that explains the relationship between God and man as subject and object and the interaction between them.

"I am sure this is a revolutionary idea to conventional Christians," he said. "I have been a Christian for many years. However, this did not give me complete answers, so I



set out in search of them. I am not originating what I teach. My truth is from the ultimate source."

He said "Christianity keeps putting God so high, putting man so low, and between them an unclosable gap. But God is in the subject position, man is the object and they are essentially one."

— *The Atlanta Constitution*
Atlanta, Georgia
Wednesday, November 7, 1973

In the last few weeks, and in particular in the last few days, our Unification Church people greeted every one of you — and not just once, twice, or three times. You are almost tired of them I am sure. But put yourself in these young people's positions. Why are they doing this? Does it bring them any material profit? Eighty-five percent of the young people in our movement are college graduates. They are capable of earning tens of thousands of dollars a year, but instead they are going out on the streets asking you to come to these lectures. Their hearts are compassionate. They have one purpose. They want to save America. They want to bring God back to America and they know that by serving the world they can save America.

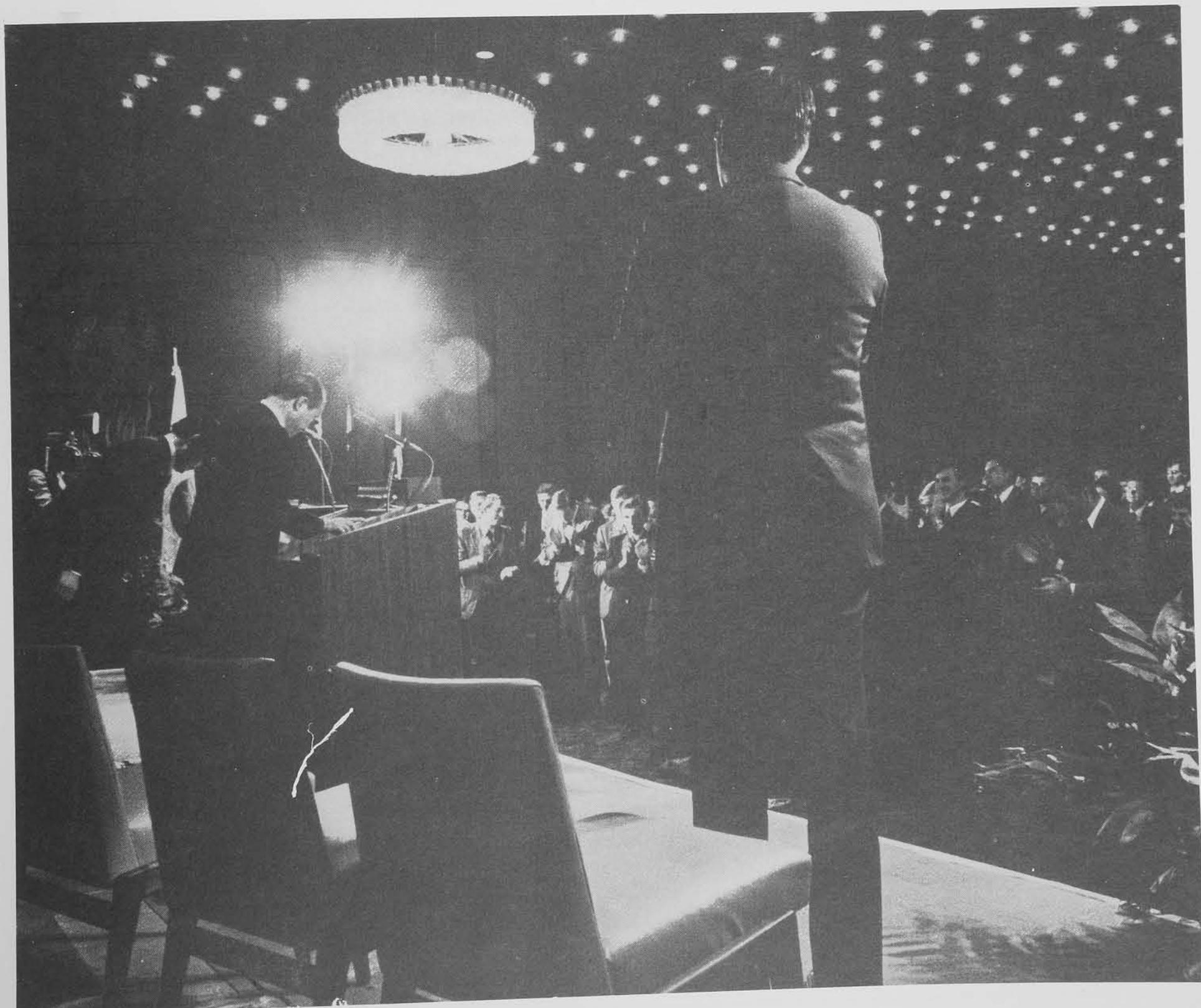
These young people are here to rekindle America's spirit. America has a great tradition. All you have to do is revive it. We need a new movement of Pilgrims with a new vision. This is inevitable, because God left no alternative for

America. You have no other direction to turn. The new Pilgrim movement has come — not for America alone, but for the world. In other words the movement for world salvation must begin in this country. America is the base and when America fulfills her mission you will be eternally blessed.

This is God's hope for America. This is God's ardent hope for you. For myself, I made a covenant with our young people of America that we will strive in partnership with God for this great crusade. I want you to join; I want you to support these young people.

This is my deep desire, from my heart that America will see the glorious day of reward. And for this reason I come to speak to you with God's hope for America.

— "God's Hope for America"
Sun Myung Moon
October 21, 1973



Proclamation



CITY OF ATLANTA

Office of the Mayor

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that unity and understanding strengthens our city, and that growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all citizens of the city of Atlanta; and

WHEREAS, all responsible citizens are called upon to unite in their affirmation of our country's birthright, and of our national dedication and hope, guaranteeing freedom for all men; and

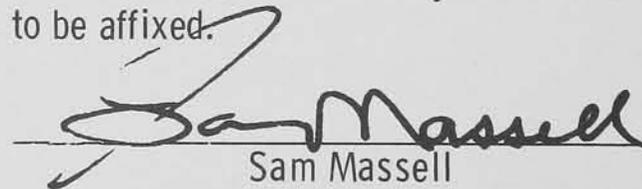
WHEREAS, visiting in our midst is one whose life, message and challenge is dedicated to men of all political, social and religious persuasions, that being the Reverend Sun Myung Moon:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sam Massell, Mayor of the City of Atlanta, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, November 6, 1973 as

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Atlanta, and urge all citizens to cordially welcome Reverend Moon to our city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I
have hereunto set my hand and
caused the Seal of the City of Atlanta
to be affixed.



Sam Massell

Sam Massell
Mayor



EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

THE STATE OF GEORGIA



Proclamation

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

BY THE GOVERNOR:

- WHEREAS: Unity and understanding strengthen our communities, and growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all our citizens; and
- WHEREAS: All responsible citizens should unite in their affirmation of our country's birth-right, and our national dedication and hope guaranteeing freedom for all men; and
- WHEREAS: The Reverend Sun Myung Moon has dedicated his life to increasing the worldwide understanding of hope and unity under God; and
- WHEREAS: Reverend Moon will visit Atlanta on November 6 - 9, 1973, encouraging our citizens to join together in progressing from our present world neighborhood to a world brotherhood encompassing hope and unity; now
- THEREFORE: I, Jimmy Carter, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim the day of November 7, 1973, as a "DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION" throughout the great State of Georgia.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed. This 1st day of, November, 1973

Jimmy Carter
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR

Frank Moore
Secretary, Executive Department

Program

1973 DAY OF HOPE DINNER
HELLENIC CENTER - ATLANTA, GEORGIA

NOVEMBER 9, 1973

INVOCATION

DINNER

WELCOMING REMARKS

Mr. Neil Albert Salonen
President, The Unification

THE REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

Menu

Roast Beef

Atlanta Fried Chicken

Fried Rice

Summer Squash Casserole

Tossed Chef's Salad

Assortment of Relishes

Double Fudge Brownies

Iced Tea Coffee

below: Our Master, Mother, and Mrs. Choi at this Day of Hope banquet, given by Our Master for Family members after the Atlanta talks. On the table is a cake decorated with a ladder and one of the 21 cities at each step. Completing the tour would bring "Victory for God in America."

left: Program for the special banquet, which included songs by the original pioneers, a joyful noise by the German IOWC brass band, and a talk by Our Master.



Omaha

Speaking to about 600 at Burke High School on the loving relationship between God and man was the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the 19-year-old Unification Church, which seeks to bring all people together in a rebirth of the earthly kingdom.

Monday night's talk, the first of three nightly at Burke, was preceded by intensive door-to-door contacts by about 100 followers from this country and abroad. Included were about 70 Germans.

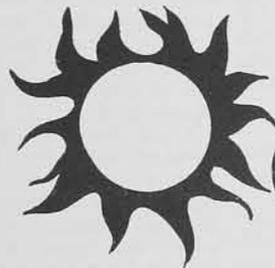
The pre-talk campaign included a dozen billboard posters, three full-page World-Herald ads, distribution of literature and personal contacts.

A steak dinner for community leaders and friends of church members was held Sunday night and included former Gov. Frank Morrison, who said he was interested in the church because of its emphasis on world peace and brotherhood.

—*Omaha World-Herald*

Omaha, Nebraska

Tuesday, November 27, 1973



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NCLU probes 'programmed' girl's plight

By JILL GRIESING
North Sun editor

A 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL, committed to Richard Young Memorial Hospital by her parents Oct. 25 after a five-month stay at the Unification Church and subsequent "deprogramming" by a San Diego man, has asked the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union for legal help.

Bennett Hornstein, lawyer in the Public Defender's office who is currently looking into the matter for the NCLU, said that "since the girl is a minor, technically the parents have some rights."

He said the girl's mother requested commitment of the girl on a voluntary basis "to try to brainwash her away from the church. There is no official record of commitment. The doctor is cooperating with this, although the girl's psychological tests show she's not psychotic, psychopathic, neurotic or anything else. It appears there's nothing psychologically wrong with the girl."

Hornstein said he has talked to representatives of the church and family, and "there's more than a little bit of brainwashing on both sides."

"People on both sides are trying to paint it as a clearcut situation. I haven't been able to talk to the girl yet," Hornstein said, "but I plan to if I have to break the door down."

The girl claimed she was lured from the church at 3531 N. 59th St., by the San Diego man, Ted Patrick, and her parents last month, then forced to stay at her parent's home and undergo a "deprogramming" session against her will.

Patrick is well known for having traveled around the country "deprogramming" young people who were caught up in the national Unification Church movement.

Soon after the girl was committed to Richard Young Memorial Hospital, she smuggled a letter to the NCLU from the

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NCLU probes 'programmed' girl's plight

hospital with another patient who had been discharged, a Unification Church spokeswoman said.

Her letter said:

"I am writing to the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union because I feel my rights have been violated."

The letter continued to relate the history of the Unification Church and the girl's association with it.

"After happily living in the church for five months (in constant contact with my parents,) the letter said, 'I went home with my mother on Oct. 23. I was told that my favorite uncle was visiting.'"

Instead, the letter stated, the girl was introduced to Ted Patrick "as the door was locked behind me. I was sat down and forced to listen to false accusations and personal insults about me and my beliefs."

"I wasn't allowed to eat," the girl wrote. "I was tied in a chair and physically abused for two and one-half days. Both my parents were actively involved in these actions."

"THE first day I begged to see a policeman or a psychiatrist or anybody who could be objective about this, but they said what they were doing is legal, but they refused to let me talk to a policeman," the letter continued.

"They told me I didn't need a psychiatrist, but was possessed by Satan and brainwashed by the church."

"At the end of two days," the letter stated, "I finally managed to escape and ran to a house and called the police, but before the police got there they caught me and took me to Richard Young Mental Hospital. I am in a locked ward. I have no visiting privileges, no phone privileges and all letters are censored . . ."

The letter closed with a plea to the NCLU to "look into my case" and a postscript claiming "my psychiatric tests show that I have no serious problems."

THE mother of the girl told the Sun she could challenge two statements made in the letter.

"She didn't live at the church with her parents' consent," the mother said, "and she was not physically abused."

"She was physically restrained because we wanted her to stay with us, but she didn't have a scratch or bruise on her body. She may have felt some pain being restrained," the

mother said, "but she wasn't abused."

She said she expects the girl to be dismissed from the psychiatric hospital within a week.

A wide variety of opinion exists about the Unification Church and the girl's association with it.

According to her mother, the girl became interested in the church last winter. Gradually, it consumed more of her time, until she quit high school "to live at the church full time," her mother said.

THE mother contends the church encouraged her to leave school.

She said family and friends of the girl observed deep changes in her personality while she lived at the church, including a lack of interest in former activities and friends.

This, and other observations, led the parents to believe their daughter had been "brainwashed" at the church, her mother said.

Out of love for the girl, she said, the parents contacted Ted Patrick, who says he "deprograms" young people involved in religious cults around the country.

"We were told by the district attorney's office that we could have charged Lokesh Mazumdahr (local leader of the church) with harboring a minor," the mother said. "We didn't because we could have gotten her out bodily but not mentally—she would have run away."

THE mother praised the efforts of Ted Patrick, conceding that "we can't say he was really successful with our daughter. But I felt he is very genuine, very concerned."

"He and his assistant (a man named Harris) have called us back to see how she is, and said they'd check back again," she said.

"I found them very clean-cut, wholesome and with high morals. They were constantly present with us for 24 hours a day in an encounter group situation with our daughter. We only paid their traveling and living expenses," the mother said.

In a telephone interview with the Sun, Patrick said: "In 98 per cent of our cases we're 100 per cent successful. In this case, there's just so much a young human mind can take."

Patrick said he believes, religious cults around the country, including the Unification

Church, "destroy your will to think and brainwash you to do the things they want you to do."

PATRICK claims the "brainwashing" is achieved by ESP, energy from brain waves, the laying of hands—a sort of on the spot hypnosis.

Asked about a Connecticut lawsuit charging him with "attempted abduction," Patrick said "that shouldn't have even got to court."

The lawsuit involved a 20-year-old Yale student, Dan Voll, who quit school to join the New Testament Missionary Fellowship. Voll charged that Patrick and Voll's parents tried to kidnap him, but went only three blocks before Voll escaped. Voll lost the case.

Also working closely with the Omaha girl during her association with the school was Don Stewart, assistant principal at Benson High.

"My feelings about this are pretty strong, to put it mildly," Stewart said.

"She's a beautiful gal. At first I felt that if this thing was wrong, she'd reason it out. But in the spring, she began to miss school a lot for various reasons connected with the church:"

HER GRADES "fell and stayed low compared to her ability," he said. "She wanted me to visit the church. I wasn't interested for a long time, but then I thought maybe I should find out about it because they wanted other kids to get involved."

Stewart, his wife and another Benson counselor attended four lectures at the church.

Stewart said he interpreted the religion as "strong on Satanic power—ever-present and constant, a something you always have to be on guard against."

Members of the church, he contends, are "extremely clean, well-groomed and polite—almost zombie-like. I believe they lose all reasoning ability and think they have an answer for everything."

STEWART said he had "a pretty good burn-out" with Mazumdahr, the church leader.

"After the last meeting," Stewart said, "they asked me, in effect, 'Do you buy it?' and requested a commitment from me. I felt duped at that point. I asked them, 'Suppose I be-

lieve this stuff? What could I do? They answered, 'You can make it possible for every student in the Omaha Public Schools to hear the Principle writings, he said, which 'sum up the whole operation.'

"Once you buy the basic principles, a lot of things happen that they won't talk about before," Stewart said, referring to "the joining and the complete change in lifestyle" he has observed and heard of.

"To me," Stewart said, "everyone there is a drop-out from home, school and society. Their only contact is of a parasitic nature."

Stewart said he talked frequently with the girl during her early exposure to the church.

"She was was seaching at the time," he said. "She said there was no meaning in her life—she was tired of Pep Club and all the rah-rah stuff, and she said she didn't feel fulfilled by her present religion."

STEWART said she appeared to have "no problems adjusting to life at the church."

"I'd talk to her and say, 'How are you?' She would answer, 'Oh, I couldn't be better.' For a time I thought she was sick," Stewart said. But she became the epitome of health — she effervesced. I know I seem to contradict myself by saying that, but it's hard to explain.

"My last words to her were, 'I hope you're right and I'm wrong.' She asked me why. I said, 'Because if you're wrong, you'll fall into a million pieces, and no one will be there to help you pick them up.'"

Stewart said he found the biblical philosophy of the church members "quite impressive to a layman like myself. There aren't any obvious loopholes. I would like to have more authentic religious figures in the city look into it."

Stewart gave a copy of the church's basic principles to Dr. Joe Hanna, assistant superintendent of OPS.

Hanna said: "We may have the Ministerial Advisory Committee look into things that might relate directly or indirectly to the schools. But there's no action being taken directly by the schools now."

AN editorial by Rev. Lester Kinsolving in this week's Sun said the Unification Church won't allow access to its financial records to the press, and these records "could include spectacular wedding fees."

In a telephone interview with the Sun, Linda Marchant, media representative of the national headquarters of the Unification Church in Washington, D. C., said "we're a nonprofit organization. Everyone who works here receives expenses, but no salary. I would challenge anyone to find another church which, across the board, works on a sacrificial level like we do."

Ms. Marchant said a nationwide tour by Sun Myung Moon, the prophet of the church, is costing \$250,000, "all pledged by Unification Churches throughout America with money they get from printing, candle and soap factories."

The Rev. Mr. Moon has rented the auditorium at Burke High in Omaha for appearances Nov. 26, 27 and 28.

Ms. Marchant said the weddings referred to by Rev. Kinsolving "did not involve fees of any kind."

About Sun Myung Moon's speaking style, Ms. Marchant said, "His style is very dramatic. It's not something people can't identify with, however. He cries when he preaches about how much God loves America and needs it."

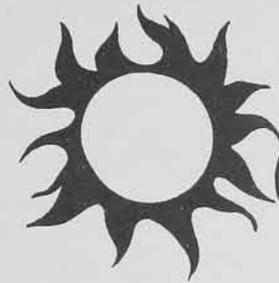
MRS. MARCHANT defended the relationship of the church with its members' families, saying that "in most cases, we have excellent relationships with parents. This situation was quite unique."

"The girl's character was that of a very strong-willed person and had manifested leadership qualities. It's most unusual that a girl her age would be living in the church community."

About the girl's quitting school, Ms. Marchant said "we don't disapprove of education. Usually, our members' grades go up, and they live a more productive life. I can only think that with the kind of will she had, quitting school doesn't seem a particularly negative thing."

Ms. Marchant said the local Unification Church had in residence an accredited teacher who planned to work with the girl so she could take a high school equivalency exam.

Mrs. Nora Spurgin, of the local church, said Elizabeth Wilcoxin, who lives at the church home, was to tutor the girl. Mrs. Spurgin said Miss Wilcoxin has a major in English and a minor in art with secondary education accreditation earned in California.



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Unification church seems to feel it doesn't have to explain anything

Washington, D.C. Full page newspaper ads, radio spot announcements and posters plastered to every available space within five miles of the White House all heralded his coming.

So did a small regiment of eager and politely aggressive youth who sold tickets for \$9 to his three lectures.

But the giant photographs of the serene, majestic and well-re-touched face of the Rev. Sun Myong Moon are deceiving. For the preaching style of this founder of Korea's Holy Spirit Association for The Unification of World Christianity (Unification Church, for short) is neither quietly Confucian nor Shangri-La-like.

Instead, the Rev. Mr. Moon, whose young followers venerate him, comes on like Charlie Chan in convulsions. This impression is implemented by Bo Hi Pak, an earnest-looking young man who resembles actor Keye Luke. Pak translates all of Moon's alternately howled and hissed blend of cliches, simple Fundamentalism, Oriental incomprehensibilities and anti-Communism.

The Rev. Mr. Moon is engaged in his second national tour, which will take him to 21 major U.S. cities. In Washington, on a Sunday night, he attracted a capacity crowd of 1,500.

Most of this predominantly youthful crowd loudly applauded Moon's two-hour speech—

thus manifesting the lingering susceptibility of many American youth to anything Oriental however outlandish.

For Moon's interminable harangue resembled a tobacco auction conducted by an ex-drill master of the Kami-



kaze Corps during an earthquake.

"Christianity Today" magazine reports that Moon was excommunicated by the Presbyterian Church in 1948, and that the sect he organized in 1954 maintains that since he is married to the Holy Spirit (who is Moon's comely wife, number three) he will succeed where the "Jewish Christ" failed.

The Rev. Mr. Moon was not available for interview because, according to his public relations department, "his schedule is tight." Neither was the treasurer of the Unification Church, a William Torrey, who replied that "no useful purpose would be served" by allowing the press to have access to any of the Sun Moon Church's financial records.

These records could include

spectacular wedding fees on the occasion in 1970 when the Rev. Mr. Moon attracted international attention (along with the envy of every wedding chapel in Las Vegas) by officiating at the marriages of 777 couples all at once.

The stockyard effect of this massive matrimony is explained away by one Unification Church brochure which contends that this unusual event demonstrated "love within the family unit is the key to world peace."

But when asked if these 777 marriages had, therefore, also been consummated in unison assorted spokesmen for the denomination (either giggling or furious) refused to comment.

Apparently they feel that they don't have to explain anything. For after all, no matter what their leader does or says his press kit contains a powerful form of endorsement which should be of especial interest to the citizens of North and South Carolina, New York and Massachusetts.

For the beaming Sun Moon has somehow managed to have himself photographed while shaking hands with U.S. Senators Jesse Helms, Strom Thurmond, James Buckley and Edward Kennedy.

The Rev. Sun Myong Moon has rented the Burke High Auditorium so he can speak to followers on Nov. 26, 27 and 28, at 8 p.m.

Girl, 16 happy to resume living at church

"I wanted to get involved and find a way to help humanity, and I didn't think I could do that by cheering at a football game," said Christen Aussenhus, the 16-year-old girl whose experiences with the Unification Church, California "deprogrammer" Ted Patrick and confinement in a mental hospital were recounted in the Sun last week.

Christen was released from Richard Young Memorial Hospital last Thursday after three weeks of confinement. She told the Sun her lawyer, Bennett Hornstein, representing the Nebraska Civil Liberties Union, "informed the hospital board that if I wasn't released a suit would be filed. The tests I was given showed there was nothing wrong with me."

"It was a strange thing. The lawyer said he called up and asked for Christen Aussenhus, and they said, 'there's no Christen Aussenhus here. But eventually he got in to talk to me.'"

The hospital and deprogramming sessions in October were "bad experiences," Christen said. "But basically what they did was strengthen my convictions 10 times."

CHRISTEN is now living at the church at 4016 Davenport St.

"I'd like to forget about those times now and go on with my work at the church," she said.

She feels the church and her own involvement with it have been misunderstood.

"It's a new religion, and peo-

ple are skeptical about it. They don't understand how I can feel so strongly. Sixteen-year-old girls aren't supposed to have strong religious convictions. People think they're just rebelling against their parents."

"My involvement with the church was no fly-by-night thing," Christen said. A friend told her about the Unification Principle, a summary of the church's beliefs and interpretation of the Bible. Then Christen said, she "attended lectures and gradually began to study the church in depth."

Study of religions and philosophy in the past had not satisfied her "search for purpose and meaning in life," Christen said.

"But I WAS pretty happy, before I joined the church. I just couldn't find a lot of the answers I needed."

Christen believes family and friends "were very positive about my association with the church until I quit school. But the church had nothing to do with me leaving school. There was no pressure whatsoever—I wanted to move into the church because for me it's been a higher atmosphere, a more stable environment."

Christen said she is now being tutored by an accredited teacher who lives at the church in preparation for taking a high school equivalency exam.

"I plan to go on to college and pursue some field. I don't know what yet. The church has given me that inspiration."



CHRISTEN AUSSENHUS . . . Church work is "main concern" now.

She said she felt her world was "closed" before joining the church.

"It was just parents, boyfriend and school," she said. "Now I'm exposed to all kinds of people from different places and in different fields. My scope has been so widened."

ABOUT CHARGES that the church "brainwashed" her, Christen said "the only brainwashing that took place was when I was 'deprogrammed.'"

"They would quote portions of the Bible and use my name in it, like, 'God wants you to do this, Christen.' Mr. Patrick hadn't researched the Unification movement at all and kept making accusations that had to do with other groups that have strong Satanic leanings," Christen said.

"They (Patrick and her parents) assumed I was hypnotized or something by the church and wouldn't listen seriously to anything I said about my beliefs."

She said her psychiatrist also "refused to talk about my religion."

"When I started talking about my religion," Christen said, "he'd say he didn't want to talk about that; he wanted to talk about me. But that is me. I'd lived at the church for five months. So we'd end up talking about the weather."

"I'd say, 'when am I going

to get out of here?' and he'd answer, 'when we solve your problem,'" Christen said.

"Then I'd ask him, 'well, what's my problem?' and he'd say, 'you'll have to figure that out.'"

"I TOOK MY stay at the hospital pretty calmly," Christen said. "I think they expected more anger or hysterics from me."

Now that she is living at the church again, Christen said she hopes to cement her relationship with family and friends.

"My mother made an agreement that I could live at the church. I think that's a basis for a relationship. I think I'll be visiting home," she said.

"It does hurt when friends reject me because of this, because I had something I wanted to give them, and I felt that most people didn't even take the time to listen to what my beliefs are," Christen said.

"But I think the rejection has made me a stronger person. There's a strong bond of sharing at the church, and I feel God's love like I never have before."

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Family Major Point Of Unification Leader

By Edward Trandahl

The Unification Church's American leader said Monday that his church hopes to counteract what he said is an "unprecedented breakdown" of families in this country.

Neil A. Salonen of Washington, D.C., a 28-year-old former Lutheran, said the Unification Church puts a strong emphasis on the family. This is best exemplified in a "community" relationship, where church members live together, he said.

Salonen, in Omaha along with the church founder the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, for the four-day One World Crusade, said the church is focusing its "unifying" efforts on America.

"America was created by God out of so many different nations that it really represents the universal nation," he said.

'Isolated' Case

Salonen said a recent incident in Omaha where a 16-year-old girl living at the Unification Church, 4016 Davenport Street, was "legally kidnaped" by a California man contracting some religious groups and returned to her parents was an "isolated" incident.

Salonen said this is the first such incident he has heard of. The girl has since returned to the church center.

Although the Rev. Mr. Moon is the only person now allowed to perform marriage ceremonies,



—World-Herald Photo.
Salonen

Salonen said the time will come when the heads of families will do this as part of their increasing responsibility.

The last marriage ceremony, involving 793 couples, was performed in 1970.

Couples cannot get married unless they receive approval from church leadership, but there are no formal rules, he said. After marriage, couples must refrain from sex for 40 days in line with biblical references to fasting.

Omaha World-Herald

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Zeal Attracted Man; Now 'Illusion' Is Gone

By Ellen Ellick

Kim Craig was no stranger to religious enthusiasm when early this year he met a girl who was selling peanuts for \$1 a bag.

The girl was a member of the Unification Church and she had more than peanuts to sell. She invited Craig, 43, to attend a lecture at the church's local headquarters at 4016 Davenport Street.

Craig had been a Jehovah's Witness for 17 years and considered himself to be a Bible scholar.

"Her blind faith and zeal impressed me," he said later, adding that the lecture he heard seemed "contrary to my expert Bible knowledge."

He left the church that night and had no further contact with it for several months. He was then working as a door-to-door salesman.

Smiles

In late spring, he was working in the church's neighborhood and again was invited to attend lectures.

Once again he was impressed

with the religious fervor of the church's members. "They rolled out the red carpet for me. I received free meals, free haircuts, free advice and smiles . . . always smiles."

Then, in mid-July, Craig lost his job. He turned to Lokesh Mozumdar, head of the Omaha Church, and was invited to move into the headquarters, along with some 20 others.

He said he was told that "we all need to gain salvation through the Lord of the Second Advent" who, Craig said, was the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder and head of the church.

He said members of the church seemed to him to be "an army of brainwashed zombies . . . children who would do or die for their leader."

Selling Candles

He described "daily indoctrination" and said he and the others were kept busy from morning until late at night selling first peanuts, then candles and later flowers.

He was told that every member must earn at least \$75 a

month to send to church headquarters. He said he spent as many as 18 hours a day selling flowers, making between \$25 and \$60 a day. All of the money was turned over to Mozumdar.

Craig claims that members raised more than \$15,000 to send to headquarters at Berrytown N.Y., to help set up a training center there. Mozumdar says the amount was between \$3,000 and \$5,000.

By the end of September, Craig was disillusioned. He said he was forced to fast for days at a time and was discouraged from reading anything but the Rev. Mr. Moon's book of doctrine, "Divine Principle."

Break Will'

"They weaken your health by fasting, break your will and reduce you to nothing," said Craig, who now lives at 3718 Farnam Street. He said he is now collecting unemployment payments while looking for a job.

Mozumdar, responding to Craig's remarks, said that church members show a "volun-

tary dedication" and work hard because of idealism and to "carry on our work."

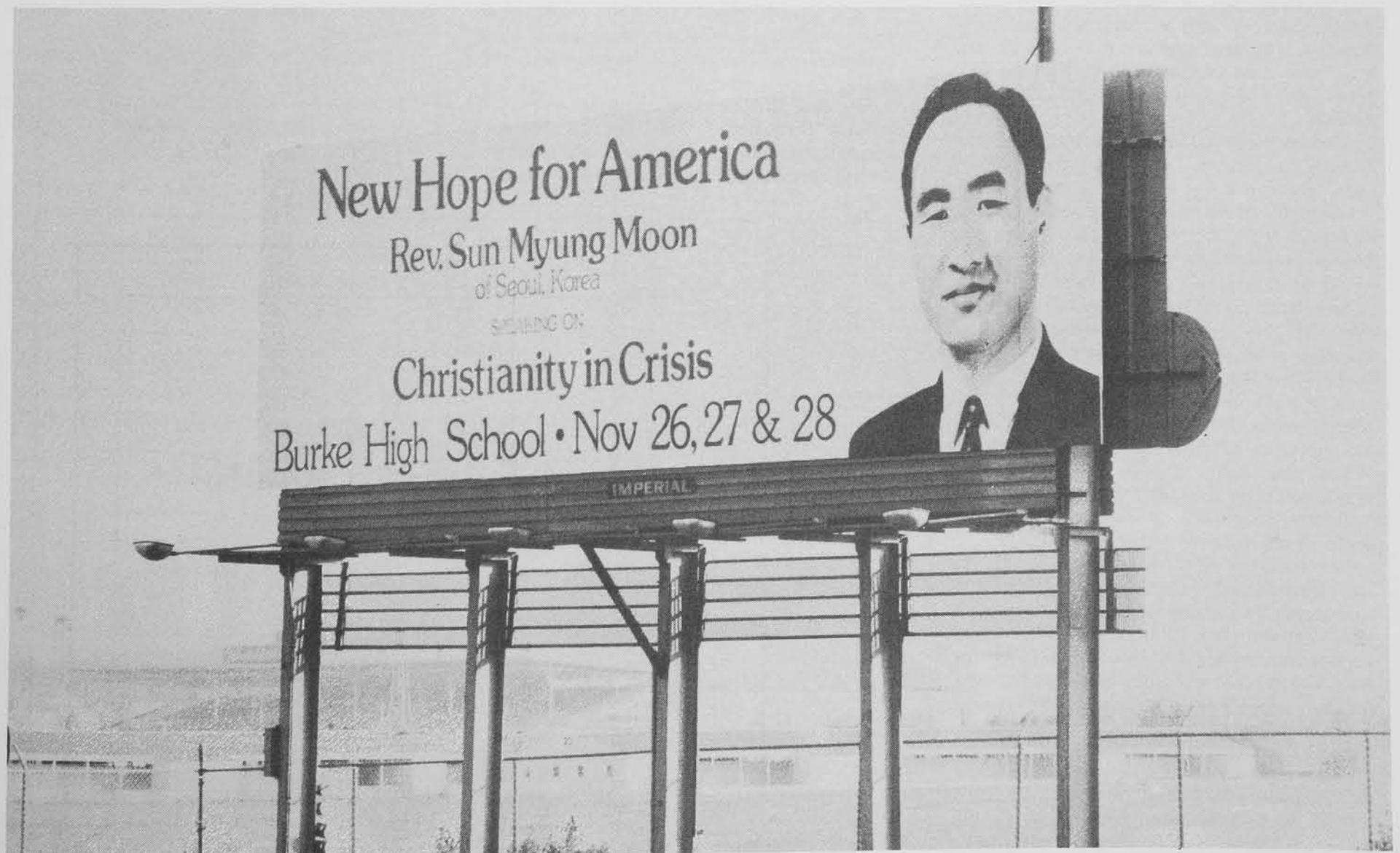
He said accusations that members are brainwashed are completely false.

Mozumdar, originally from India, joined the Unification Church in Washington, D.C., about three years ago. He said he came to Omaha about a year ago to start the local chapter.

He said there are those in the church who see the Rev. Moon as Christ returned to earth, but most believe Moon "is playing the role of John the Baptist" he said.

He said it's true that members living in the church pool their incomes to pay expenses and help support projects such as the training center. He said fasting is an "individual thing" and no one is required to fast.

"New Hope", he said, is the church's theme, as opposed to "talk about doom." The church's teachings do not discredit Jesus Christ, but only say that the hope for the future is in the unification of mankind, he said.



Minneapolis

Judy Green, a 25-year-old University of Minnesota Ph.D. candidate and member of the DFL central committee, is eating her dinner of cheese, fruit salad and a murky sort of beef soup in a harshly lit dining hall in New Brighton.

She and the 75 other neatly dressed young men and women in the room have worked hard all day, leafletting and going door to door. Each is assigned a precinct in which to work.

"It's just like a political campaign," she says. "But it's not. It's a religious campaign." The dining hall is in the Salvation Army campgrounds in New Brighton, where Miss Green and the others are living.

And the "candidate" in this highly organized religious campaign is the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a 53-year-old Korean evangelist who claims that, while praying on Easter when he was 16 years old, Jesus appeared before him, revealing that young Moon would have "a great mission in the fulfillment of God's providence."

Mr. Moon subsequently founded the Unification Church, a group seeking world unification through one God and the breakdown of national divisions. A tenet of his philosophy is his prediction that Christ will return to earth within the decade.

Beyond that, the philosophy is ambiguous. When pressed for details, Mr. Moon's disciples — sometimes called "Moon children" — assure you that they're glad you asked that question. But if you want answers, they add, you'll just have to hear Mr. Moon yourself.

In fact, the current campaign is designed to stimulate interest in Mr. Moon's speeches at the University of Minnesota West Bank Auditorium of Friday, Saturday, and next Sunday. The speeches are part of a 21-city U.S. tour that began in New York in October and will end in Los Angeles late next month.

The promotional blitz is directed by Perry Cordill, a former Las Vegas department-store employee. He heads a team of about 75 disciples of Mr. Moon from nine different countries who are traveling throughout the United States in buses, spreading the word.

All of this takes money, most of which comes from contributions and sales of candles the group makes, according to Susan Hughes, a local organizer. But much of it comes from the members.

In a tract distributed by the group, Mr. Moon writes: "We are taught that we have to make an offering to reach God . . . When you make an offering before God, would you offer Him leftovers?"

"Many people," Miss Hughes said, "have given all their money to the community."

One member of the touring group said he had "realized the fruitlessness of material resources. I've given up thousands of dollars." The member, Ed Boshart, a 24-year-old former researcher for the Xerox Corp. in New York, said the money had gone for rent for the Fargo, N.D., commune he lives in and for publishing of the Unification Church's pamphlets. Although it's not a requirement, most members of the church live in communes.

Boshart said he had sent money to his parents in New York so they could fly here



for Mr. Moon's speech. His father, he said, is a Mennonite and has had "intimate revelations of his own, so he knows what we're doing." He added, however, that "it's been a struggle with my mother."

Like most of the group's male members, Boshart was wearing a sport coat and had short hair. And like nearly all the group's members, he tells of turning to the group because it offered a solution for "the way things were going in government and around the world — the general decay of our moral and ethical foundation."

Miss Green, who hopes to receive her doctorate degree in philosophy soon, also tells of being greeted with skepticism. "Most of my friends wondered what could have lead a sound, normal atheist to move to a community and sleep in a sleeping bag," she said.

She said she, too, was skeptical at first. "I thought they were crazy," she says of Mr. Moon's disciples. But, she said, after talking with a member of the group on campus and

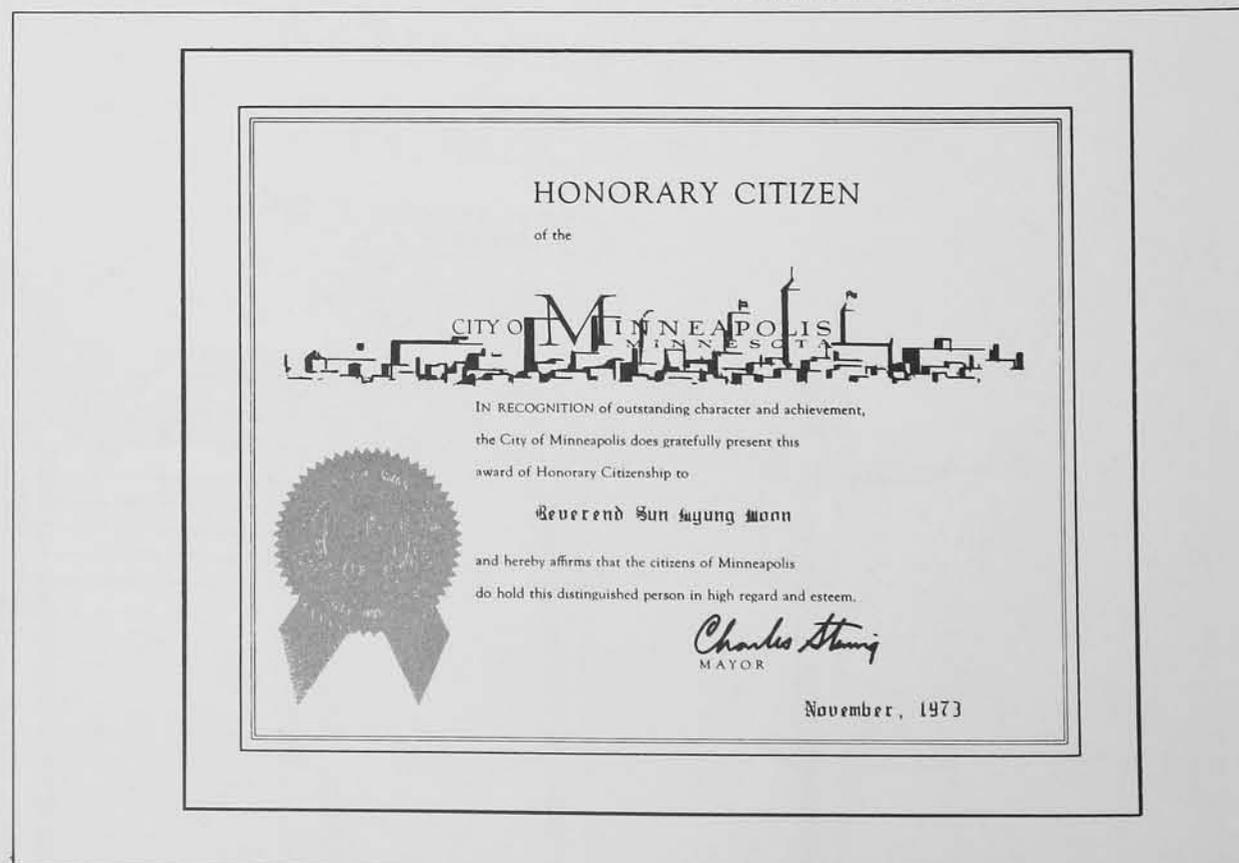
reading Rev. Moon's books, she was convinced. "Here were people who were really living what they were preaching," she said.

Miss Green said she couldn't envision moving out of the commune. Asked if her faith would be shaken if, 10 years from now, she woke up one day and realized Christ still hadn't returned, she replied: "That's not going to happen. That's not even a possibility in my mind. But even if it did the real values of Mr. Moon's philosophy are still valuable in my life."

Dedicating herself to the Unification Church doesn't mean abandoning her academic and political interests, she added. For example, she has always contemplated a political career, and still may run for office some day.

She said she didn't think her association with the church would hinder such an effort. "If anything," she said, "it would be a help. I'd have a free campaign staff."

— *Minneapolis Tribune*
Minneapolis, Minnesota
November 25, 1973



The Unification Church is not a church institution nor denomination, according to information distributed by Rev. Moon's followers. Rather, it is an ecumenical Christian association whose purpose is to fulfill the responsibility which Christ shared with his disciples 2,000 years ago when he taught them to pray, "Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven . . ."

According to official Unification definition, the Unification Principle is a "dynamic, practical guide to the realization of unification on four levels:

"UNIFICATION of the mind and heart of the individual centered on God, allowing for the highest fulfillment of each person.

"UNIFICATION of the Christian community through a common understanding of Christ's basic message of love and the kingdom, working in common cause of providing moral leadership in the United States.

"UNIFICATION of the democratic nations in pursuit of a common ideal of maintenance of the sort of open society which allows free dialog and exchange of ideas, so that men may come to know the truth, ultimately resulting in a unified, God-centered world of love and brotherhood.

"UNIFICATION of the hitherto separate paths of science and religion through the highest understanding of the nature and purpose of each as leading man to knowledge of the truth and the Source of Truth."

—*St. Paul Dispatch*
St. Paul, Minnesota
November 24, 1973

A Korean clergyman who is on a four-month, 21-city tour of the United States yesterday warned that America "is in the process of slowly killing her President once again."

The 53-year-old evangelist, a reported millionaire, said he had anticipated that "some great American spiritual leader or evangelist would rally America around God above the Watergate at this stormy and depressing time."

"However," he said, "there has been no great American spiritual leader speaking out for unity."

Moon said his travels in America "have shown me a troubled land. The moral and spiritual decline is tragic and shocking. Many people are no longer proud to be Americans. The American nation seems mortally wounded in spirit and soul by the tragedy of Watergate . . ."

He described the situation as a "crisis of the human soul" and said, "This is not only the problem of the man in the White House; it is a crisis for all of us."

"God has chosen this nation as His champion in His modern-day dispensation," Moon continued. "With the bicentennial celebration a few years away, God is testing America through the Watergate problem. America must demonstrate unity in love and forgiveness. Let us renew our faith in God, for this has been the well-spring of America's power. America must live the will of God. She has no alternative . . ."

—*The Minneapolis Star*
Minneapolis, Minnesota
December 1, 1973

America is a troubled land which seems wounded in spirit and soul by the tragedy of Watergate, a Korean visionary and founder of the Unification Church said in Minneapolis Friday.

REV. MOON said that earlier this month he took two weeks out of his tour to return to Korea for prayer and meditation in a desperate search for an answer and new hope for America.

The answer to his prayers for America, he said, is "that Americans must forgive, love and unite in the spirit in which our country was founded." He called on all members of his church to begin a 40-day period of fast and prayer starting Saturday to awaken America to its national emergency — to heal the breaches and reunite the nation.

REV. MOON has used the theme in his U.S. tour that America is a pivotal country in achieving world peace, and that such a peace must come through a spiritual foundation.

He added, "In order for America to endure and prosper, there is no other way than for her to give out her blessings."

"THE IDEAL that can lead the whole world must come from the spirit of sacrifice for the greater cause. For the benefit of the whole world, one nation must really give herself to pursue the one ideal world," he said.

—*St. Paul Dispatch*
Sunset Final
St. Paul, Minnesota
December 1, 1973



State of Minnesota

Proclamation

WHEREAS, the State of Minnesota has traditionally been a pioneer in building the kind of society which would allow the greatest growth and highest fulfillment of each individual citizen; and

WHEREAS, the world family is undergoing a period of major crisis politically, economically, and culturally, but above all in the quality of the relationships among human beings; and

WHEREAS, a sense of unity within the human family is essential to the permanent solution of the major problems of our world, whether international in scope such as famines and wars, or local in scope, such as the isolation of older citizens in our cities;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Wendell R. Anderson, Governor of the State of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 30, 1973 to be a

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Minnesota and urge all citizens to give their fullest cooperation and support to this effort.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Governor's Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this twenty-third day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and seventy-three and of the State the one hundred and sixteenth.

Wendell R. Anderson
GOVERNOR



LAWRENCE D. COHEN
MAYOR

CITY OF SAINT PAUL
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the City of Saint Paul has traditionally been a pioneer in building the kind of society which would allow the greatest growth and highest fulfillment of each individual citizen; and

WHEREAS, the world family is undergoing a period of major crisis politically, economically, and culturally, but above all in the quality of the relationships among human beings;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lawrence D. Cohen, Mayor of the City of Saint Paul, do hereby proclaim that the citizens of Saint Paul keep in mind a sense of unity within all these essential relationships as the only solidifying force of solving the major problems of our society.

In witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Saint Paul to be affixed this Twenty Ninth Day of November in the Year Nineteen Hundred and Seventy Three.



Lawrence D. Cohen
LAWRENCE D. COHEN
Mayor

Cincinnati

A 20-year-old youth with dark shoulder-length hair quit his job, dropped out of school and packed his bags one October night for a spiritual trip to one of Cincinnati's newest religious communities, the Unification Church.

A month later, his locks trimmed to a more conservative length, Michael Putano was busily hammering away on a bedroom ceiling in the church center at 606 Riddle Road, Clifton, helping remodel the former apartment house for a visit from the church's Korean founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

The three-story yellow-and red-brick building serves as communal living quarters for some 23 young adults who are spreading Mr. Moon's message of Christian unity and calling for an end to moral decay.

Their tactics are similar to those of the "Jesus freak" movement. The young men and women do street-corner-witnessing, visit other churches and sell flowers, candles and peanuts as their only means of support for themselves and their church.

Their image, however, is one of clean-cut conservatism, with short-haired young men in suits and ties and young women in neat, modest skirts and dresses.

Michael Putano's first instinct was to rebel against the authority he encountered at his new home — the orders to share responsibility in the communal household and remarks about his out-of-place hair.

"Now I have a completely different outlook on life," he said.

"We force ourselves to take orders and obey — and you grow spiritually," said the youth, a former Catholic, bubbling with a childlike exuberance for his newfound religion.

Michael left his job, school and family so quickly, he said, partly because of Susan Finnegan, the church's representative in Ohio, whom he described as a "good talker."

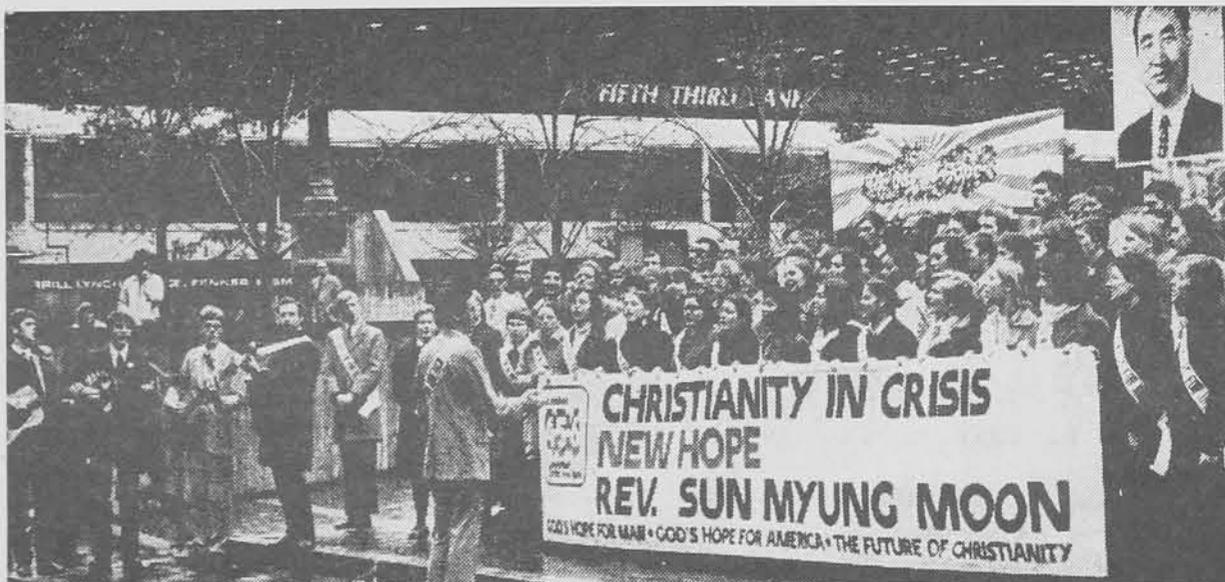
It was "mostly the truth I was searching for. Most people come here for a family. I have a family. I was looking for the truth," he related.

— *The Cincinnati Post*
Cincinnati, Ohio
November 17, 1973



God did not want mankind to know the tragedy, the heart-breaking reality of the humiliation of Jesus Christ. The death of Jesus was neither his will nor his fault. The death of Jesus was murder, and his body was taken by Satan. Our salvation comes not from the cross but from the resurrection. Without the resurrection, Christianity has no power. The crucifixion itself was a criminal act of faithlessness. However, the resurrected Jesus brought new hope, new forgiveness, and a new power of salvation. Therefore when we place our faith in Jesus Christ of the resurrection and unite with him, our salvation comes.

— "The Future of Christianity"
Sun Myung Moon
October 28, 1973

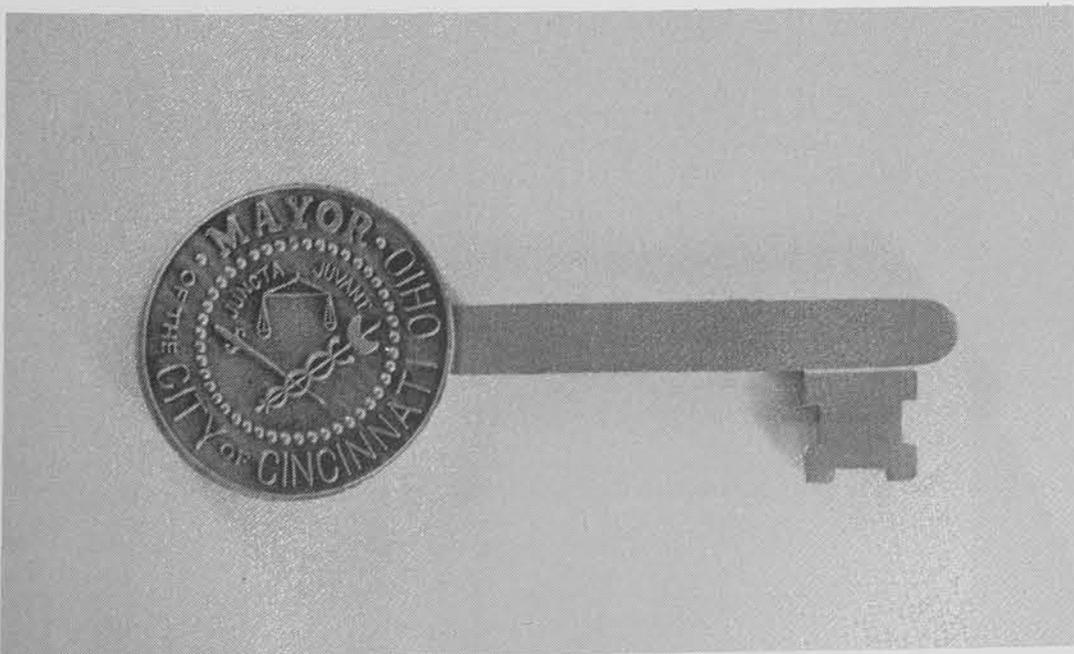


Heralding New Hope

— *The Cincinnati Inquirer*
Cincinnati, Ohio
Thursday, November 29, 1973

above: A young Christian graphically demonstrates the crisis in Christianity outside the Cincinnati Convention and Exposition Center the night of Our Master's talks there.

left: The IOWC Team #2 led by Reiner Vincenz rallies on Fountain Square to wake up Cincinnati to the New Hope.



above: Our Master is signing personal letters to every U.S. Congressman and Senator. In the letter, Our Master asked them to consider deeply His Watergate Statement and support the National Prayer and Fast.

left: The Key to the City of Cincinnati was presented to Our Master by Mayor Theodore M. Berry, in commemoration of the Day of Hope and Unification, December 4, 1973.

STATE OF OHIO
Executive Department

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

Columbus

P R O C L A M A T I O N

A WEEK OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

DECEMBER 1-7, 1973

WHEREAS, regardless of our religious affiliation or faith, we must all agree that the world is in great need for hope and unity among men of all nations to right the wrongs and cure the ills of this aged planet and her people; and

WHEREAS, on December 4 through 6, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, will be in Cincinnati to appeal to all citizens to join together in one bond of peace and understanding; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that all Ohioans join with me in saluting the efforts of all who speak on behalf of unity in our troubled world:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John J. Gilligan, Governor of the State of Ohio, do hereby designate December 1-7, 1973, as

A WEEK OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in the State of Ohio, and urge all citizens to renew our dedication to brotherhood and human understanding.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF,
I have hereunto subscribed
my name and caused the Great
Seal of the State of Ohio to
be affixed at Columbus, this
30th day of November, in the
year of our Lord, One Thousand
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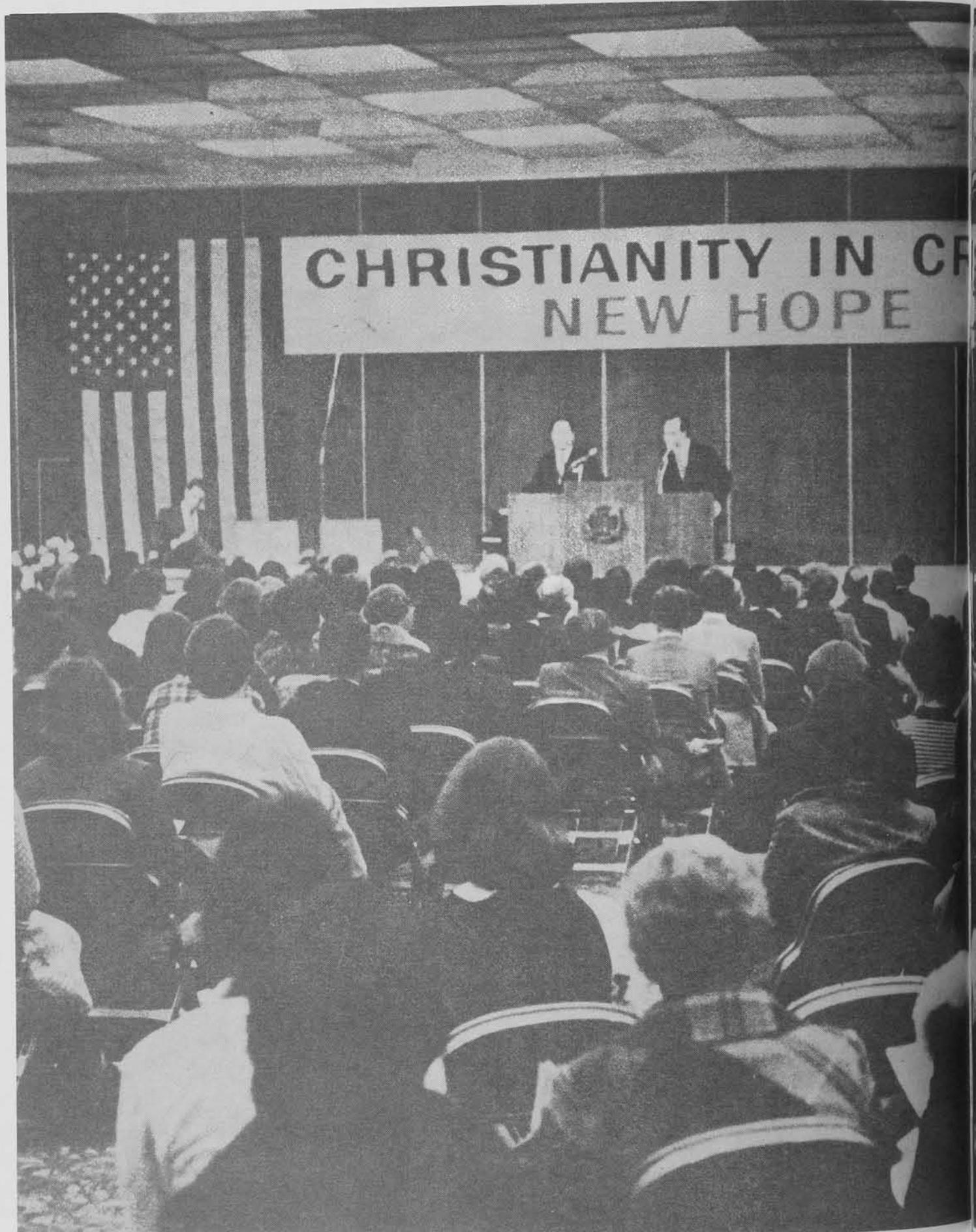
John J. Gilligan
GOVERNOR



The Gospel According To Sun Moon

The Gospel Accord

Best known perhaps for his mass marriage of 777 couples in a single week, he visited Cincinnati last month to preach total self-sacrifice, a second Mess



Photographed by ALLAN KAIN

Coming To Sun Moon

...lding in 1970, Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his young disciples
...ah and a new world of Perfect Families.



By TONY LANG

A BABY-FACED 13-year-old boy named Chris Cotcamp shouldered a six-foot wooden cross with the inscription "Jesus Christ, King of the Jews." Chris, hunched under the weight of the cross, held a battery-powered loudspeaker to his mouth. To and fro in front of Cincinnati Convention Center, he marched with fellow picketers, young and old, warning lecture-goers not to listen to the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

"Beware of false prophets," Chris shouted into the loudspeaker, sounding a bit prophetic himself. "Beware of deceivers. Believe in the Lord Jesus."

Nearly blocking the entrance, a cluster of demonstrators kept up a deep-throated chorus of "Beware, beware." One lanky young fellow, bundled up against the cold December night, shoved a four-foot placard in people's faces as they entered. It read:

Jesus said,
"Beware of false prophets
which come to you in
sheep's clothing, But inwardly they
are ravening wolves." Matt. 7:15

Other protesters contented themselves with handing out Billy Graham pamphlets on "How to Become a Christian."

Inside Convention Center, Sun Moon's clean-scrubbed young followers waited. Not a beard or longhair among them. Many wore white sashes with red lettering: "New Hope For America." Nobody could accuse these youngsters of not laying the full prepare-ye-the-way-of-Sun-Moon treatment on Cincinnati — the 12th of 21 cities on his United States evangelistic tour. For more than a week in advance, they cruised downtown streets in vans displaying Sun Moon's wistfully smiling face and playing taped Shangri-La-like music ("The New Day of Hope" theme). "La la la DE de oh DE de ay," trilled the soundtrack, shifting eventually into a noisy, recorded pitch about sin and corruption and about America going to hell in a handbasket.

The New-Hopers (Sun Moon claims two million members in his international Unification Church) greeted passersby on the sidewalks, handing out free tickets to their guru's three lectures. Very much the soft-sell invitation, though some Moon disciples also tried to sell bags of peanuts. They help support their movement by selling flowers, candies, peanuts and such, but peanuts certainly didn't put those vans on the streets, buy full-page Enquirer ads or pay the airfare for European New-Hopers who descended on Cincinnati as advance men.

National magazines such as Time say the Rev. Moon is a millionaire with a fortune from a ginseng tea company and a machine factory in Korea. Other observers wonder if right-wing governments or

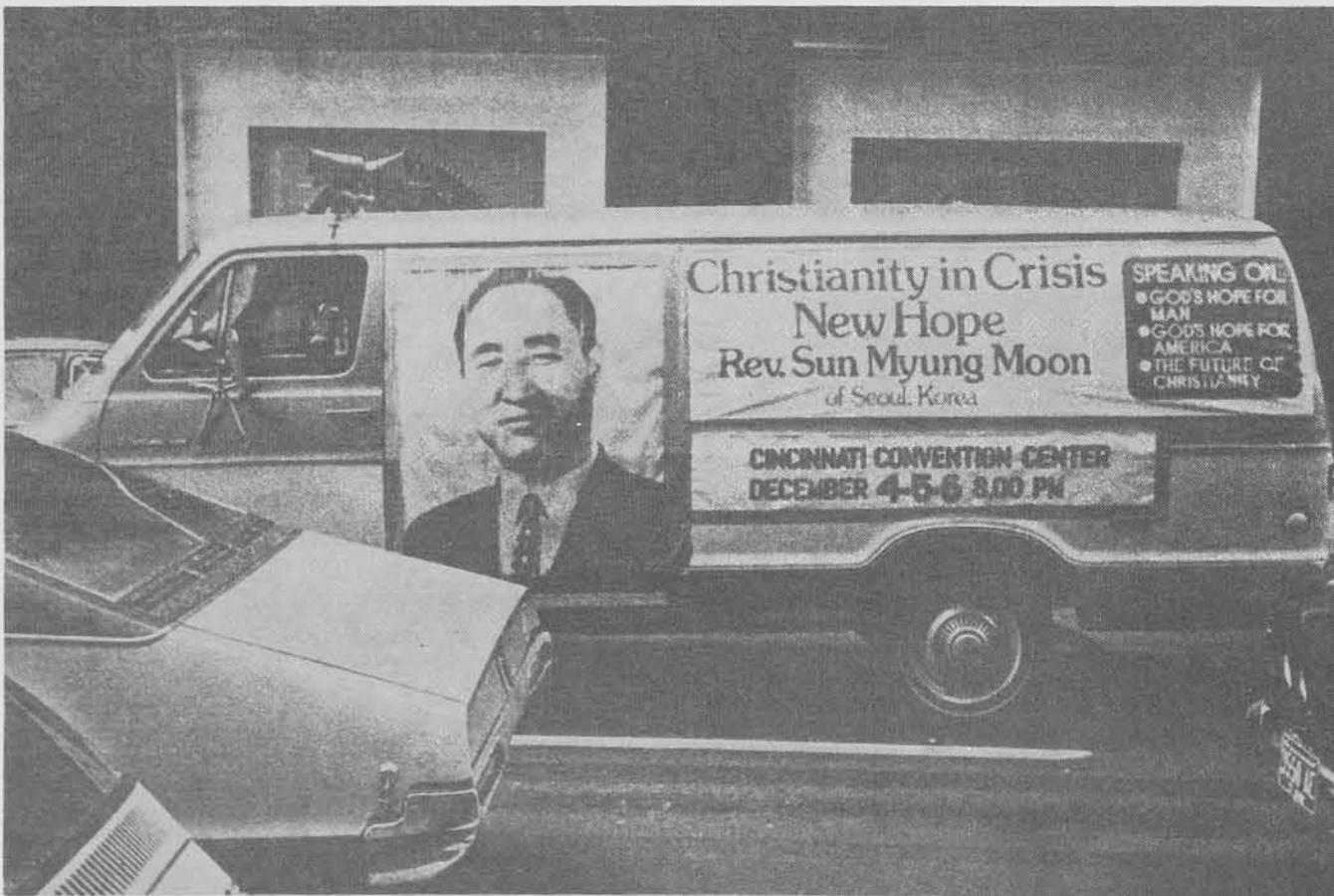
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The Gospel According To Sun Moon



Left: A typically well-dressed, squeaky-clean Moon disciple, complete with New Hope sash, offers a passerby free tickets to the Rev. Moon's lectures.

Below: One of two Moon vans, plastered with dated publicity posters of the South Korean guru, cruise downtown streets, playing the La-la-la-de-de-oh theme song and a loud, recorded message about sin and corruption.



agencies might be bankrolling this man who advocates American self-sacrifice, foreign aid and so on. Sun Moon's disciples, however, claim that he, like most of them, gives all he has to the movement. Mostly, they prefer not to discuss money (they no doubt deal in millions like many other churches) and even refrain from passing the hat at Moon's evangelistic lectures.

SO AT LAST, the time of Sun Myung Moon's first Cincinnati speech arrives. Convention Center's second floor auditorium is nearly full; the official greeters, overjoyed to see new arrivals, practically carry each one to his seat; the New Hope Singers, a choir of 30 young adults dressed conservatively enough to have stepped out of a turn-of-the-century tintype, sing like ecstatic, amateur angels under the rapt direction of Randy Remmel.

Although scattered around the hall, Rev. Moon's male disciples are easily identifiable: With sideburns trimmed above the ears, all seem to have had the same barber — a master of the squeaky-clean Moon look. Female New-Hopers appear like re-incarnations of the Ivory Soap 1950s with their knee-length dresses, vaguely nunlike.

On stage sits 53-year-old Sun Myung Moon, motionless, inscrutable, fatter-faced than in his dated publicity photos — notwithstanding his crusade call for fasting. Beside him sits his interpreter, Col. Bo Hi Pak, a former officer in the Korean Army. To the left of the dais hangs a huge American flag, reassuring patriots that this South Korean guru includes America in his New Hope visions. To the right of the stage drapes a second massive banner of white, with a crimson Unification Symbol which God supposedly revealed to the Rev. Moon. It resembles a TV test pattern. The central ball represents God, the radiating spokes the 12 tribes of Israel and the encircling arrows stand for the give-and-take between God and man.

Just as Sun Moon rises to speak, a Jesus freak near the door leaps to his feet, shoves a Bible into the air and shouts, "Beware of wolves in sheep's clothing." In a flash, Moon's followers seize the disrupter and pitch him out. I can't say for sure if there was any weeping or gnashing of teeth outside in the night.

Moon lectures in machine-gun Korean, pausing every few bursts to allow Col. Pak, beside him, to translate. Amused at the sight of short, stocky Moon and the spectacled, academic-looking interpreter Pak, a fellow seated beside me chuckles, "Tweedledum and Tweedledee." Soon enough, Rev. Moon grows more animated, zipping about with quick, darting movements reminiscent of old Samurai movie characters. He slashes the

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air, chops with his hands, points, slaps, pounds. Like a Hai Karate commercial.

At first, lecture-goers here and there laugh. Some teenage girls begin popping their bubblegum in sync with Rev. Moon's outpourings. New-Hopers glare at the irreverent. An intense young disciple turns to a chuckling woman and whispers through his teeth, "Would you please stop laughing? You're shattering my concentration!"

"No matter if God is almighty," Sun Moon is saying, "without man, God cannot restore the world. God needs man desperately. God is perfect and requires a perfect object to love. From the time of creation God began to exist for his object — man. Only way God can feel joy and happiness is to live for other, because before creation, God was all by himself alone."

As Pak translates Sun Moon, aping each hand jab and arm thrust, you can't help wondering if Pak might be the real evangelist and Sun Moon merely a Korean-spouting gimmick. But such thoughts pass; the audience no longer giggles much, though throughout the lecture, couples . . . even whole rows . . . walk out shaking their heads.

"Jesus Christ came as perfected man," Moon continues. "The man Jesus Christ . . ."

SUDDENLY, TOWARD THE rear of the auditorium, a voice over a portable loudspeaker rises to high pitch:

Jesus said, "If any man preach another gospel, his life will be accursed!"

Again, the Unification Church bouncers hustle out the offending Jesus freak, and you hear his warnings all the way down the long Convention Center corridor, fading away like a train whistle in the night.

"We have a lot of excitement tonight," Sun Moon laughs, "so you can doubly enjoy." Many of Moon's disciples are so put out at the disruption they fail to appreciate his joke.

"God wants husband and wife united together as one," Sun Moon goes on. "These two perfected in God can then have perfect children. But no eyes have seen this perfection. This is what the man coming as the second Messiah will be — a man of perfection, a perfected husband, a perfected grandfather, a perfected king."

A bit undiplomatic of Moon to preach to democratic America the advent of an earthly king. In any case, he never says flatout he's the second Messiah with a Perfect Family; he's been twice married (according to a church spokeswoman, his first wife broke up the marriage because she disliked the constant church work.) Moon and his second wife have seven children, whom at least some followers consider to be "perfect."



Neil Salonen, president of the Unification Church's U.S. branch, reminds the audience that the Mayor of Cincinnati, in the Rev. Moon's honor, declared a Day of New Hope and Gov. John Gilligan announced a Week of Hope.

"If Jesus had lived," Moon says, "he would have been a perfect husband with a perfect bride and family; in full command, he would have molded his people. But His mission was curtailed. Through the Second Coming, man will be restored. He will have a true root, a true ancestor. The Messiah and his bride will reign over a Royal Kingdom as king and queen of the universe.

"I will share the fullness of revelation God has given me on the third night." At once, a standing ovation.

So ended Part I of the Gospel according to Sun Moon. Some head-shakers stalked out, plainly puzzled over what draws young people to this former Presbyterian. Is it that he claims to have had a vision, at age 16, of Jesus Christ? Or that he downplays denominational differences, calling people of all faiths and countries to join his Unification Church? Is it his reputation as a religious hero, a North Korean who suffered beatings and imprisonment under the Communists until 1950, when Allied forces freed him to begin his mission in South Korea? Or is it that traditional churches don't offer a MOVEMENT that young people would want to throw themselves into, heart and soul?

A 22-year-old French New-Hoper

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explained in heavily accented English, "I was a Catholic. During my childhood, I have always searched for a more deep relationship. I found zis in Rev. Moon's Divine Principle (Moon's 'clarification' of the Bible)."

JEAN NOEL BERNIER was an artist in his hometown of Lisle, and unlike most New-Hoppers, he would like eventually to return to his first calling. But for now, he is a missionary of sorts. "My life in France is very solitary," he said. "I do not like the type of society in my hometown. Before I turned, I put my hurt, my ideal, my dreams into my painting. Today, I see my ideal in reality, not in a picture. The purpose for my life is now pure."

"The Principle can help all problems" said another. Self-sacrifice, total and unconditional, is the answer for Tom Geraghty, a 21-year-old New Yorker who sings in the New Hope choir. "Seek first the kingdom and all things will come to you," he quoted. "People like these Jesus freaks really haven't taken a responsible attitude to their lives. By unity with God, we are so directly related to Him that we become responsible for the universe."

And yet, bafflingly in this age of Watergate, the best way Tom has found to be "responsible" is to let his Korean guru make the decisions. "Most of us feel we should go along. After all, he was on the line. He's suffered. You have to respect a man who's taken his vision and shared it. This man loves Jesus with all his heart." Tom, by the way, believes Jesus is God, whereas Sun Moon is careful to call him a "saint of saints."

The second night of Moon's crusade, a mere skeleton crowd showed, mostly disciples and media people covering the event. The choir sang "Battle Hymn of the Republic" as intro for the lecture, "God's Hope for America." President Neil Salonen, head of the U.S. Unification Church, led off with his usual recital of telegrams from political figures like Sen. Sam Ervin, Sen. William Proxmire, Rep. Richard Ichord — possibly sent before they had seen the Rev. Moon's full-page Nixon ads. ("You must love Richard Nixon. God has chosen Richard Nixon to be President. If God decides to dismiss this choice of His, let us have faith that He will speak.")

At the start of Moon's crusade, the Mayor of Cincinnati had given him the keys to the city and declared a day of New Hope. Gov. John Gilligan went the Mayor one better, declaring a week of New Hope. The story was a little different in Minneapolis, where a state senator attended the Rev. Moon's usual kick-off dinner, then discovered the Nixon ad and heatedly penned an "I've Been Had" letter to the local newspaper.

Anyway, Salonen went on to mention some of Moon's splinter foundations such as the One World Crusade and the

Freedom Leadership Foundation (FLF), and the international training center in Tarrytown, N.Y., a \$850,000 estate where the Rev. Moon and his family reside. Next, Salonen quoted Alexis de Tocqueville:

"I sought for the greatness of America in its harbors and rivers and fertile fields . . . It was not there. Not until I went into the churches . . . did I understand the greatness of her power. America is great because she is good. And if America ever ceases to be good, America will cease to be great."

Of course, de Tocqueville also said about America: "Forms of religious madness are very common there."

THE REV. Moon begins, "I love all of you very much because I know God loves American people and I love God." How's that for a circular declaration of love? "But the world is under the sovereignty of evil . . . of Satan," Moon continues. "God needs his champions of absolute faith. If America is a self-centered nation, will it survive? No. That's against the will of God. America will be choked. America's motto is 'One nation under God.' God's motto is, 'One nation of the globe.'"

"God told me to be the physician of the American mind. God wants you to stand up and move beyond America. Money belongs to God. You must spend money for the purpose of God . . . against the threat of communism." No wonder South Korea, recipient of U.S. aid, is very fond of the Rev. Moon.

The following night, in his final lecture, Moon "revealed" that at the approaching end of the "world," God wouldn't destroy the universe, since it was man that sinned, not the "world." "God sent Jesus Christ to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on earth," Moon said. "Christians keep looking for some fantastic kingdom up in the air. They don't know about the Second Israel today because you don't get this from studying the Bible." His point is, you learn about the Second Eden through revelation from Sun Moon.

Yet he selectively quotes the Bible to charge that John the Baptist betrayed Christ, that Jesus Christ did not come to die on the cross but was murdered in "a sudden, tragic accident" and that at the time of Christ, "God did not conceive of the need for the Second Advent." New-Hoppers believe that if God had foreknowledge, man would not be free. So God doesn't know the future, they say.

Finally, Sun Myung Moon announces — as if he were the first to do so — salvation comes from the resurrection, not from the cross. He none too subtly remarks that accepting or rejecting his

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The Gospel According To Sun Moon



Jesus freaks picket the entrance to Cincinnati Convention Center to warn lecture-goers not to listen to false prophets.

version of the "word of God" means the difference between life and death. Then, with great anticipation, he quotes Revelations on the Second Coming:

"She brought forth a male child who will rule all the nations with a rod of iron."

ERIC HOLT, A 21-year-old Scotsman from Edinburgh, admires the paramilitary character of Moon's international Church. "We're like an army," says Holt, mobile unit commander for the state of Kentucky. "And we're not pacifists. In fact, we're quite aggressive, spiritually aggressive." Some Cincinnati shopkeepers feel New-Hoppers were very aggressive with posters, glueing them to just about every unguarded spot in sight. Sun Moon's countenance may be around the city for a long time to come.

Eric also admires the cleanliness of the movement. At their Clifton Church center, where a commune of 12 lives, we maneuvered past mattresses and supplies left over from the three-day crusade, past girls taking telephone reservations for follow-up weekend workshops there. On into a spotless front room with gleaming white walls and a board-room-length table, but first we took off our shoes for the sake of the lime carpet. Pumpkin seeds, fruit, cookies, candies were offered as snacks.

Chris Olson, a Californian with four years in the movement, joined us. His position, he said, is "international One World Crusade bus team leader for the state of Ohio." Holt's eyebrows raised, and in complete seriousness, he remarked, "Very impressive." New-hoppers do a lot of warm-hearted smiling, but somehow you can't imagine them letting go with an uninhibited, sidesplitting belly-laugh. They would hardly approve of

country-and-western stars Kinky Friedman and the Texas Jewboys who say, "Some things are too important to take seriously."

"Do you believe the Rev. Mr. Moon is the second Messiah?" I asked Chris.

"We never say that," he replied. "We feel Rev. Moon is a person preparing for the second coming of Christ. He is a great prophet revealing great truth to man."

"Does he have a perfect marriage?"

"I think you could say that" Chris answered (unaware apparently that Rev. Moon has been twice-married).

"How do you tell if a marriage is perfect and if you have perfect children?"

"I guess the only way to know is spiritually feeling very close to God and his will."

"To have a perfect marriage, do you have to marry another from your church?"

"Yes."

"Where is your largest membership?"

"In the homeland, in South Korea," the Californian said.

"We have had large success in Japan and we are in all continents. We hope very shortly to have missionaries in every country of the world."

"Why are you so sure your movement is right?"

"Rev. Moon says, 'Judge by their fruits, by what they do, whether it's good or evil,'" Holt said.

He then leafed through a paperback of Sun Moon's speeches, proposing a final quotation from their guru but then deferred to Chris for his choice. Chris started thumbing through the book but stopped abruptly. "Whatever you find there would be fine, I'm sure," he said. "Anything Rev. Moon says I agree with."



City of Cincinnati
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Proclamation

Be It Proclaimed:

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that unity and understanding strengthens our city, and that growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all citizens of the City of Cincinnati; and

WHEREAS, all responsible citizens are called upon to unite in their affirmation of our country's birthright, and of our national dedication and hope, guaranteeing freedom for all men; and

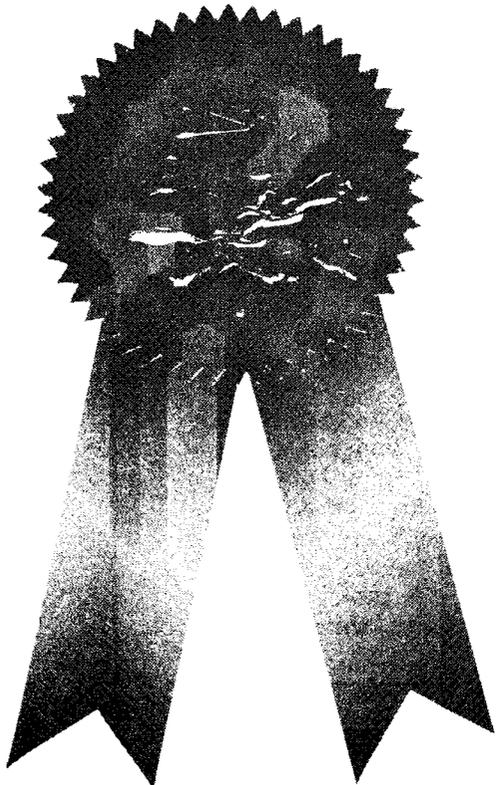
WHEREAS, visiting in our midst is one whose life, message and challenge is dedicated to men of all political, social and religious persuasions, that being the Reverend Sun Myung Moon:

NOW, THEREFORE, I Theodore M. Berry, Mayor of the City of Cincinnati do hereby proclaim Tuesday, December 4, 1973 as

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Cincinnati, and urge all citizens to cordially welcome Reverend Moon to our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of Cincinnati to be affixed this fourth day of December in the year of Our Lord Nineteen Hundred and Seventy-Three.



Theodore M. Berry
MAYOR