

Forgive, Love, Unite

Founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon the Unification Church is concluding its 40-Day "National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis" in 50 major U.S. cities with synchronized rallies and Interdenominational Prayer Meetings to be held Wednesday evening.

—*Las Vegas Sun*
Las Vegas, Nevada
January 7, 1974

The support is religiously rather than politically inspired, the march sponsor asserted. The idea for a series of demonstrations in major cities came from the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a Korean who founded the Unification Church, a Christian denomination with U.S. headquarters in Washington.

—*Chicago Sun-Times*
Chicago, Illinois
January 8, 1974

More than 150 supporters of President Nixon have braved inclement weather and staged a rally at Pershing Square aimed at silencing the cries for impeachment in the midst of the Watergate crisis.

—*Herald-Examiner*
Los Angeles, California
January 8, 1974

"If we strongly pray and support our President, we feel the country can pull together and the best way will become apparent," Fefferman said. "We believe it is God's will to lead the nation, through the President, into a strong period and that both need us right now. We are demonstrating to unify in support of their country and President."

—*The Trentonian*
Trenton, New Jersey
January 9, 1974

The demonstrators included a brass band which played several patriotic and religious tunes. Banners and placards reading "Support our President," "God loves America" and "New Hope for America" were held by the participants.

The presentation was disturbed only once when a car drove by and the occupants yelled at the group. The demonstrators handed out leaflets to passersby and to drivers when traffic backed up from a stop light.

The religious crusaders were young and well-dressed. In their speeches, they mixed religion and politics. They said God wants Americans to forget about Watergate and to unite behind President Nixon.

—*Las Vegas Review-Journal*
Las Vegas, Nevada
January 10, 1974



Braving the rain, members of the One World Crusade paraded Wednesday in Birmingham showing a patriotic

gesture. The crusade is sponsored by the Unification Church International.

—*Birmingham Post-Herald*
Birmingham, Alabama
Thursday, January 10, 1974

Members of the modestly sized but fiercely energetic Unification Church of the United States, who in recent weeks have become President Nixon's most formidable supporters in the world of religion, last evening wound up their 40-day prayer and fast for the Watergate crisis.

Typical of the programs they plan to broaden popular awareness of the church and its cause was one held Monday on the F Street Plaza where about 50 church members, some dressed as figures from U.S. history, sang patriotic songs and chanted such slogans as "God needs Nixon," "God supports Nixon," and "We support Nixon."

—*The Washington Post*
Washington, D.C.
January 10, 1974

The divine right of Richard Nixon was proclaimed at the Lee Street Triangle Friday by a group of persons dressed as George Washington, Betsy Ross, Abraham Lincoln and other famous Americans.

—*The Charleston Gazette*
Charleston, West Virginia
Saturday Morning, January 12, 1974

Demonstrators in heavy clothing carried "God Loves Nixon" signs and flags of the 50 states in a gathering yesterday at the J.C. Nichols fountain on the Plaza to show support for the President.

—*The Kansas City Star*
Kansas City, Missouri
January 13, 1974

Demonstrators Chant Appeal for Unity

—*The Wichita Eagle*
Wichita, Kansas
January 15, 1974

The Cincinnati Post

Thursday evening, January 10, 1974

Cincinnati's Largest Daily Newspaper

Weather—Rain



Boost for Nixon

It was a mixture of patriotism and prayer yesterday on Fountain Square. The idea was to call for love and unity in the wake of Watergate. Many there were followers of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a Korean missionary who's come west to spread the word. One of his followers is Zella Steward of Chicago, who sang the national anthem. Another was a man named Terry McGuire, who dressed as the prophet Nehemiah and read from the Bible. All in all, there — about 100 people — marched and rallied and proclaimed that President Nixon has God on his side.

Photographer: ALLX BURROWS



During January, Family members staged rallies state-by-state to impress upon the minds of the American people the need to Forgive, Love, and Unite as individuals and as a nation who trusts in God.

It was a far cry from the demonstrations most Montgomery reporters were used to seeing and covering.

The "National Prayer and Fast for Watergate Crisis" rally at the Governor's Mansion and on the Capitol steps Tuesday didn't have a single nasty thing to say about Uncle Sam or anybody else.

Everybody sang. Everybody bowed in prayer. Old Glory waved from the top of a Volkswagen van, while about two dozen neatly dressed youngsters whooped it up below to a twangy electric guitar.

IT WAS A rollicking stage show, featuring one George Washington, one Martha Washington, and one Abe Lincoln and two Richard Nixons — one on the van, and a bigger-than-life paper mache version who mingled with the tag-along audience, shook hands with a scant spectator or two and raised the two-finger victory sign.

Some of the kids passed out little blue and white flags proclaiming "God Loves America" and "Support Our President."

—The Birmingham News
Birmingham, Alabama
January 9, 1974

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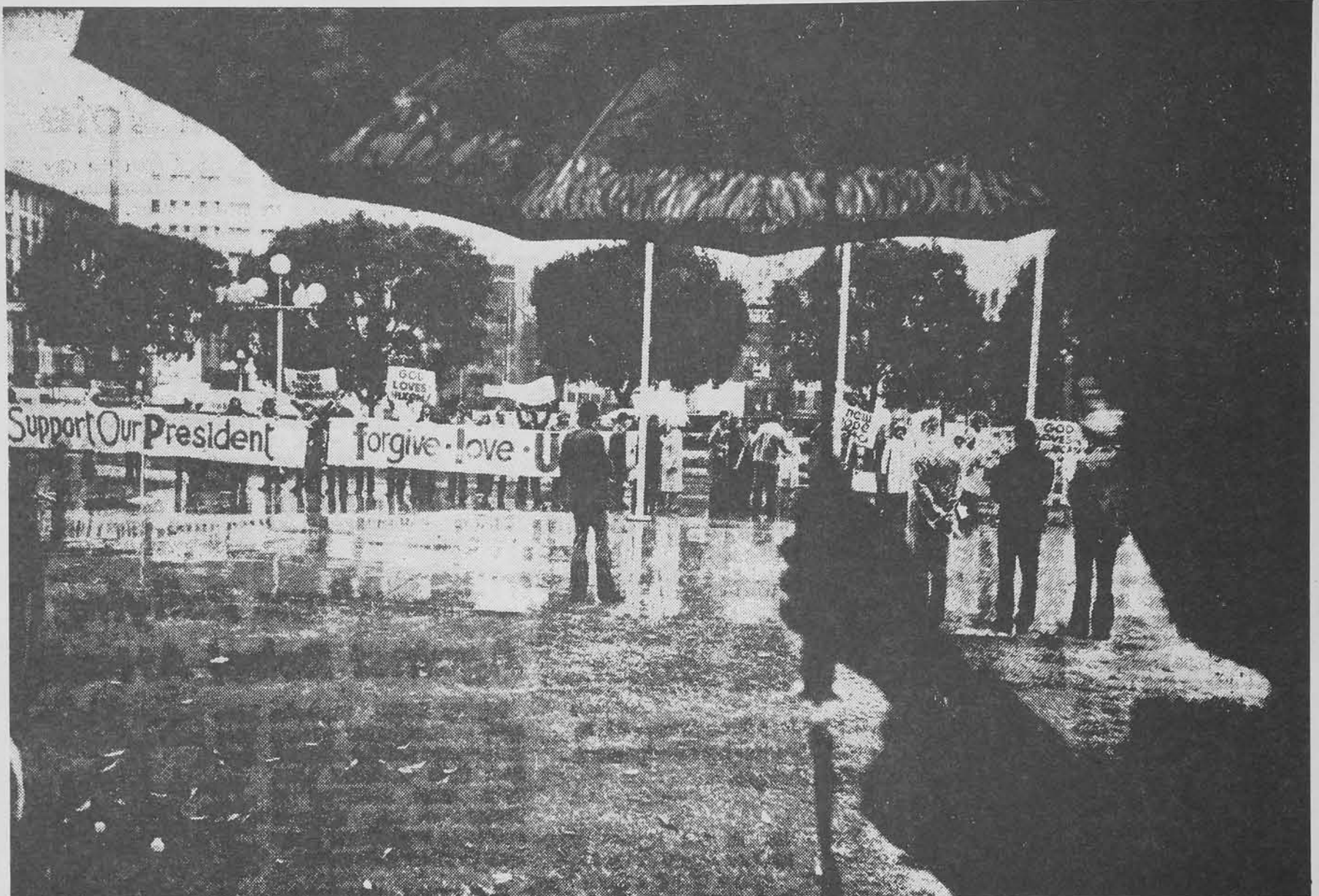
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PEDESTRIANS WATCH AS OVER 150 MEMBERS OF VAN NUYS CHURCH HOLD NIXON SUPPORT RALLY

A symbolic Richard Nixon was symbolically unchained Thursday noon on the steps of the State Capitol by a group of young men and women representing the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis.

They assembled on the west steps to sing religious and patriotic songs and then stood by to applaud as 15 members presented a brief skit, complete with chorus, entitled "The Trial of Richard Nixon."

"Nixon" wore gray prison stripes, a ball and chain on his foot and a gag in his mouth.
NEITHER GUILT NOR INNOCENCE

The "prosecutor" in the playlet said the intent was not to demonstrate any guilt or innocence on the President's part.

But the script for the theatre-on-the-steps was sympathetic with the plight of the President — or rather, as the demonstrators insisted, the plight of the office of the presidency.

The prosecution in the skit had everything

on its side except rational argument.

The prosecuting attorney, in white wig and robe, accused the President of high crimes. The defense attorney, wigless and clean-cut, called on "President John Adams" for support.

But the "jury" — including a cigar-chewing "truck driver," a green-visored member of the press, members of Congress and an Arabian sheik — shouted "guilty."

The shouts died when a character playing Abraham Lincoln asked for divine guidance in time of crisis, and the "judge" asked guiltless members of the jury to step forward. None did.

The "press" removed Nixon's gag, and the "judge" removed his ball and chain.

ONLY A FEW SPECTATORS

There were very few spectators other than the news media and a five-car Denver Police escort — perhaps 10 or 15 in addition to members of the troupe not involved in the skit.

One grizzled passerby applauded as members of the jury cried "guilty" and yelled "lynch him" when the skit was over.

Philip Burley of Denver, the regional coordinator for the Prayer and Fast Committee, closed the gathering with a prayer for the President.

"If he is actually guilty, let God be the judge," Burley said.

He said other presidents have done the things of which Nixon stands accused, "but it all seems to be culminating in one man, Richard Nixon . . ."

"There has to be a point where we say 'no more,' and we head in a new positive direction," Burley said. "What will happen to the next President of the United States when such an ill will exists toward the presidency?"

—The Denver Post
Denver, Colorado
January 11, 1974



PRO AND ANTI—A rally in support of President Nixon was held on the F Street Mall yesterday by the National Prayer and Fast Committee for the Watergate Crisis, a group formed by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification



Photos by Gerald Martineau—The Washington Post

Church International. Some dressed as early Americans and read speeches by Abraham Lincoln and George Washington. The rally drew a crowd of lunch-hour passers-by, at right, some of whom formed an anti-Nixon crowd.

The Philadelphia Inquirer

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Costumed members of the Unification Church dance at a support-Nixon rally at Independence Hall

Moon Backers Again Brave Icy Weather Here for Rally

The moon may control the tides, but the Rev. Sun Myung Moon seems to have very poor vibes where Oklahoma's weather is concerned.

Ice and snow struck Tulsa Dec. 19, the day a banquet was slated honoring Moon's arrival in Tulsa, and cold, icy weather continued through the three days of his scheduled meetings here.

Wednesday, an hour before the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis, an arm of the (Moon) Unification Church, had scheduled a rally to support President Nixon on the Civic Center Plaza, sleet began to pelt the city.

Sleet stung the faces of about 50 young people, most of them Unification Church members or Teen-Age Republicans, who braved slippery sidewalks and 17-degree temperature to express their support of President Nixon on his birthday.

THE YOUTHS CHEERED loudly a skit which related incidents from America's founding days to the present national situation, and sang fervently a song written by one of their members about the nation's

need to "Forgive, Love and Unite" and six verses of the "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

But not a head appeared in the windows of the (predominantly Democratic) County Courthouse, the (non-partisan) Tulsa City-County Library or even the (predominantly Republican) City Hall to see what the cheering was all about.

While supporters waved signs reading "We Love Nixon" and pennants proclaiming "Support the President," Anne Gordon, one of the rally coordinators, read a statement to the President which said, in part:

"The Watergate crisis is not only the problem of the man in the White House, but a tragedy for all of us. . . This is no time to despair or throw stones at our leaders. . . . Historically, great peoples have proved their greatness in times of crisis. . . . Now is the time when we can rekindle our strength by strengthening our Christian principles. . . ."

THE STATEMENT asserted that "In the words, 'In God we trust' are the key to America's greatness" and called upon Americans to "soften the tongues of accusation." The statement concluded with an

assurance to the President that he can "count on our prayers and support."

Johnnie Cherblanc, aide to U.S. Sen. Dewey Bartlett, R-Okla., who accepted the statement, assured the young people their statement would reach the President.

"Traveling across Oklahoma in the last few months," Cherblanc added, "I've heard many people say they were against various things. But in the last two months, they've begun to say they are for something. I sense a change in attitude which I believe is healthy."

About 50 signatures were recorded on a birthday card which John Harries, prayer and fast coordinator, said will be sent to President Nixon. Members of the group, canvassing on sleet-swept Tulsa streets following the rally, obtained about 100 signatures on petitions which expressed support of Moon's stand on the Watergate crisis.

—Tulsa Daily World
Tulsa, Oklahoma
January 10, 1974

The Charleston Gazette

West Virginia, Saturday Morning, January 12, 1974 *The State Newspaper*



BIG BANNERS telling people that "God Loves America" are displayed at a rally at the Lee Street Tri-

angle sponsored by the Unification Church. (Gazette Photo by Leo Chabot)



Healing Wounds

The Unification Church International of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon brought its traveling rally "to heal the wounds of Watergate" to the foot of Columbia's Statehouse steps Friday noon. With all the panache of a traveling circus, complete with a marathon run, life sized marionettes of Liberty, Lincoln and President Nixon, the band-aid decorated representatives of the church's National Prayer and Fast Committee for the Watergate Crisis made speeches urging forgiveness for the president. They also read from writings of Lincoln and George Washington, put a mask of Nixon on Washington's statue, and then, despite the high cost of the yellow fruit, moved off down the street tossing bananas to the crowd until halted by Columbia Police Chief William Cauthen. (Staff Photos by Ed Andrieski)

Columbia, South Carolina
January 12, 1974

The New York Times

— NEW YORK, SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1974 —



200 SUPPORT NIXON AT WALL ST. RALLY

Waving little banners and American flags, 200 members of the Unification Church International stood in a light rain on the steps of the Federal Hall National Memorial at Wall and Nassau Streets during the noon hour yesterday chanting, "We love Nixon."

Participants explained that their spiritual leader, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of South Korea, had learned after deep prayer that God wanted the United States to "forgive, love and unite."

Speakers at the rally defended President Nixon, Hamilton Fish, former Republican Representative, said "partisan, yellow-dog" detractors had "ganged up to destroy Nixon, the Republican party and, if possible, the free-enterprise system."

Rabbi Baruch Korff, chairman of the National Citizens committee for Fairness to the Presidency, said President Nixon had brought back American service, including war prisoners, from Southeast Asia and given the country stability.

Comments varied among passers-by.

"He gave us peace with China," one man said.

A young man, debating church members across the street, asked, "Why not an Adolf Hitler rally?"

The New York Times/Neal Boenzi

Some of the 200 members of the Unification Church International at their demonstration on the steps of the Federal Hall National Memorial

The New York Times

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9, 1974

Are we still ONE NATION UNDER GOD?

When a Catholic, Baptist, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Methodist, Jew, Buddhist, and Shintoist can meet to pray together for this nation to unite centered upon God, as will happen this Wednesday at 12 noon, it is possible to be "One nation under God."

Everyone is warmly welcome to attend this significant interfaith service.

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Proclamation

THE CITY OF NEW YORK WAS FORMED ON THE FOUNDATION OF PEOPLE FROM ALL NATIONS, UNITED IN SEARCH OF NEW HOPE AND FREEDOM.

GOD HAS BLESSED THAT FOUNDATION SO RICHLY THAT AMERICA LOOKS TO OUR GREAT CITY AS THE CENTER OF CULTURE, COMMUNICATIONS, AND ECONOMICS, AND LOOKS TO THE CITIZENS OF NEW YORK AS RESPONSIBLE TRAILBLAZERS OF THE FUTURE OF AMERICA.

AMERICA'S TRUE GREATNESS LIES IN HER FOUNDATION AS "ONE NATION UNDER GOD" AND IN HER MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST."

THE PRESSING ISSUES OF OUR TIME PRESENT A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR THE AMERICAN PEOPLE TO RE-NEW THE SPIRIT OF OUR MOTTO "IN GOD WE TRUST" BY DEMONSTRATING TRUE GREATNESS IN FAITH AND COURAGE.

WE CAN PUT THAT TRUST INTO IMMEDIATE PRACTICE BY LOVING OUR FELLOW MEN AND FORGIVING EACH OTHER'S SHORTCOMINGS AS WE WORK TOGETHER FOR THE SAKE OF ALL.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ABRAHAM D. BEAME, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, DO HEREBY PROCLAIM MARCH 21, 1974, AS

"A DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR UNITY"

IN NEW YORK CITY, AND URGE ALL CITIZENS OF OUR GREAT CITY TO JOIN IN DEEPLY SEEKING GOD'S GUIDANCE IN ALL FACETS OF OUR PERSONAL AND PUBLIC LIFE, IN ORDER THAT NEW YORK MAY LEAD OUR NATION IN BRINGING OUR GOD-GIVEN HERITAGE TO FUTURE GREATNESS.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF I HAVE HEREBY SET MY HAND AND CAUSED THE SEAL OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO BE AFFIXED.


MAYOR, THE CITY OF NEW YORK

International Support



Overseas Family in Japan translate the message of Forgive, Love and Unite and give international support to Our Master's Watergate Statement.

NIXON SUPPORTERS — Japanese followers of Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon march through Tokyo's streets to a rally, where they called on the American people to view the Watergate situation with "forgiveness."

— *The Washington Post*
Washington, D.C.
January 26, 1974

NIXON'S JAPANESE SUPPORTERS

Members of the Japanese Christian groups showed their support for President Nixon yesterday during a rally in downtown Tokyo. The group called upon the American people to overcome the Watergate crisis through "forgiveness, love, and unity."

— *Chicago Tribune*
Chicago, Illinois
January 26, 1974

Members of a Japanese Christian group hold pictures of President Nixon aloft today during a rally in downtown Tokyo in support of the president. The group called upon the American people to overcome Watergate through "forgiveness, love and unity."

— *Washington Star-News*
Washington, D.C.
January 25, 1974



— AP Wirephoto

Japanese Support Nixon

Members of Japanese Christian groups held pictures of President Nixon aloft today during a rally in downtown Tokyo. The crowd, numbering

over 1,000, urged the American people to love Nixon and forgive the sins of Watergate.

— *Topeka State Journal*
Topeka, Kansas
Friday Evening, January 25, 1974

RISING TIDE

February 7th, 1974. LONDON, ENGLAND



GOD LOVES AMERICA

Speakers' Corner, Marble Arch has been the scene of hundreds of demonstrations, but has probably never seen anything quite like the demonstration organized last Sunday by the International Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis Committee.

Most demonstrations sport hastily scrawled placards, sombre black and red banners, and often generate hostility and sometimes friction with the police. This group impressed with their lively singing, the march splashed with the colour of flags from the 30 nations represented there, and a happy spirit, though one which never submerged their serious purpose.

The 2,000 strong multi-national group assembled for a Prayer Assembly at Speakers' Corner at 3 p.m. and soon became the focus of attention. Rousing singing was interspersed with chants of 'God Loves America', 'Europe Loves America' and 'Forgive, Love, Unite'. When a vocal minority appeared, who felt America should be kicked when she was down, they were stopped in their tracks by the chants 'We Love You' and 'God Loves You'.

The march then went down Park Lane and along Piccadilly to Piccadilly Circus where large crowds stopped and stared in amazement. Then through Trafalgar Square and down Whitehall.

For the police, it must have made a pleasant change. Several policemen even joined in singing on the march and at the end the marchers chanted 'God Loves the Police'.

Prayer and Fast for Watergate activities are

rapidly becoming an international phenomenon. 'The Times', last Friday carried a picture of Tricia Nixon-Cox greeting members of the American committee outside the White House. The 'Washington Star-News' recently ran a photo and story of a similar demonstration in Tokyo, and others have been held in several European capitals.

The inspiration for such an unusual series of events came from the Watergate Declaration of Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church International, whose message was 'Forgive, Love, Unite.' Starting in America, the idea caught on in Europe and Japan among people who appreciate the sacrifice and help America has given as an ally, the most generous nation in the history of the world. They do not want to see America's strength for goodness dissolved in disunity and bitterness.

To talk to some of the people, mainly young, involved in Sunday's demonstration was a refreshing experience. They were clearly not concerned with pro-Nixon politics, but something much greater. 'God loves everybody,' one said, 'so of course He loves Nixon'.

'This is a pro-God rally,' said another. 'Before Americans condemn Nixon, and the rest of us start to feel superior, we should all look at our own hearts. Which of us is so guiltless he can cast the first stone? If anyone is truly concerned about America I would think he'd ask what God's view of America was - and that might well not coincide with man's self-righteous ethics.'

'We have got to ask ourselves does God want to see America, with all the power she could wield for goodness, torn apart by bitterness and division. And only God can answer that question. That is why we are encouraging people in America and all over the world to seek God's guidance in the confusion.'

GOTT LIEBT AMERIKA

**Unterstützt
Präsident
Nixon**

GOTT LIEBT NIXON

The German Family translated the "Support the President" pennant and used it to urge all Germans to follow the call of the Watergate Statement.



right: Italian Family members join together in Rome to demonstrate for Forgiveness, Love and Unity.

God Loves Nixon! God Loves America!

As the plane from Los Angeles was circling the field for a landing at Dulles International Airport, the pilot announced to the passengers that if they looked out the windows they could see a crowd of 2,000 people gathered at one end of the airfield. The pilot announced that these were "followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon" who had gathered to welcome the Reverend, a passenger on the plane, upon his return from his highly successful 21-city "Day of Hope" speaking tour.

Rev. Moon was already well-known in Washington as a result of his talks here at the Lisner Auditorium in October. On Dec. 1, Rev. Moon proclaimed his famous "Watergate Declaration," urging the American people to unite in a spirit of forgiveness to overcome the crisis of Watergate, and proclaimed a 40-day period of national prayer and fasting. Since then the members of the "National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis" were active in Washington and constantly in the news. Youthful members of the NPFWC got 8 senators and more than 50 congressmen to sign the declaration, as well as thousands of citizens from all over the country who signed and sent in letters of support. At the end of the 40-day period, rallies were held in 50 states all across the nation, which received widespread local media coverage. A rally of 2,000 of Rev. Moon's followers in Japan, and similar rallies in England, Germany, and Korea were reported over the wire services and appeared in newspapers, television and radio all across the nation.

When Congress reconvened on Jan. 14 almost 1,500 NPFWC members marched around the Capitol in a colorful parade in support of the Watergate Declaration (see Tide, Jan. 28). At the Jan. 31st welcoming rally at Dulles International Airport, a special VIP mobile lounge took Rev. Moon and his party to a platform which had been set up on an area apart from the main terminal. There the 2,000 young people greeted him with flowers, and banners and pennants saying "Welcome Home, Rev. Moon."

After a welcoming speech by Mr. Neil A. Salonen, president of the Unification Church, Miss Nguyen Thi Phuong-Dung, representing the Embassy of the Republic of Vietnam, gave a message of gratitude and welcome to Rev. Moon. She told the young people there that they were the "hope of your nation," and invited Rev. Moon to come to Vietnam soon "to bring us hope."

A telegram from James Shen, Ambassador of the Republic of China, read, in part, "Your work is greatly needed and we note with deep appreciation that great success at your day of hope speaking tour."

Cong. Hammerschmidt of Arkansas said in his message, "May God's guidance in Holy Spirit be with you in your national effort in seeking unification of our citizenry toward a common goal."

That evening, the 2,000 young people marched around the capital to pray for the



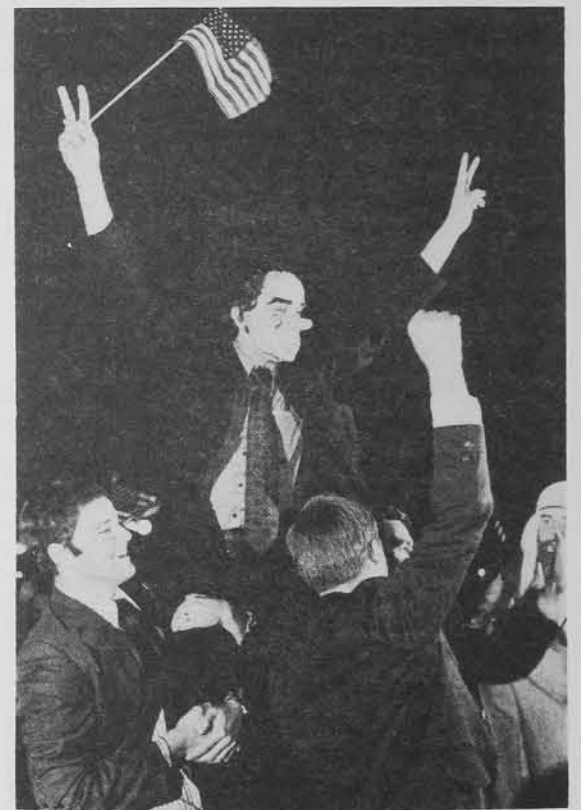
nation during the State of the Union address. About 70 anti-Nixon demonstrators also showed up, but were completely swamped by the NPFWC'rs.

As Rev. Moon was attending the annual National Prayer Breakfast given by the President the next morning, the youths gathered in Lafayette Park across from the White House in a joyous demonstration of prayer and music. A band, American historical costumes, lots of flags and banners, and dancing and singing characterized the lively demonstration. Tricia and Richard Cox, the President's daughter and son-in-law, came out later to greet the demonstrators. That evening over nationwide television, members of the National Prayer and Fast Committee were seen singing their songs of unity as the cameras focused on the famous couple and newsmen asked their views about Watergate.

— *The Rising Tide*

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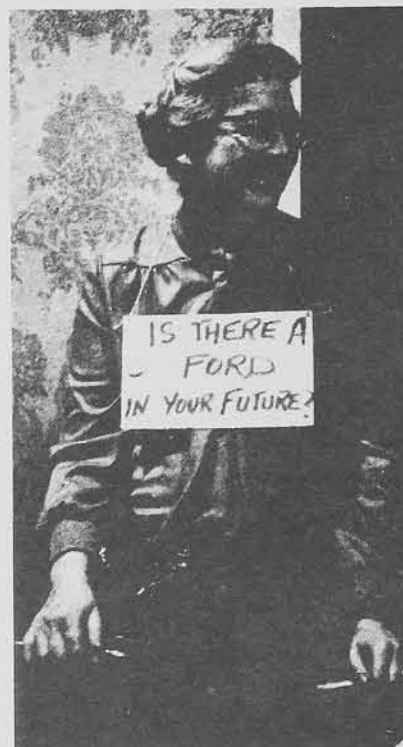
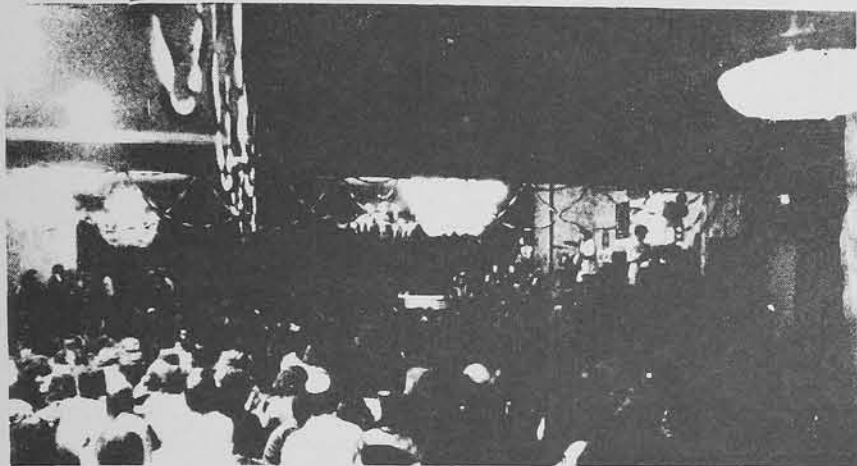


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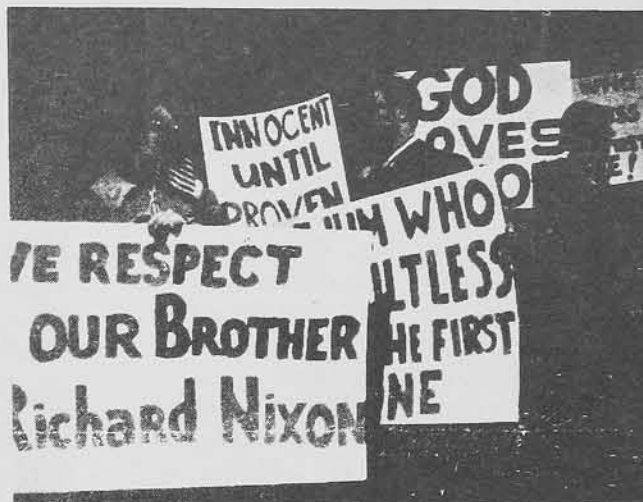
You're Invited to an
**IMPEACHMENT
BALL!**



Two thousand strong they gathered, assembling in the main ballroom of the Ramada Inn Downtown. They danced, drank and in general had a good time.

Phil Ochs [above] came to sing a few songs. And so did the followers of Rev. Sun Moon [below, right]. They marched 100 strong outside to ask forgiveness for the President.

Photos by Mike Dresser and Scott Custin



Martin Luther King Jr. must have turned over in his grave: strains of "We Shall Overcome" wafted through the air, sung by none other than staunch Re. Sun Moon supporters picketing on behalf of President Nixon.

But, undaunted by the picketers, about 2,000 people arrived at the Ramada Inn last Saturday for the Washington Impeachment Ball. They came to enjoy, cheek and jowl, entertainment by Earth Onion, Washington's women's theater troupe, folksinger Cassie Culver, Zapata, a DC Latin-rock

group, and Phil Ochs.

How did it feel to be picketed? "Very good," replied Phil Wheaton, "I'm interested in being picketed with honor."

Everyone and their mother was there, except the ACLU who had decided previously to withdraw their support from the Ball, because, presumably, it was too political for them.

From one corner, a man, face covered with a Nixon mask, proclaimed, "I accept full responsibility for Watergate—but not the blame. Those who accept the blame,

lose their jobs; those who don't, keep them."

In the far left hand corner of the room, however, a bartender struck a sour note. When asked if he thought Impeachment was a good idea, he replied, "If they take that thief out, they'll just put another in."

But the event makes the Washington Area Impeachment Coalition \$7,500 richer. Ted Glick, WAIC spokesperson, says the funds will go into the national lobbying effort slated for February 4th through the 8th.

So low is popular support for Nixon that the White House has had to turn to this fanatic sect for aid. Hundreds of Moonies were used to pack the crowd at the lighting of the National Christmas tree last month, and they have become familiar figures on Washington streets asking passers-by to sign petitions forgiving the President for his Waterbugging.

While their impact so far has been minimal, the Moonies can be expected to continue their efforts and to appear wherever anti-Nixon forces are gathering. If no more serious opposition turns up, the impeachment movement might even have a chance.

by Carlos Neiderhouser

With protestors both inside and outside the hall, followers of the right-wing "prophet," Sun Myung Moon, tried to disrupt last Saturday night's Impeachment Ball at the Ramada Inn.

People arriving at the affair had to cross through a picket line of about a hundred hymn-singing Moonies who carried signs reading, "Support The President," "God Loves Nixon," and "Let He Who Is Free From Sin Cast The First Stone." Acting with their own sense of manifest destiny, the Moonies waved small American flags until they marched off as a group at about midnight.

Folksinger Phil Ochs told the more than 2000 people present that the Moonies reminded him of the "programmed" zombies in the film, "The Manchurian Candidate,"

and he warned the audience to be beware of the danger of diverting energy from important causes like impeachment through "spiritual trips" offered by Sun Myung Moon and Guru Maharaj Ji.

Not content only to march on the sidewalk, Moonies also operated in the ballroom itself. One group, led by Moon man Michael Beard consisted of a masked Richard Nixon, Abraham Lincoln, Stan and a man—apparently without a mask although some observers claimed he wore one—who bore an uncanny resemblance to Nixon flack Ron Ziegler.

This Moonie party wandered through the tightly packed ball-room itself, performing its own version of guerrilla theater which consisted of the devil jumping around and poking his pitch fork at the Nixon character—presumably to show how the forces of evil are now attacking the poor beknighted President. Abraham Lincoln was heard to mutter over and over, "How will impeachment help the country?" Ron Ziegler was either given no lines or forgot what he had been told to say.

Saturday night was not the first time the Moonies have moved to counter the growing impeachment movement. Since early December the religious group has been waging a nation-wide campaign in support of Nixon. Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whom most Moonies believe is the messiah, has placed a statement in newspapers all over the country stating that "God has chosen Richard Nixon to be President of the United States" and thus only "God has the power and authority to dismiss him."

AFTER THE BALL DEPARTMENT

Items stolen from the Impeachment Ball include one 50-star American flag, belonging to the Washington Area Impeachment Coalition. The coalition needs this flag for future functions, and would appreciate its return.

Also taken was a tapestry depicting a hunting scene which was in the ballroom lobby. If it is not returned to the Ramada Inn, the coalition will have to replace it at their own expense.

If you have information pertaining to the above, please call 659-1118.

America Must Pray

Mention the word "Nixon," and the first thing that comes to mind is a group of hired political spies, several nice-enough-looking presidential aides, and a man at the top who must either be the personification of dishonesty and corruption or the world's most tragic victim of circumstance.

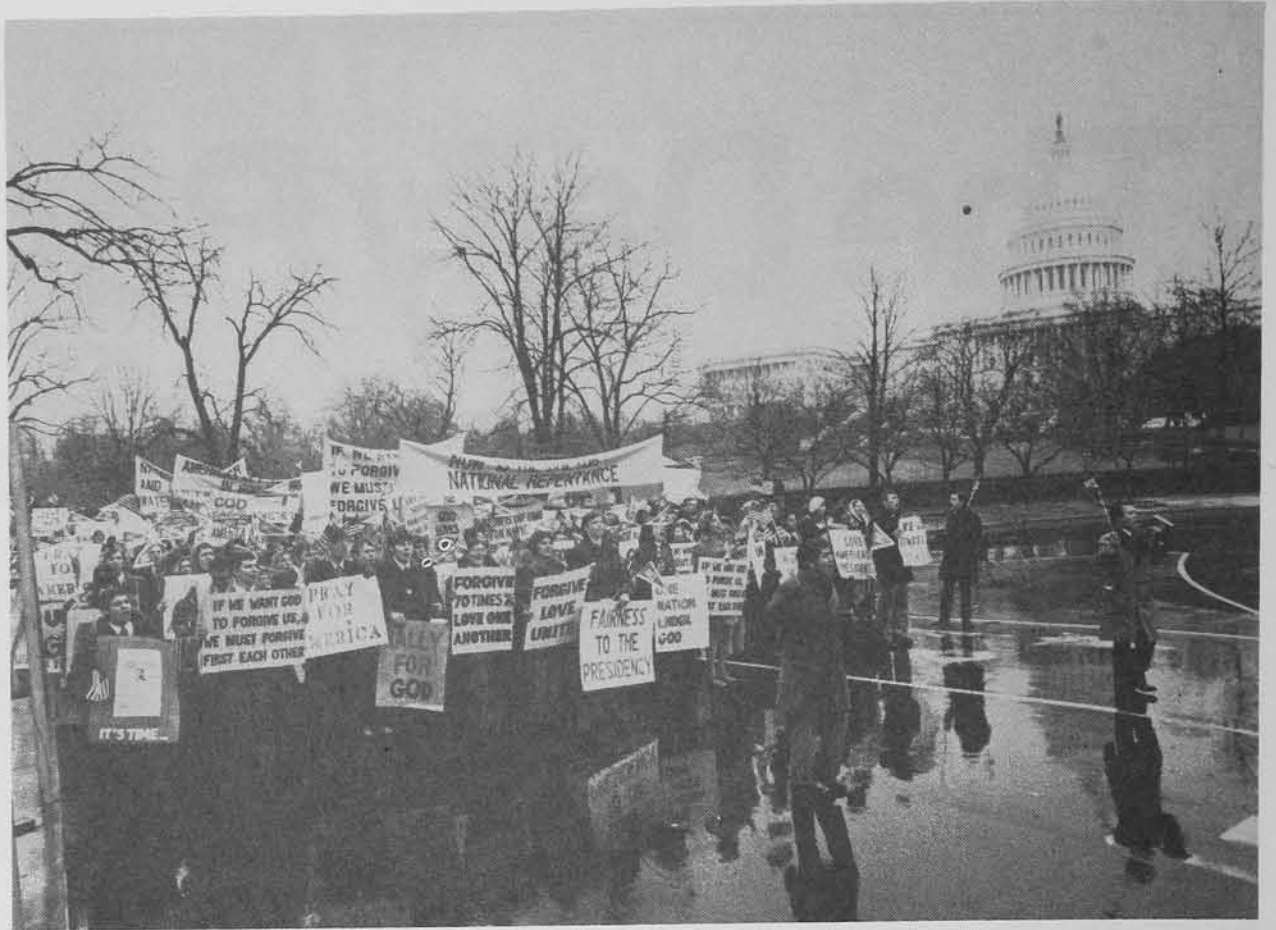
Seemingly overnight, morality has become a central concern in the American mind. No matter what the outcome of the current debate on impeachment and/or resignation, the Watergate scandals may motivate Americans to place *moral integrity* at the top of their list of qualifications for their political representatives, if nothing else. If recent polls reflect a genuine trend, we can expect that Democrats and Republicans alike will be doing some substantial housecleaning before the upcoming Congressional elections this November. In fact, Watergate may turn out to be just the kind of political shock America needs to reverse its headlong spin toward decadence and reorient itself toward the achievement of an atmosphere in which people seek a definition of *value*, a clarification of ideological roots.

These roots, as we have repeatedly emphasized, lie in the Judeo-Christian tradition. They imply a belief in God. There is no doubt that God may use different terminology to reveal His will in different ages. Perhaps it is also true that His priorities change according to His need or desire at specific times. But God is still God.

By causing us to re-examine our moral and ideological foundations, Watergate could, in fact, spark an ideological revolution. Conscientious people today seek a leader of leading ideology which can clarify the moral alternatives, point the way to go, and pioneer the path to new levels of American achievement. We desperately crave an understanding which can unite our divided land. The Unification Ideology is a rallying point for all Americans who truly seek a positive solution. "Forgive, Love, and Unite" is God's command at this critical time in America's history. And that is why we are calling all Americans to unite in prayer for the guidance of God.

Members of the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis visited many congressional offices to ask congressmen and their aides to join us in prayer for America's future. We are happy to report our surprise at how many national leaders — Democrats and Republicans alike — sincerely felt that only with God's help could they even attempt to make such a critical decision. Several offered prayers on the spot, and more than one was moved to tears by the sincerity and dedication of the young people who had traveled thousands of miles to make their views known.

There was nothing partisan or political in



top: The signs section of the January 21, 1974 march and rally moves with purpose across an intersection behind the U.S. Capitol Building. Chanting slogans for a God-centered nation and singing patriotic songs, the Family soon gathered on the steps behind the Capitol.

bottom: On the sidewalk adjacent to Congressional offices, the head of the march stands in formation, while the ranks behind regroup. The rain and cold did not hinder the rally.

what they were saying. It was simply a plea that America might unite in prayer before continuing the important investigations which will lead to a decision on the Watergate affair. It was a challenge to submission to the will of God.

It was a challenge that each of us must manifest the humility and the courage to accept.

— *The Rising Tide*
January 28, 1974



top: The rally, complete with a brass band, forms on the steps at the back of the Capitol Building.

bottom left: Signs, pennants, signs, banners, signs, flags, signs.

right: At the foot of the dome of the U.S. Capitol, the National Family prays in unison for troubled America to repent and unite with God and the Presidency.



The National Family and well-wishers, totaling about 2000 people, receive Our Master and are greeted by Him at Dulles Airport, Washington, D.C., in the afternoon of January 30, 1974. Our Master had just completed the 21-city tour in Los Angeles the previous evening.

The Washington Post

THURSDAY, JANUARY 31, 1974



By Ellsworth Davis—The Washington Post

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon is greeted by followers as he arrives at Dulles Airport after tour of nation.

Controversy Ruffles Prayer Breakfast

By Marjorie Hyer

Washington Post Staff Writer

and William R. MacKaye

Some 2,000 youthful followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon are expected to ring the Washington Hilton hotel this morning during the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast, apparently frustrating efforts by the sponsors to depoliticeize this year's breakfast.

Mr. Moon himself, who has emerged in recent weeks as one of the staunchest defenders of President Nixon, returned to Washington yesterday from his current evangelistic campaign in order to attend the breakfast. His campaign embodies the slogan "Forgive, Love, Unite."

Congressmen and others involved in the House and Senate prayer groups, which sponsor the breakfast, have expressed dismay that the Korean clergyman was included in the guest list.

"As of two or three weeks ago, the committee had agreed that an invitation was not going to be extended to Mr.

Moon," said former Texas Rep. Graham Purcell.

Neither he nor other committee members queried could say yesterday how that decision had been countermanded or by whom.

The annual breakfast has come to be a major social event attended by top figures from all branches of government as well as the diplomatic community.

At last year's affair, Sen. Mark O. Hatfield (R-Ore.), speaking for the Senate Prayer Group, issued a stinging warning that such gatherings constituted more civil religion than authentic worship of God and as such, verged on "outright idolatry."

As a result, this year's planning committee sought ways to restore the event to its original purpose.

Except for a White House pool, both the writing press and television cameras have been excluded from the breakfast this year "to help restore the lost devotional nature of the gathering," said John Rainbolt, assistant counsel to the

House Agriculture Committee.

Earlier this week, press spokesmen of the Unification Church, as Mr. Moon's organization is known, issued a press release announcing their leader's invitation to the breakfast and their plans to field 2,000 demonstrators outside the hotel in support of their National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis.

Mr. Moon is not scheduled to speak and one member of the committee, who asked not to be identified, said, "I guarantee he will not be at the head table."

The Unification Church representatives, who maintain that their "Forgive, Love, Unite" campaign is "not political but spiritual," proved their ability to capture media attention last month at the lighting of the National Christmas tree.

Strategically seated in easy range of the television cameras and armed with banners and placards, they staged a noisy demonstration in support of the President just as he concluded his remarks.

Later that night, while they

were gathered in Lafayette Park singing Christmas carols, President Nixon left the White House to thank them personally for their support and to give them a presidential Christmas card.

The singing, cheering throng stopped traffic momentarily on Pennsylvania Avenue to escort him back to the White House.

Last night more than 1,500 of Mr. Moon's cheering followers assembled at Dulles International Airport to welcome him as he arrived from Los Angeles.

Rep. Andrew Young (D-Ga.), who was not a member of the planning committee for today's breakfast but who has consented to offer a concluding prayer, was among those who expressed dismay over the plans of the Unification Church people to link their campaign to the prayer breakfast.

"I've always said there is no forgiveness without repentance," said the former civil rights leader, who is a United Church of Christ clergyman.

Washington Star-News

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BALMY — Mostly sunny, breezy and warm today, high in upper 60s. Variable cloudiness tonight, turning colder, low in 30s. Sunny tomorrow, high in 40s. Details: B-4. Sunrise tomorrow 8:15.

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TURN TO GREAT ISSUES, CONGRESS TOLD

Nixon: 'I Will Not Walk Away'

By Norman Kempster
Star-News Staff Writer

Pointedly reminding Congress that he holds his office because the voters chose him, President Nixon says he will not resign and should no longer be distracted by the Watergate scandal.

In a postscript to his State of the Union address to a joint session of Congress last night, Nixon insisted that "one year of Watergate is enough."

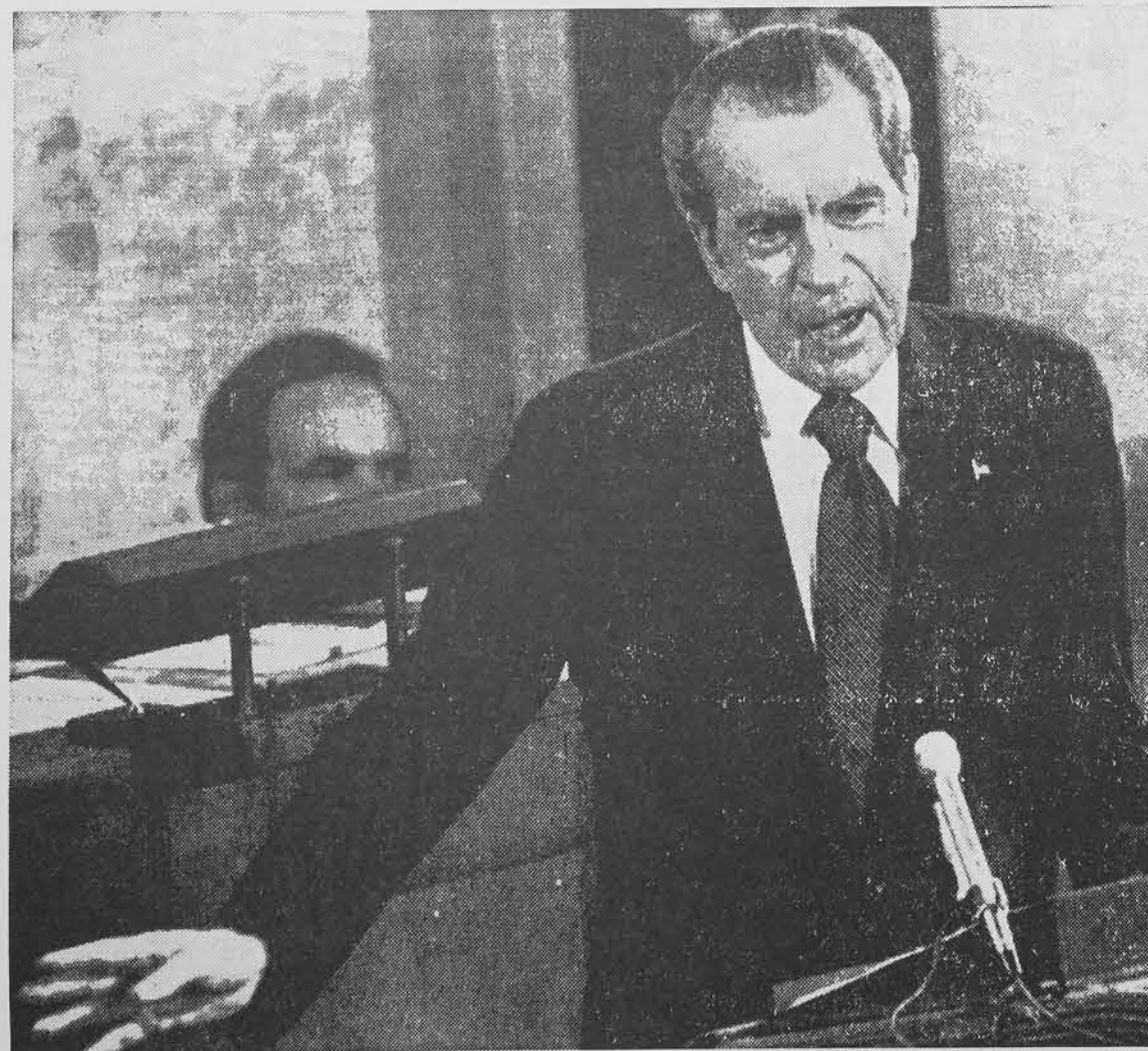
"And the time has come, my colleagues, for not only the executive—the President—but the members of the Congress, for all of us to join together in devoting our full energies to these great issues . . . which involve the welfare of all the American people in so many different ways as well as the peace of the world," Nixon said.

Speaking to both the lawmakers in the House chamber and to a prime-time television audience, Nixon insisted he would put the scandal behind him and turn his full attention to national problems ranging from the energy crisis to the welfare system to the high cost of medical care.

In the speech's only surprise, Nixon announced that he had been assured that Arab oil producing nations will call "an urgent meeting . . . in the immediate future to discuss the lifting of the oil embargo."

HE OFFERED few totally new legislative programs but he promised to send Congress soon bills to provide a minimum level of health insurance for everyone and to help communities provide improved mass transit systems.

For the longer range, he said he would develop legislation to reform the welfare system but he said the details had not been worked out. In an accompanying written message to Congress he said the new measure would not include the controversial Family Assistance Plan which was a key feature of the welfare reform package he advocated in 1969 but Congress refused to enact.



President Nixon delivers his State of the Union message.

—United Press International

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State of Union In Brief

Here are the highlights of President Nixon's State of the Union address and accompanying written message last night:

Resignation. He vowed he would serve out his full term in office.

Watergate. He urged an early end to investigations and a prompt start on trials, saying he had given prosecutors all the material they need.

Impeachment. He promised to cooperate with the House impeachment inquiry, but not in any way that interferes with his responsibilities.

Oil. He disclosed that Arab nations would discuss lifting the oil embargo at a meeting "in the immediate future."

Rationing. He promised to "do everything we can" to avoid gasoline rationing.

Economy. He said there "will be no recession," and hinted he would consider raising federal spending or lowering taxes to aid the economy.

Health. He will offer a "sweeping new program" of health insurance that "will not require additional taxes."

Welfare. He will propose later a new program to reform welfare, but gave no details.

Budget. For the first time in history, the proposed federal budget would go over \$300 billion, reaching \$304.4 billion.

Nixon Treats Watergate Affair as Afterthought

By Jack W. Germond
Star-News Staff Writer

It was clearly intended to be a campaign speech written for an electorate of 435.

For the first 39 minutes President Nixon touched every political string that might, in the words of the old song, "accentuate the positive, eliminate the negative" in the minds of the members of the House of Representatives who will be called on to judge him sometime this year.

He reminded them, as he has done countless times, that the troops and prisoners are home, that we have moved from confrontation to negotiation with the Russians and Chinese. In his five years, he said, he has made the campuses quieter, the streets safer and Americans in general and farmers in particular more prosperous.

Analysis

He assured them "there will be no recession," despite "perennial prophets of doom." He was against gasoline rationing, socialized medicine, welfare outrages and violations of privacy.

And, the President said, he has "an agenda for truly significant progress" for the rest of the route—for more gasoline and heating oil, for better health care and schools, for economic growth, for more efficient government closer to the people.

THUS, BY the time he reached his "personal word," the message to the television audience and, more important, to those 435 de facto grand jurors was perfectly clear: How can you turn me out when I have done so much and there is so much more I intend to do. Let's put this thing in perspective.

The form of the address made it obvious that Nixon's own perspective gives Watergate a very low priority in a year that he wants to be remembered as the time "when American ended its longest war and began its longest peace."

Indeed, the President reached the subject that has been consuming Congress in a way that seemed to make it an afterthought. The Senate

leaders, in fact, had seen him close his text and had begun to file out, only to be shooed back to their chairs by William M. (Fish Bait) Miller, the stage manager for ceremonies like a State of the Union address.

BUT WHEN he did get to the issue, Nixon employed the most valuable political weapon still in his arsenal — the weariness of the electorate and the Congress with Watergate and the resulting desire to get it settled.

"One year of Watergate is enough," he said, evoking a wave of applause. It is time for Congress and the President alike to be "devoting our full energies" to substantive matters.

It was, in language more appropriate to joint sessions of Congress on prime time television, a paraphrase of George Aiken's cry: "Impeach him or get off his back."

Nixon left no doubt that these are the only alternatives. Even before he reached his "personal word" he made one pointed reference to the three years he has remaining in his term and another to the record he intends to achieve in "the eight years of my presidency." In the end, he made it explicit: he would not "walk away" from what he had been elected to do.

IN POLITICAL terms, the significant thing was not what was in the speech so much as what was missing. Nixon has been saying for months

that he wouldn't quit, that we should put Watergate behind us and get down to business, that he would cooperate with the prosecutors to whatever degree possible without compromising the presidency. And the litany of his accomplishments and intentions has a familiarity approaching that of the Ten Commandments.

Yet, for all of this, his standing with the electorate is at its lowest ebb, and the members of Congress know it from the polls of Gallup and Harris and from their own seat-of-the-pants judgments as politicians.

So what they required, in effect, was something new that might give them a different perspective on the decision they must make. And what was obvious in the President's speech is that there are no other clubs in his bag right now.

He was a President firm but not defiant and, above all, one determined to use his 44 minutes in the eyes of the television cameras and his judges to make the case for his stewardship.

Address Brings the Demonstrators

By Robert Buchanan
Star-News Staff Writer

"We love America!" chanted the 2,000 religious followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon who want to unite America.

"Impeach Nixon now!" chanted a band of about 40 unconverted college students.

"We love Nixon!" said the followers of Sun Moon, who claimed political objectivity.

"Checkers ate the tape!" said the highly partisan college crowd.

THE TWO opposing groups — although the largest — were only a part of the spectrum of demonstrators who gathered on the Capitol grounds last night prior to President Nixon's State of the Union message.

Another small group of demonstrators had oil on their minds. "Nationalize

Exxon," one large sign said. Others accused the President of conspiring with the petroleum industry to create a false oil shortage and gouge the public.

An elderly, crippled man silently carried a sign with the simple message: "CONVICT!"

He was moved to words once when he passed a large official looking limousine with its engine idling:

"Must be from Saudi Arabia."

DEMONSTRATORS amassed under the banner of Evangelist Moon clearly showed the greatest flair for color and pageantry, however.

Singing such songs as the "Battle Hymn of the Republic," they high-stepped around the Capitol to the music of a 15-piece band that featured three accordions, one guitar, one xylophone, one saxophone, a drum and several cornets and trumpets.

The front line of marchers was led by a youth in a Nixon mask that featured a wide pasty grin and a ski-sloped nose about 5 inches long. He locked arms with a youth dressed as a sheik and another dressed as a pilgrim. Flanking them were youths dressed as Abraham Lincoln and pioneers.

Another, shorter Nixon-masked youth led the second line of marchers. He locked arms with a young lady dressed as an American Indian and another evoking the image of Dolley Madison.

THE FOLLOWERS of Moon were calling themselves the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis Committee. Spokesmen said their purpose was neither to endorse nor condemn the President but to ask the public to "turn to God" in seeking solutions to the crisis facing the nation.

Committee officials said the organiza-

tion believes the President should be given the nation's fullest support until he is proven guilty of any wrongdoing.

"We want to end the mockery of Nixon," said Susan Hughes, a spokeswoman for the group from Minnesota. "That is the reason we protested at the recent Nixon impeachment ball."

Asked whether the long-nosed Nixon mask did not itself mock the President, Miss Hughes said that it did not because it was not exaggerated. "It comes very close to reality," she said.

THERE WERE no conflicts among any of the demonstrating groups.

The Moon committee's plans to greet Nixon on his return to the White House were thwarted when police diverted them from Lafayette Park.

The group rallied at McPherson Square where the band played and young women danced in a circle.



The New York Times

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PRESIDENT URGES COUNTRY TO PRAY

Tells Prayer Breakfast Unit
Nation Should Attempt to
Determine God's Will

By EDWARD B. FISKE
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Jan. 31 — President Nixon, looking vigorous and refreshed after his State of the Union address last night, urged Americans today to join in silent prayer to determine God's will for the country.

"Too often we are a little too arrogant," he said in a 15-minute talk to 2,500 Government officials, diplomats, clergymen and laymen from across the country. "We try to talk and tell Him what we want. What all of us need to do, and what this nation needs to do, is to pray in silence and listen to God to find out what He wants us to do."

The occasion was the 22d annual National Prayer Breakfast, which was held in the grand ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel and at times evoked the feeling of an evangelistic rally.

Senator John C. Stennis, Democrat of Mississippi who served as chairman for the affair, moved the audience by telling them how much his prayers and the prayers of others had meant in his recovery from wounds suffered when he was shot during a robbery a year ago.

"Short silent prayers were my rallying point in those days," he said. "The chief surgeon told me, 'A high hand entered your case.' I know that he means what he said."

Faith and Alcoholism

In the principal address, Senator Harold E. Hughes, Democrat of Iowa, who is leaving the Senate at the end of his current term to become a lay religious worker, told the breakfast crowd how religious faith had rescued him from alcoholism more than 20 years ago.

"I was beaten to my knees in despair," he said. "I cried out to God, and from that moment my life changed."



United Press International

President and Mrs. Nixon leaving the Washington Hilton Hotel yesterday morning after attending the annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast with their daughter Mrs. Edward F. Cox and the Rev. Billy Graham.

Senator Hughes, who received a standing ovation at the end of what amounted to a sermon, said that God can use men's "indiscretions" to "build up his people."

"No prison can contain the spirit of Christ," he said. "The word of God came in truth in Jesus Christ and revealed eternal life. The debt has been paid in the blood of our Savior."

Mr. Nixon spoke of the prayer life of Abraham Lincoln and recalled a conversation he had had with his grandmother, a devout Quaker, when he was a boy. He said that when he asked her why Quakers prayed in silence, she replied, "The purpose is not to tell God what thee wants but to find out what God wants for thee."

His remarks seemed to be welcomed with enthusiasm by most listeners. The Rev. Leighton Ford, the evangelist who is a brother-in-law of the Rev. Billy Graham, who was on the dais, called them "tremendous."

"I got the feeling that there was real depth," he said.

John K. C. Liu, a member of the National Assembly in Taiwan who had flown here for the occasion, said, "He is very sincere. I was deeply moved."

A Minister 'Upset'

The Rev. John Huffman, who recently resigned as pastor of the Presbyterian church that Mr. Nixon sometimes attends in Key Biscayne, Fla., however, said that he was "upset."

"I don't know that what Lincoln had to say is particularly relevant today," he stated. "To exegate the writings and prayers life of a previous President instead of the Bible is to make the history of the nation the divine authority, not God. This is Baalism."

He continued, "I wish he had the courage that Hughes did. This was a great opportunity for him to state whether he is a Christian or not. For five years, by his silence, he has said that he is not."

The National Prayer Breakfast, which was initiated by President Eisenhower in 1953,

is jointly sponsored by members of the weekly Senate and House prayer breakfasts.

The administrative work is carried out in their behalf by officials of Fellowship House here, the center of a loosely organized movement to promote prayer breakfasts and similar gatherings in 50 countries.

Broadcast by Military

In his opening remarks, Senator Stennis said that the breakfast was being broadcast over the Armed Forces Radio Network and that more than 100,000 military personnel were convening for simultaneous affairs at about 500 locations around the world.

While the prayer breakfast was being held, more than 1,000 followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of the Unification Church International gathered in Lafayette Park, across the street from the White House, to sing patriotic songs and demonstrate their support of the President.

The Washington Post

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Sen. Stennis greets Edward Cox, left, as President and Mrs. Nixon introduce daughter Tricia Cox to Mrs. Stennis. Dr. Graham is behind Stennis.

Stennis Attests to Power of Prayer in Recovery

By William R. MacKaye
Washington Post Staff Writer

Sen. John Stennis (D-Miss.)

who was near death a year ago after a street-robbery shooting, recalled yesterday, "Out of the confusion of a half-conscious mind I reconstructed a Bible verse: 'The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.'" (James 5:16).

And later in his long struggle he found that his "short, silent prayers were always a rallying point."

"It was clear to me that the easier way was to pass on," Stennis said of those days. "It was clearer that to live required a struggle, a will—a will to live, to try, to overcome obstacles . . ."

The 72-year-old senator's remarks won him rapt attention from the 3,000 persons at the National Prayer Breakfast in the Washington-Hilton Hotel. Among those in his audience at the annual affair were President Nixon, Vice President Ford and evangelist Billy Graham.

Crediting his eventual recovery to the power of prayer, Stennis recalled,

"My chief surgeon told me, 'A high hand entered your case.' Later, I knew he was right."

The senator said he was aware of prayer—his own and that of others—supporting him from his first moment of consciousness after the six-hour emergency operation at Walter Reed Army Hospital.

"My daughter was sitting by the bed holding my hand and saying, 'Daddy, people in Mississippi are holding prayer meetings and mother and I and all of us are praying that you will be all right . . .?'"

"I said to myself, 'Prayer meetings for me? Then I'm in grave danger and I may not survive.'"

A wry tone in Stennis' voice stirred a ripple of amusement at that point, and he interjected, "It's all right for you to smile, but at that time it was not a smiling matter."

Looking back at the six months he spent in the hospital, Stennis declared that "waves of compassion flowed in for many days."

It proved to me that Americans have a great repository

of faith."

The senator's testimony of his faith, followed later by a ringing confession from Sen. Harold Hughes (D-Iowa) about how his conversion to Christ had delivered him from alcoholism, set a markedly more orthodox Christian tone to the breakfast than has characterized it in recent years.

Television and still cameramen were barred, as were most reporters, in an effort by the sponsors to move the breakfast away from the political tone it had acquired in past years.

President Nixon, who was accompanied by Mrs. Nixon, daughter Tricia and son-in-law Edward Cox, and Dr. Graham, warned that too often spiritual arrogance tempts people to tell God what they want.

He recalled an explanation offered him by his Quaker grandmother while he was a child of why Quakers rely so heavily upon silent prayer.

"What thee must understand, Richard," Mr. Nixon said his grandmother told him, "' is that the purpose

of prayer is to listen to God, not to speak to him, not tell God what thee wants but to hear what he wants from thee."

"Now my grandmother did not believe that others who used oral prayer were wrong, because that would not have been the Quaker way," the President added. "She thought they might be right and that both could be right."

Earlier, the President teased the Purdue University Glee Club members who sang at the breakfast.

He said he had gone over to them when he arrived at the hotel and asked whether any of them were on the Purdue football team.

"Nobody held up his hand," Mr. Nixon reported. "I said, 'That is just like me. I made the glee club, but I didn't make the football team.'" Going on to call the singers "great," the President commented that if Purdues' "football team was up to their glee club they would be in the Rose Bowl."

Members of the strongly pro-Nixon Unification Church, a religious move-

ment founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a Korean evangelist, called off the 2,000 young demonstrators they had said earlier would ring the hotel in support of the President.

Instead they rallied in Lafayette Park, where they were greeted later in the morning by Mrs. Cox.

Mr. Moon, who arrived from Los Angeles Wednesday, was seated at a table at the extreme far end of the hall from the speakers' platform.

Rep. William Jennings Bryan Dorn, (D-S.C.), chairman of the committee that arranged the breakfast, said he did not know who had arranged Mr. Moon's invitation to the breakfast after the committee had decided not to invite him.

The gathering was technically sponsored by the weekly prayer breakfasts of the Senate and the House of Representatives, but most of the staff work is provided by the Fellowship Foundation, a group that also pays the bill for the 3,000 at the breakfast, Dorn said.

Eddie and Tricia Mingle With 800 Nixon Well-Wishers

By Gloria Berger
Special to the Star-News

Tricia Nixon Cox, away from what she called the "witchhunt atmosphere" surrounding the White House, greeted 800 well-wishers chanting "We Love Nixon" in Lafayette Park this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cox took a limousine across Pennsylvania Avenue from the White House to the park to greet singing members of the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis — followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon — and tell them that the President appreciated their response.

WHILE HIS wife shook hands with supporters from every state as well as from overseas, Cox said that the President was pleased with the response to his State of the Union address last night.

"When you have a reception with 33 interruptions you have to feel good," he said. "I think it was a tremendous speech. It was a tremendous, strong and positive statement."

When asked if the family listened to any television

analysis of the statement, Cox replied, "We had a better analysis — done by the President of the United States."

Cox, a lawyer in New York City, said that he had volunteered to come to Washington to work with the President's legal defense team without pay. "The problem was that we thought it might look like nepotism," he said, "so the President and I decided it shouldn't be done."

COX ALSO called former White House lawyer John Dean a coward and berated the American press for "taking Dean's assumptions as absolute truth."

In between handshakes, Cox also said that the plumbers operation was "appropriate" for its designated purpose. "Where there are problems with national security," he said, "certainly it is appropriate to set up such a group."

He added that he was uninformed about details of the 18½-minute gap on one of the Watergate tapes, stating, "My feeling is that in the end the people will

realize the President has done nothing wrong."

Nixon's son-in-law denied rumors that he and Tricia are having marital problems.

"I miss Tricia very, very much when she is away," he said, alluding to her recent 18-day trip to California. "But whenever she can be with her father when he needs her there I encourage her to do so."

"We were together for Christmas," he added, "but the next day I had to go back to work."

Meanwhile, Tricia thanked her father's supporters, accepting promises for prayer and buttons reading "Forgive, Love and Unite."

Tricia said "we were all so very proud of Daddy" as he delivered his speech to Congress last night.

"He is going to fulfill the mandate he was given to lead the country for the next 3½ years," she added.

SHE DEPLORED what she called the "character assassination" of the President and many of his staff

members, emphasizing what her husband earlier described as the "malicious personal persecution of the President."

Eager Moon followers waited along a line the entire width of Lafayette Park to get a glimpse of Tricia and Edward. "I'm really glad you came out," said one demonstrator. "You must be a little cold."

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Heed God: Nixon Exhorts D.C. Prayer Rally

By PAUL HEALY

Washington, Jan. 31 (News Bureau) — President Nixon told a prayer breakfast today that respect for other peoples — despite differences in political philosophy and religion — is essential to peace in the world.

Nixon spoke to 3,000 government leaders, diplomats and religious leaders at the breakfast shortly before his son-in-law, Edward Cox, publicly described the President as being the victim of "one of the most vicious witch-hunts in American history."

Speaking out on Watergate for the first time, lawyer Cox, with wife, Tricia, made a campaign-type appearance after the breakfast at a pro-Nixon rally in Lafayette Park across Pennsylvania Ave. from the White House. More than 1,000 flag wavers gathered there to hear two hours of speeches sponsored by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean-born founder of the Unification Church International.

The rally was another staged by Moon, who is not an American citizen, as part of his "National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate crisis." Last Dec. 13, hundreds of his followers rallied in front of the White House "to lift the spirits of the President." They carried signs saying, "Support the President" and "God loves Nixon," and were greeted by Nixon himself at one point.

Talking with reporters, Cox said that John W. Dean 3d, the

Tricia & Cox Deny Rift

Washington, Jan. 31 (News Bureau) — Edward and Tricia Cox jointly denied as "malicious" today recent rumors that their marriage is on the rocks. "I don't know how they got started," said Tricia while attending a rally for her father in Lafayette Square across from the White House. In an infrequent appearance in Washington, Cox, a New York lawyer, also accompanied his wife to Nixon's State-of-the-Union address before Congress last night and to a prayer breakfast in a hotel this morning.

ousted White House lawyer who was Nixon's accuser in the Watergate hearings, "was a coward" who didn't tell the President about the coverup when he was the President's counsel in 1972. Cox said Dean's "whole object was to get immunity."



Associated Press Wirephoto
President's daughter, Tricia, and her husband, Edward Cox, mingle with crowd in Lafayette Square after prayer breakfast.

"My feeling is that in the end the President will be proved to have done nothing wrong," Cox added. Backing her father's declaration in his State of the Union address last night that he would never quit his job, Tricia asked rhetorically: "Why should he re-

sign? He hasn't done anything wrong."

Nixon told the annual National Prayer Breakfast at the Washington that Americans should engage in silent Prayer in order to hear the instructions of God.

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