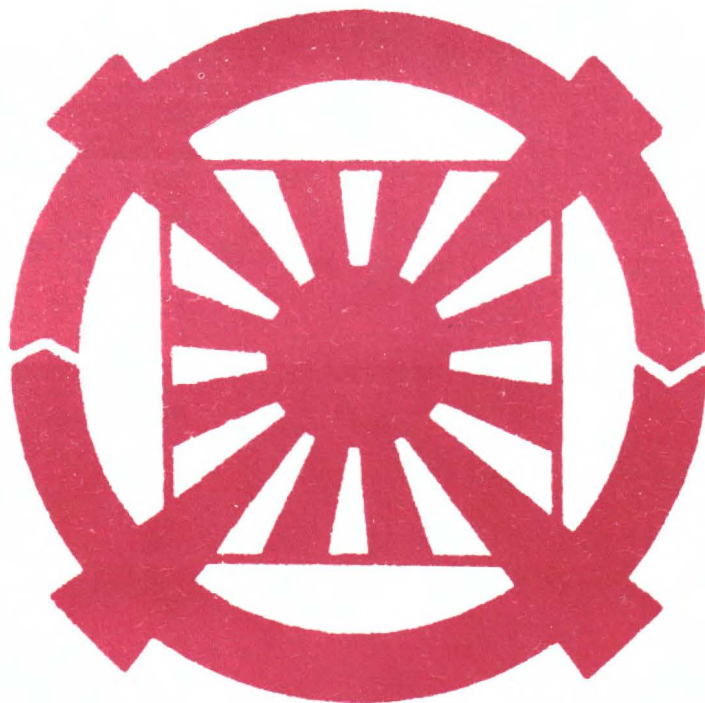


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THE GUIDING LIGHT

(Papa Speaks)

"The Faithful Life"

Unless you know the way of the faithful life you cannot actualize this way of life. But if you know what a faithful life is and still you don't actualize your faith concretely, then what good is it?

The faithful life does not necessarily mean going to church, mass, or performing rituals. Why do we need to pray and meditate and study philosophy and religion of the past and present? The conscience is the source of philosophy. If man is true to his original conscience, he doesn't need to study the truth, nor does he need to follow any organized religion.

After the fall, man has not been in accord with his essential nature or conscience. Man must now overcome evil temptations through prayer and meditations. Suffering through temptations is not the result of the original nature, but the deviation of the fall of man.

Then what is the original, natural man's life? The natural way of life is to live a conscientious life and to contribute one's own uniqueness to the whole purpose of society.

Faith is the element that makes it easy to develop your character and to understand the truth. Once you have understood the truth and re-directed your conscience, then it becomes much easier to restore your character and your faithful way of life.

The concrete faithful life begins with studying the truth - about life and the value of human existence. We are to develop and experience a meaningful relationship with our Creator, our fellow man, and our expanding universe. Each of us can truly experience the Heavenly Kingdom or the nirvana based on love and truth within us. However, we must know that nirvana is not true unless it is shared with all mankind.

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POSITION OF LEADER MUST BE BETTER AND AHEAD

In this universe nothing exists in isolation. All existences exist in unified relativity. Proper position is the basis for proper order and harmony or total single direction of movement by all existences.

The subject and object relationship is a universal law of position. In the family there are the parents and the children, and in society there are the leaders and the followers. In nature we see the plus and minus in energy, the proton and electron in the atom, and sun and earth, and earth and moon in the solar system. So subject and object have a proper relativity with the subject as leader and the object as follower.

The object must make oneness with the subject and give and take with total support and assist 100% with his innate value, individual ability, character and effort. Oneness between plus and minus is the inseparable unit and give plus and minus and leader and follower an equal benefit.

Today humanity has much conflict and contradiction. What is the source of negative conditions? Most of them come from the deviation of men from their improper positions. The juxtaposition or improper position of material and spiritual values in today's communities has dried up the human heart and mind. Inversion of these relative positions has brought disorder and conflict.

Men find it very hard to be a willing object; everyone wants to be subject in the contemporary world. This desire is not wrong in itself, for a society with

only just a subject can have no power for relativity. If I seem to contradict myself, then let me explain.

Without the desire to be a subject, with only a will to be an object or receiver all of the time, then how can we adapt new ways to advance our society? How can we make order and harmony if everyone is yielding? We must have the desire to be in the subject position, so we can have the true hope, and drive to advance and cultivate our desire and mind toward realizing our full potential. But there is one condition. If you cannot fulfill this condition, then you must humbly yield to the subject, support and assist him. In this way you will make yourself open to receive the same benefit as he.

In the universe, the truth and the most actual records (not just theoretical ideas) never change. When we read about the good leaders or subject positions in human history, I can say that there were three conditions that each subject had to fulfill to gain their position. First he must exert extra effort and do more than others. Millionaires are made by their exertion. Better effort brings a better result. If you want to be subject, then you must not just waste time or procrastinate about it. Your work must be done immediately.

Your ability, wisdom must be ahead of others. Without these characteristics you can put forth much effort, but still remain in the subjugated, object position controlled by the man who has more ability and knowledge. Effort is important but wisdom and ability are primary to the leader's chair. So the man who would be the leader must spend all available time studying and seriously applying himself to his pursuit. The third and final condition, the ultimate condition, is "character." No matter what your effort has been or the number of degrees you hold, if you don't have good character, then you are not the true subject position no matter what your present rank in the world may be. You must have a warm heart and truth within you. Without this humanity and love, you are the president, manager or leader in name only.

Many people know how to work and study hard, but do not have any idea about how to characterize themselves. A man cannot have the benefit of true respect and dignity if he doesn't have character. How can one man assist his leader if that leader has no character? More respect will bring about more manifestation and direction of interaction. Why are today's men lacking enthusiasm to place would-be leaders into head positions? Supporters recognize that many of these leadership hopefuls have no real character. Why support this kind of leader?

Character is the absolute condition of leadership. Without knowing the truth, a man cannot establish good, noble character. As one must know the blue-print of his house before he build it, so too a man must know truth before he established complete character and takes the leadership position. Then the man in the object position will fully support you and both the subject and the object can share the common benefit and common heart.

I have seen many parents who don't differ much from the 90 year old man in the habit of getting up in the morning, then sitting down in a chair to watch T.V. all day and smoke two packs of cigarettes for stimulation. Can such a man or woman be respected by their children?

We are living, moving animals. A moving animal is to move, not just sit back in a rocking chair and exist like a rock. It is a big mistake to naturally think that the leadership titles automatically makes you vital or wise. Too many people think this is true. This idea inevitably causes children or any persons in the object position to complain and say constantly about how they disagree with the parent or object. These incorrect positions of subject and object go all the way from the family level on up to the national and world level, as we can plainly see.

So effort alone is lost without much wisdom to give it direction , flexibility and order. The first two conditions have no grounding if they are not supported by character. A machine can be controlled by effort or ability alone, but man has a heart and a conscience to be subjugated by love and understanding of his subject. Without sincerity, warm heart and mind, a leader or a father commanding his children by force or threat to yield to him, only tastes their rebellion or reaction sooner or later simply as a product of his ignorant leadership.

The human is innately seeking heartistic and warm communication. Man is seeking not to be subdued by force but desires to find a subduer in love and character. He has not the desire to be controlled like a robot, but the innate willingness to make oneness with subject or object as leader or follower. A society living 100% for good, will ultimately be based on good individual character. Many of our leaders today can owe their positions to only rich financial backers, for these leaders ultimately lack character and inner understanding of subject and object relationship. Their authority is often without a real foundation.

The ultimate condition to establish the good society is to find a man with inner character. Because without this center or hub, what can the objects unify around? If you really think a society can unify with each man as his own leader, then consider the bicycle tire with all the spokes given direction and grounding by the hub, consider the sun as center and consider the relative atomic nucleus with its group of electron objects.

In the Bible, it is written, "Heaven and earth may pass away but my word will never change." Truth is universal within this society as well as throughout the universe.

One day I spoke to a Hippie representative about co-ordinating on the establishment of a hippie commune. I asked him who was the appointed leader of the group. His reply was, "Everyone is equal - there is no leader." I can say that basically everyone is equal. But, according to each man's wisdom, ability and character and effort, there is a subject position and an object position. Not everyone is subject. This universe is a balanced combination of subjects and objects. I would give him no help for he ignored this idea of a center. Without a leader, there is no harmony and unity.

Many hippies are beginning to go back to their original homes. Why? It is because without a center there is much disconnected movement and resultant friction. But if a person just lies back and doesn't move, then there is less friction - because there isn't the vital human contact to generate the potential for friction or to generate the direction toward unity and order and power to accomplish a task.

In the past history, whether in primitive cultures, tribes, communes or states, there has always been a center . Without a center then nothing else (order, position) can exist. In the beginning of human history there was one center and at the end there will be one center. This idea is the universal purpose behind human history of man is the restoration of mankind. So the solution to contradiction of your lives is to find a good center. This is the Messiah.

So there are three conditions for the subject: superlative effort, center ability and character. In meeting these conditions the good subject as center and as leader in the family, in the nation and in the world - will guide the people in overcoming the contradictions and dissolving the chaos.

QUESTION AND ANSWER

Q. In the ideal world is love subjective and truth objective? Is love stronger than truth? What is true in the perfection stage about the relation of love and truth?

Love is subjective. Truth is objective. Love and truth are indispensable. The truth gives love, which is the way of life, the proper direction. Truth is the right direction without which love becomes blind. Such love causes conflict. In perfection stage we can practice highest love because already we will have established foundation of truth.

Q. Why did Christ come into the world so that those who didn't see could see and those who could see would become blind?

Christ is teaching humbleness. Men who are humble can remain open and will be able to see the truth that Christ teaches. But those who say they know and are arrogant have closed minds so that they are blind to the real truth when it comes.

Q. What is the difference between divine love and human love?

Divine love is love with faith in God. It is constant, absolute. It does not change and draws trust to him who has it.

Human love is love without faith in God. It is flexible and changeable according to one's own concept and benefit. Such a man cannot be trusted totally because he follows his own will more than God's.

Q. What is true purpose of the instinct?

The ultimate goal of the instinct is multiplication but only after man has perfected himself. That is, after he has developed full maturity - physically and spiritually.

Q. How can a man recently married assume the father's role of his wife's children by a previous marriage, when the children have never known a father's discipline before?

More important than bearing a child is the give and take of love in actually that creates father and child relationship. By paying attention to those new children with warmth and sincerity, the father can give discipline that children will respond to.

Q. What does it mean in the Bible when it says that it is better to be hot or cold but not lukewarm?

When someone is really evil then his conscience can be disturbed and he is capable of being reformed. Both he and the really good man seek something. But the lukewarm, indifferent man is so satisfied with himself that he is hard to convert. He doesn't care about anything.

Q. If sometimes we have to use practical means to establish ideal world, how do we avoid the danger of rationalizing our bad habits and actions in our daily life?

We have to develop our faith under a common principle with universal original conscience and not our individual, subjective conscience. We combine our uniqueness with this universal conscience.

Q. Why did Christ pray to God thanking him for giving truth to humble men and not to the wise men?

Because at that time wise men rejected the truth by having their strong concepts and being arrogant and closed to the truth. Humble men are open and therefore can accept the truth more readily.

Q. Why did Jesus speak critically about the evil nature of people as if there was no good in people at all.

A righteous man gives strong criticism because he is against evil so much that he cannot rest until it is expelled. This is constructive criticism because it is for the whole society's sake and not his own.

Q. After coming to principle is it natural to forget about one's own family and friends?

Principle gives us the right direction. If our family or friends are in to wrong direction then we naturally feel separated. However we should not ignore our responsibilities to restore our family and friends.

Q. What is the difference between your conscience and your rational understanding of the truth?

We have three kinds of mind - instinctive, heartistic, and conscientious. Our instinctive mind guides our instinctive activity, our heartistic mind guides our emotions. In order to guide one's heart and instinct in the right direction, there must be some pointer - some guide in the right direction. If you lose your rational mind and have just love and instinct, then there is more of a chance of making a mistake. The need to fulfill the desires of love and instinctive needs is always present. So we must consider first, the restoration of the conscience, which is the rational mind. Everybody knows how to love and how to behave instinctively, but why are we so oftentimes wrong? Because we've lost the right direction of the way of the true conscience. Morals and ethics teach the conscientious way of life, which is true and in the right direction of the way of the conscience. Morals and ethics teach the conscientious way, so we must learn the righteous way of living. Otherwise our emotions and instincts can easily go the wrong way, which if it happens, there will be much unhappiness and unnecessary human suffering.

PRINCIPLES OF EDUCATION

Part IV

Kevin Stratton

(cont. from last issue)

The Fourth Chapter of the Principles of Education is the Definition of the Ideal Man. This detailed Blueprint provides a clear and definite picture of ideal human character based on systematic logic and reason - qualities which were lacking in the vague images of man described by religions and philosophies of the past. By describing the concrete, instructive diagram and model of the ideal man, this chapter gives an invaluable understanding and a guide for actualization of the bridge between the understanding of the ideal in abstract and our actions and manifestations of ideals in our everyday life. It is one of the most vital aides to an any growth or internalization of the principles. When the direction for each action is concrete and precise actualization and manifestation of ideals is more easily attained.

First, the relationship and relative value of man's physical and spiritual aspects and desires must be understood. The physical body must serve as a

foundation for the fulfillment of the spirit. Therefore, as a basic condition, the ideal man has physical perfection through instincts based on truth.

On this rudimental but indispensable physical value and fulfillment, man seeks higher values than just physical satisfaction. He seeks the higher values of the rational mind. With his rational mind centered on truth man creates order and harmony with equality and freedom as values higher than physical satisfaction, but not the highest value.

Once the rational mind provides freedom and harmony based on equality and order, through emotion and conscience, man desires the stimulation of beauty and love based on rightness. These qualities are of higher value yet they exist based on the physical and rational completion.

Finally, man's potential for divinity can be expressed through the highest values of his character - subjectivity, perfection and creativity. These are manifested when man's instincts, rational mind and conscience are based on the truth.

The explanation in detail of these different levels of value provide the complete layout or blueprint of the ideal man. It is concrete, logical, systematic and instructive to bring about the ideal perfection of man - individually and collectively both.

The entire series of the Principle of Education, an in-dept study of the principles through a philosophical-scientific approach is available for 50 cents per chapter from the San Francisco Center.

PEACE AND HAPPINESS

(Sunday Sermon)

As you know today we have the highest civilizations and cultures then ever before. We have highly developed educational systems and we have enough material to actually solve the economic problems of the world. However, despite our efforts to advance and to promote the good way of life - we still have friction and human suffering in our family, society and world. There is no true peace and complete happiness in the world today. If you are content with your own life, how can you still ignore the unhappiness of others and still can claim to be truly happy and at peace with yourself and the world? Without peace, whether we have great civilizations or an abundance of material - we will still remain insecure and unhappy about our lives. We are seeking peace and happiness but in order to attain these ideals, we must first know how they can be established.

In order to establish the peace in the family, society and world some people say, "I have to help my neighbor or my friend." So they help. Yes, this is one way of establishing the peace. But this small kindness or human gesture is not the ultimate way of bringing the peace on earth. We want to make a good family and a good society. Yet, however much we try to help our fellow man, if we have no common ground of understanding and common benefit, then the small gesture or act of kindness won't make too much of an influence in the establishment of peace between husband and wife, parent and child, student and teacher, and leader and follower.

Today's American society, in spite of our advanced education, good economic base and developed culture, is still longing for security and peace. We long for peace and yet we still ignore or neglect the basic conditions for a peaceful, harmonious life. Today's people are very individualistic. We have no common ground with one another. Too often as individuals we like to emphasize just our opinions, our own concepts, beliefs or ideas rather than to concern ourselves with adjusting and adapting our unique ideas for the benefit of the other person or persons.

If we just emphasize our own ideas, our own ways of thinking and living, then we can never hope to bring an end to the fighting and killing in our society. Also, if we think that the solution is in doing little acts of kindness or giving token aid to others - we will be making a mistake. These acts of kindness and good deeds are important and they help in some way to build better relationships. But to really secure the peace and happiness of all people, we must stop insisting on just our own benefit or our own ideology or personal opinion. We must find a universal truth which can bring common happiness and benefit to all people - regardless of age, race or religious background.

What is universal truth and how can we find it? Universal truth is simply common sense. Common sense brings common benefit and harmony for all. Truth is not very difficult to know because it lies within you. For instance, everyone has common sense which tells us that we must live not just for ourselves but for the happiness of other people. Our common sense should tell us that our prejudices, bias opinions and selfishness only bring more unhappiness in our lives and the lives of those around us because rather than unifying to bring harmony; these forces actually bring the separation and the chaos. Inevitably, when we insist on just our own concepts and ideas - peace cannot be a reality.

Jesus Christ brought a universal truth which showed men the direction towards the actual establishment of peace and happiness on earth. Christ spoke simple and reasonable truth and yet, most of the people of those times could not be humble enough to recognize the value of Christ's teachings. Also, the people of those times were only seeking their own benefit, so they could not follow the teachings of Christ in action. It was the simple fishermen who received and shared in the truth because they were open and free from prejudiced and biased thinking. This teaches us that humbleness and the use of common sense by people can help them to find universal truth.

The universal truth is now revealed to mankind. If we are to reap the benefits of this truth we must first become as the fishermen - truly humble and open to accept reasonable reason for understanding the causes of our lack of true peace in our world. The principle, or universal truth, speaks of the common good and common benefit for all mankind - beyond any partial idea or concept. This truth will be able to unify all people. It will bring the harmony because it concretely shows us what we must do to restore the conditions of peace and the ideal world. If we are open to this truth we will be willing to rid of our egoistic nature and to become the men and women who will really live for the common good of mankind, which is our desire as well. We need men today who are willing and ready to fight against the evil-doers by the truth or the better ideology.

As long as we prefer our own point of view exclusively, we will never find the solutions to our problems of peace. But, if we are willing to contribute our uniqueness and ability for the common purpose of human happiness - then we can begin to live peaceably and happily together as the children of God.

So now is the time when we must truly recognize the values of the universal truth or common principle. We must re-dedicate our lives toward the actual establishment of the peace in the family, society, and world.

MEANING OF THE SYMBOL OF THE UNIVERSAL FLAG

The whole universe is created in the causality of give and take. This symbolizes the whole universe. The whole cosmic structure centering the sun is symbolizing God Himself. All of our ideals are originated in the Universal Center.

The flag has twelve radiate lines. The four fabrical lines indicate four directions have to be set up simultaneously for a center to exist.

That is, so called, the four positional foundation. The twelve lines show a year in twelve months in relation to four seasons by four interactional relationship of giving and taking. From the total view, it symbolizes a helm. By the helm, we have to operate the whole universal and restitutional history to the original goal of God's creation. Therefore, it is the universal helm which directs us to the universal destination. Thus, in this single sign all the principles of creation of God's original ideals are included. Traditionally, a flag symbolizes a nation. Likewise, the flag is the symbol of our ideal world which is the attained one world of God's purpose of creation. The flag is for the day of glory. If you hold the flag tightly in the bosom of your heart, you shall live in the heart of God. The flag is, in this sense, the symbol of the power to overcome all the temptations, trials and weaknesses of Satan. When you move forward with strong faith in this flag of victory and courage, God will be always with and in you.

TESTING PRODUCES STEADFASTNESS

Count it all joy when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let your steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.

James 1:2

A R E B I R T H

by Gloria Mota

In November of last year, I first came to the Re-Education Center with Helen Chin, where I have since then found God, myself, true friendships and what can be a complete way of life.

After hearing the first lecture on creation I knew I had to come back. Prior to the center, I had been studying Mormonism after being unsatisfied with Catholicism under which I was raised.

Unlike Catholicism and Mormonism, I found the teaching of the Principles of Humanity to be logical and applicable to my daily life and not merely based on faith.

Since I have come to know more of the family members I've found many true friendships which in my college career I had found no one I could truly make a base with. And before that I can say I only had one true friend who has since married and moved away.

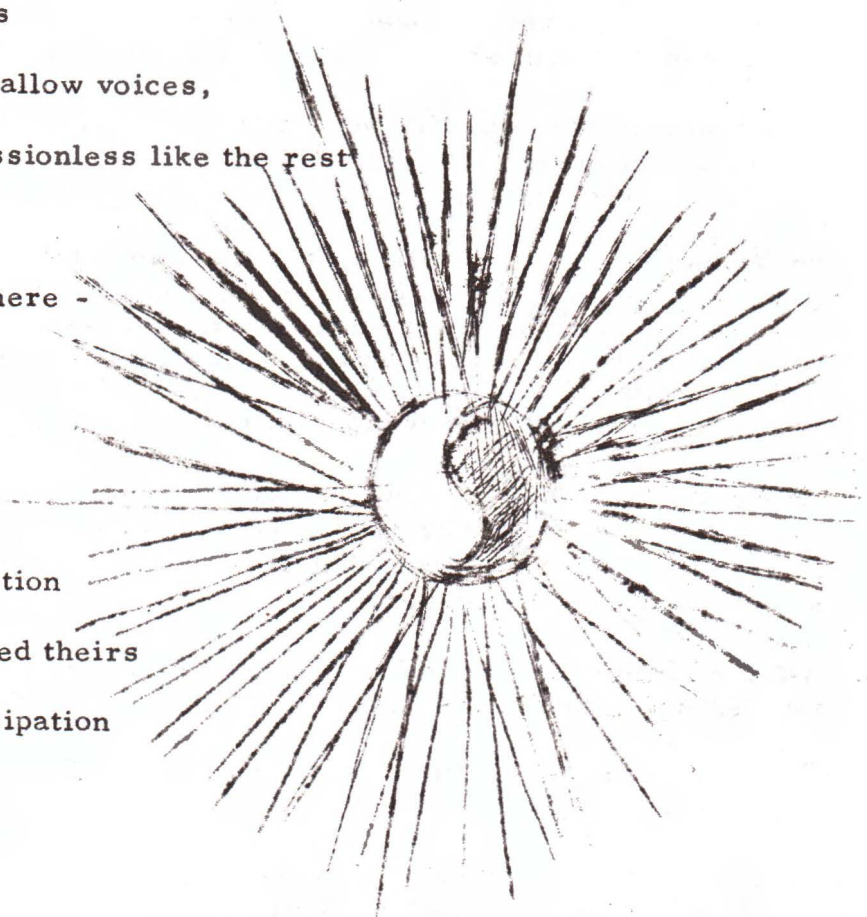
Lastly, I have come to know myself better and out of my self-searching I have found God. By finding God I have become more aware of his beautiful creation. Life is now very worthwhile because I am not just living for myself but for all

of mankind. And I know the more effort I make to serve God and to follow his truth, the more worthwhile and complete it will be.

FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

by Gloria Mota

Once I walked along in darkness
surrounded with my glory of shallow voices,
My face fearing emotion expressionless like the rest
susiding for no one anywhere
In a world of eagerness to nowhere -
Then came the day I entered
The house, little did I know
It was His
Here the faces shined with emotion
Mine hesitated, but finally joined theirs
Now the soul is shouting emancipation
And the voices I hear are deep
And Finally I walk no longer
In Darkness but in light.



LISTENING

WHY ARE YOU here listening to me? Have you ever considered why you listen to people at all? And what does listening to somebody mean? All of you here are sitting in front of one who is speaking. Are you listening to hear something that will confirm, tally with your own thoughts, or are you listening to find out? Do you see the difference? Listening to find out has quite a different significance from listening merely to hear that which will confirm what you think. If you are hear merely to have confirmation, to be encouraged in your own thinking, then your listening has very little meaning. But, if you are listening to find out, then your mind is free, not committed to anything; it is very acute, sharp, alive, inquiring, curious, and therefore capable of discovery. So, is it not very important to consider why you listen, and what you are listening to?

J. Krishnamurti

WHAT'S HAPPENING

by Alice

On Saturday , the students of the Principles of Education spent a meaningful afternoon in Golden Gate Park reading and discussing Chapter IV, "The Ideal Man". That evening we listened to practical answers for world problems and personal situations during the question and answer session.

Sunday was spent at lovely Big Basin National Park with a morning service and vigorous ,enthusiastic dodgeball and singing competition in the afternoon. The evening's talent show displayed refreshing ingenuity and spirit.

On Monday night the family went to the movie Ben Hur. This powerful movie vividly depicted the life of Judas Ben Hur during the time of Jesus's teaching and finally crucifixion.

On Wednesday at City College, the Experimental College class was filmed in action. Members from City and State College were in attendance. Our class was chosen because it has been the most successful Experimental College class at City College. The film will be shown to teachers this summer. At State college, Papasan was invited to speak at an english class. The response was so favorable that he was asked to return on Friday for more discussion.

On Friday three of our brothers and Papasan formed an efficient and effective fire fighting team as they responded to the call of a burning awning across the street from the print shop. The fire was quickly put out as 2 fire engines screeched around the corner.

After morning service on Sunday, the family members spent the afternoon watching the Japanese Cherry Blossom Parade.

On Monday and Wednesday, the Principles of Education study group met with Papa-san.

On Friday, SF State College student group held a successful bake sale which initiated many new friendships and interests in our movement.

Lectures have been continuing every night with good response .

EDITOR'S NOTE

Constructive change in the individual, the family, and the world community permeates today's new dawn of history. Epoch-maker attempts to stimulate this deep movement within the hearts and minds of members throughout the world. Through crystallizing and sharing different ideas and perspectives we brighten the light of truth which begins to be seen more clearly.

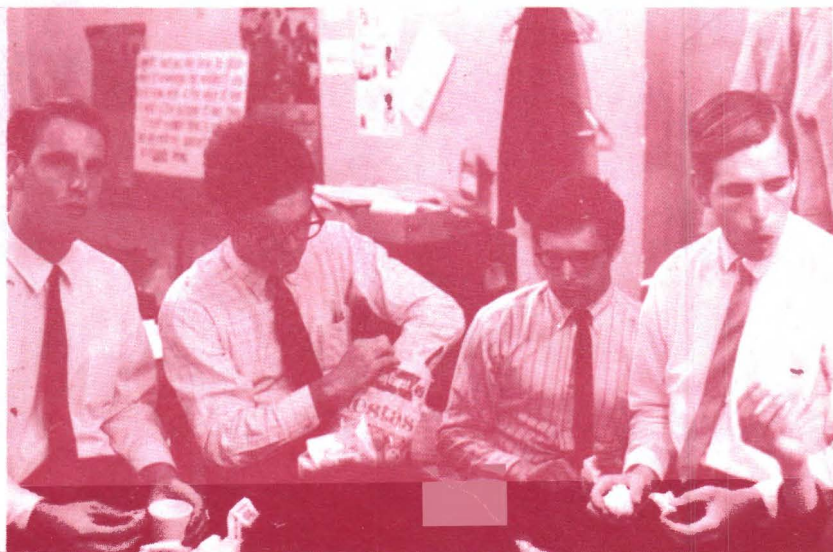
New approaches in affecting this change on all levels of development are continually sought and hopefully the ideas, approaches and warmth expressed to you contribute toward this united effort.



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