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Our Parents Return To Celebrate Father's Release From Communist Prison

On October 14 members had a doubly happy celebration: our True Parents' return from Europe and the twenty-fifth anniversary of Father's release from Hung-nam prison in North Korea. Coming directly to Belvedere from his arrival at Kennedy airport, Father said to the New York area members: "I am sorry that I could not have come many hours earlier. I wanted to have this memorable day with you. I was so anxious to come. . . ."

At five p.m. Father began speaking to the members. Before he spoke directly on his subject of "God's Sorrow and Human Ignorance" he opened by describing some of his early hardships. "Now the way is paved and you know that the Unification Church is formed under God's will. But I have gone through so much bitterness and hardship." When he was a student in Japan returning to Korea for vacation, the Japanese police would meet him even before he had a chance to see his parents. The same was true, he said, in North Korea. "Wherever I went I was on the black-list. . . . All my life I have been watched."

He described young girls' attraction to him when he was a young man—how some would come into his room while he was sleeping and one wrote him a letter in blood. "I knew what a horrible thing it would be if I were tempted, knowing the cause of the fall." Therefore, "I would walk on the street with my head down."

He mentioned the problems caused by his first wife and her parents, saying that one reason why this issue attracted so much attention is because her family wanted to acquire the church's property. "Mother is not that kind of woman," he said. "There is a reason why I chose to



An overflow crowd gathered at Belvedere listens to Father speak. In the background are Mother, Ye-Jin, David Kim, and Mr. Salonen.

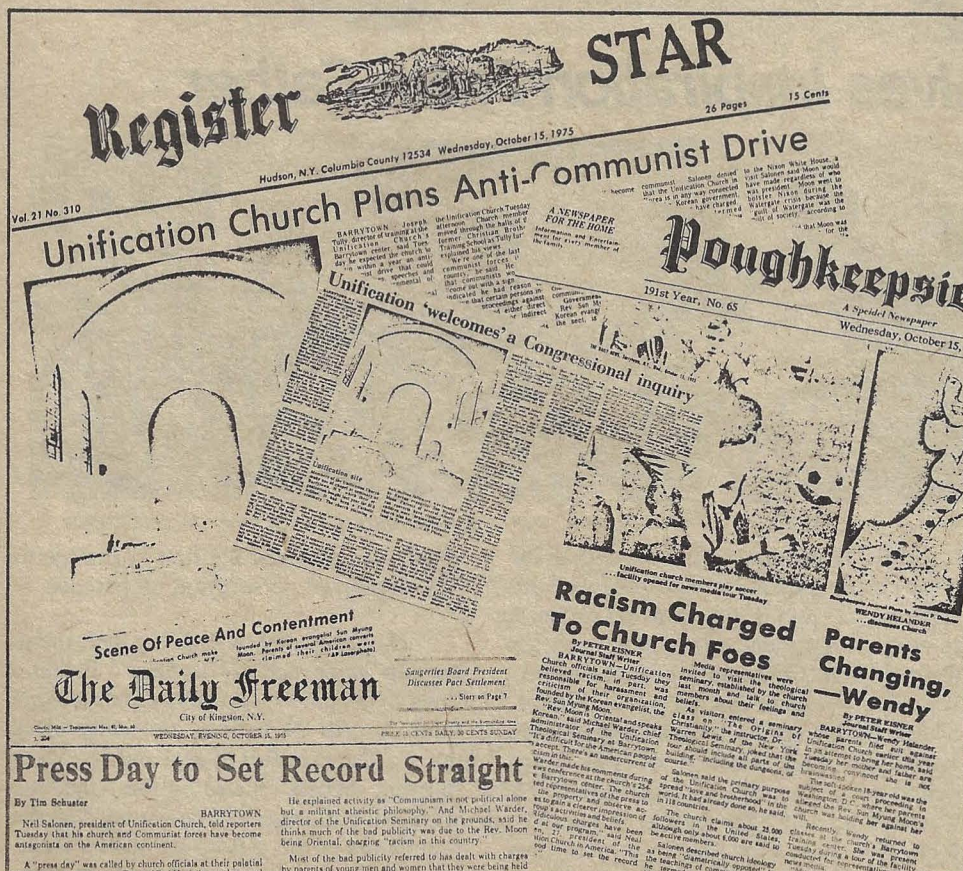
marry a girl of 18—she was so innocent and pure." When he was in Japan, "everyone persecuted me and my closest friends would leave. . . . My sisters, whom I loved the most, were taken away. . . . If I loved my dog, the dog would die. . . . If I loved my horse, my horse would die. God wanted me to cut off worldly ties."

Father then told of the persecution he

received from jealous husbands whose wives were devoted to Father. "Mother came and laid a solid foundation, so that kind of rumor has faded away. But now I am persecuted by parents because they think that I have grabbed away their sons and daughters." Next, he said, children may persecute him for taking away their parents. In speaking of parental opposition

he joked that when young people run away to become hippies their parents don't want too much to do with them, but if they join our movement, they change so much that their parents want them back! In concluding his preliminary remarks, Father said, "I may have to be imprisoned in the United

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Media Goes To Barrytown

On October 14, Barrytown hosted an open house for the media, which has shown considerable recent interest in it as the Sheeran case mushroomed. Following is an observation of the day and its impact.

On Tuesday morning, October 14, Dr. Warren Lewis's class in Church History at the Unification Theological Seminary was interrupted by a pounding on the wall as Channel Seven's John Johnson (formerly known in New Hope News as Combative Reporter) decided to test the openness of Barrytown's open house for the media by entering the classroom from behind the front blackboard. Cooks preparing potato salad for lunch were filmed by TV cameras; state pioneers watched a helicopter land yards away from the vans they were loading as they prepared to leave for their newly assigned states. Such were the oddities of an otherwise normal day at

Barrytown as the reporters who came to investigate the purported "brainwashing" center of the Unification Church became themselves objects of interest and curiosity.

Arriving in the morning, the thirty media representatives were given the day's activity schedule and the services of a guide. Many went to Dr. Lewis's Seminary class, where a cameraman had the audacity to film Dr. Lewis's lesson plans on his desk. Unruffled, Dr. Lewis gave an outstanding lecture on the meaning of "Logos." Another attraction was Jaime Sheeran, who gave interviews at the class's conclusion.

After the close of the class Mr. Salonen gave a press conference assisted by Michael Warder and Joe Tully. Said Mr. Salonen: "We feel that there have been a lot of ridiculous charges leveled at our

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States. If so, I would not be scared. I make heaven in my mind."

Father introduced his topic by saying that it has been man's ignorance rather than God's which has prolonged the restoration. He spoke at length on Satan's tactic of creating conflict throughout history, ending now in the Communist world. Even amongst Communists, the fighting will continue, he said, until "they understand that by fighting they will be diminished." At that time, they will set up a false God to serve as a standard. . . . "they must create a false religion."

Father then gave a moving message about man's search for God, drawing upon his personal experience. "How do you find God? I knew that God created the world, so I would find God by listening to the wind. I wondered what kind of sound the wind would make to God's ears. . . . The chirping of the birds can be heard by God. If they would chirp from sadness God would become sad. . . . Have you

stopped to observe the activities of ants? . . . When you are intoxicated with observing these things, you have something in common with the Dominator of creation and you feel the same as He feels. . . ."

City-dwellers may not like the rain but farmers welcome it, said Father. "God knows all these things when looking down upon society. When you listen to the rainfall from the side of God, you can appreciate it. You want to know more about the mystery of the rain. . . . I would sit up from morning to night in deep meditation thinking about all of these things. When the wind came, I heard music. If I cannot listen to the natural things speak to me, how can I listen to God and understand Him?"

"God is the solution to all of the problems of the world—I know God and I have found Him. God is not somewhere far from me. . . . Everything in creation is a thing of truth, always letting you know the

existence of God. That is why I love nature." Father explained that when he was in prison in North Korea, he once found two lice on his arm in love with each other. "Knowing that, I could never kill them."

The reason why he was speaking of such things, he said, is "because you are members of the Unification Church, you are faced with difficulties. Let the difficulties come. . . . In order for you to meet God, you must tread on the way which other people do not know. . . . You must attain a higher goal than others. When you are on the verge of life and death, that is the place where you meet God. I have gone through tunnels and peaks and valleys. . . . God is also coming down to our level to find us. His path is hundreds and thousands of times more difficult than the human path."

Father's speech was followed by a report from David Kim on their trip to England, Germany, and France (see accompanying article). Mr. Salonen reported

on recent publicity and the Barrytown open house, playing for everyone a tape of a news broadcast about Barrytown occurring while Father was speaking. Entertainment followed with songs by Sunburst, a skit by the HSA staff, and Japanese dances by members of the 71st street center. Father and Mother cut a multi-layered cake built high by pedestals; the entertainment concluded with songs by Ye-Jin, Hyo-Jin, Mother, and Father. Big Macs, Hot Apple Pies, and soft drinks served on the Belvedere lawn concluded the evening for everyone.

The mood of celebration continued through Wednesday, when our Parents took New York area leaders on an outing. Going first to Howe Caverns near Albany, they were treated to fights from the Cavern's store. Later came another Big Mac picnic, when Father discussed plans for VOC expansion, public relations, and the necessity for unity as Yankee Stadium approaches.

Father speaks to the assembly and later enjoys entertainment with Mother, Hyo-Jin, and Ye-Jin. He and Mother cut a cake for the occasion. Afterwards Mother sings some Korean songs—also singing was Mrs. Choi, Ye-Jin, Hyo-Jin, Father, and Father with Ye-Jin and Hyo-Jin.



Growing European Movement Receives Inspiration From Father

At October 14's celebration of Father's release from prison in North Korea, Mr. David Kim reported on our True Parents' seven-day trip to Europe. Their first stop was London, where they met with representatives from 25 countries in the newly purchased house on Lancaster Street in London. Represented were: Andorra, Australia, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Guyana, Holland, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Lebanon, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad, Turkey, and the United Kingdom. Topics discussed were increasing VOC work in Europe, strengthening ties with established churches, creating good relationships with parents, increasing the size of the IOWC, and starting a Ginseng product enterprise. The countries pledged to increase the IOWC by 170 members and to sell \$215,000 in Ginseng products. Germany, England, France, Italy and Holland will be the core members of the Ginseng business, to resemble the Common Market, said Mr. Kim. One of

the days spent in England Father devoted to the membership—he talked for eight hours straight to 300 assembled members.

On October 10 Father and his party went to Germany's training center near Hamburg where 800 people were gathered. Here he spoke on "Where are we headed?," discussing the unification of cultures in a way similar to his October first speech at Belvedere (see last *New Hope News*). Also during the visit Mr. Choi, director of our work among Korean residents in Japan, gave a three-hour Victory over Communism summary lecture to the members, many of whom were new. Mr. Kim commented that Father stressed the work in Germany very much, since it, like Korea, is divided and therefore also a front-line between God and Satan. Mr. Kim reported that Father noted that the political climate in Germany is more in our favor, since the recent spy incident in Brandt's government has made people suspicious of close relationships with the Communists.



David Kim reports on our True Parents' trip to Europe during the October 14 celebration.

Mr. Kim also commented that the Austrian movement is doing quite well despite the fact that persecution has driven it to work underground—they have more activity than the Communist cells, he noted.

The next and last stop was France, where Father spoke to 400 people—the combined membership of the eight neighboring countries—in a large tent. "It was like an old-time revival," said Mr. Kim. He said that the jewelry business has brought stability to the French movement,

which was amongst the first in Europe to face organized persecution by parents.

He concluded by praising their membership gains and by saying: "Father's timely visit gave them energy and spiritual food. . . . All 24 nations are really lifted up. . . . They are full of zeal and confident to bring success. Based on the American work, all of Europe will be liberated on the foundation of the victory in Yankee Stadium and the Washington Monument."



Top: Press members take in the press conference; CBS Morning News films Dr. Lewis's class. Below: Mr. Salonen answers questions with Michael Warder and Joe Tully; Jaime Sheeran speaks with Channel Seven's John Johnson; Barrytown is observed from the air.

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institution and so we welcome any and all questions. . . . This is a good time to set the record straight. I think that a lot of reporting has been one-sided, not necessarily because of the media but because a lot of people have been extremely irresponsible in the things that they have said."

What are the misrepresentations, he was asked by John Johnson. Mr. Salonen mentioned Mr. Sheeran's charges and continued to describe a UPI article stating that Reverend Moon was a contributor to Nixon's re-election campaign and a frequent visitor to the White House, saying that "the purpose of this kind of journalism can only be to trigger various investigations which they hope will harass the church. In fact, we welcome them. We have nothing to hide. We will be glad to open any and all of our records, including our financial and immigration records, to any responsible government official."

When asked why we faced so much opposition, Mr. Salonen explained: "Recently there has been a good deal of misinformation spread by people who have points of view in sharp disagreement with the church—who disagree with our views that Communism is the wrong solution to the world's problems or people who disagree with our theological views. We certainly feel that in a country such as the U.S. everyone's freedom to believe and say what they want should be protected by the First Amendment. I feel that those people who are attacking the church are simply wanting to deny us our First amendment rights because of particular partisan beliefs."

He later discussed our views on Communism: "Communism is not a political philosophy alone but a militant atheistic ideology, one which is the duty of all religious people to oppose. . . . We see Communism as a way of life that is diametrically opposed to the way of life that we are committed to. We are working in the world to challenge the false ideas of Communism with the reality of God." He went

on to point out that most partisan accusations are due to our Watergate activities, which were misunderstood, he said, because the Watergate Declaration was not read or comprehended by the accusers.

In responding to charges that we have caused family disruption, Mr. Salonen said: "Vicki Sheeran is 26 years old. . . . How long do parents want to dominate the lives of their children? We do emphasize strengthening family unity. . . . Particularly we are talking about the spiritual nature of marriage. We consider our training in the Unification Church as a time of preparation to make marriages that reflect God."

Mr. Salonen also laid to rest the claims of our political connections in South Korea. "Our church finds itself in the same position that all churches do. The vast majority of Christian leaders find it more hopeful to work for liberalization within the society, working for a better day to come. Our church does not receive any preferential treatment. We have elected not to speak out on certain questions at this time in view of the threats to national security (from North Korea)."

When Mr. Salonen compared Father's persecution to that received by Jesus, John Johnson quickly commented: "You are likening Reverend Moon to Christ?" Mr. Salonen startled them with his quick answer: "Certainly. I think that he is a distinguished man of God, God's central prophet." He explained that Father was playing the role of John the Baptist to the Second Advent, adding that "whether or not he may be ordained to a greater role in the future is something that only history can answer."

One journalist seemed suspicious, asking why he had decided to have this open house and charging that we had enshrouded ourselves with mystery. Mr. Salonen countered that our members commonly seen on the sidewalks of New York, are "being anything but mysterious about the Unification Church." He added

that our functions, especially workshops, have always been open to the press. Michael Warder further stated that the aura of mystery is not so much generated by the church but by the American public's racist attitude toward Orientals.

The conference was short and brisk; Mr. Salonen's direct manner helped to quell any potentially disruptive behavior. Suddenly the questions stopped coming—when he asked for more, there were none. It seemed they were satisfied.

During the informal buffet lunch, several newsmen had informal conversations with Mr. Salonen, other church officials, and Drs. Elmo and Lewis. Wendy Helander and Jaime Sheeran were also available. Mr. Lewis and Dr. Elmo also provided some stimulating dialogue for the reporters. Journalists from the Hudson valley area, in comparison to the New York City press corps attending the earlier Sheeran conference, were cordial and approachable.

After lunch the camera crews were more uninhibited in their wanderings, taking in the playing fields, the vegetable gardens, the seminary library, and a departing meeting of the latest wave of state pioneers. Flying closely overhead was a CBS helicopter.

Coverage began immediately on the evening news. The only negative assertion in the reporting was, in one case, the reporter's suspicion that we could have hidden things from their eyes somewhere on the property. More typical of the reporting was this commentary: "We wandered through the former Catholic seminary at will. Upon arriving I was handed an itinerary and assigned a guide, both of which I virtually ignored. With just the barest of courtesies I went wherever I wanted, spoke to whomever I wanted and filmed whatever I wanted to. I found nothing here unusual to any teaching institution."

"At one point I ran into Jaime Sheeran on her way to class. She is a live-in student in room 411 of the women's

dorm. She's been here since September against her parents' wishes. (Jaime) 'I love my parents very much and I'd do anything in the world to help them understand why I'm doing this. It has nothing to do with rebelling against them but has to do with my beliefs.' I took to the fields, to a vegetable garden manned by the students. I spoke to the young people at random. . . . A lot of the food winds up on the tables here. . . . (He then quoted Mr. Salonen as saying that we would open our books to the officials, that we have nothing to hide.) If they had something to hide from me, I guess they could have—it's a big place. In one way or another, in the kitchens, the ballfields, in the classrooms, I was exposed to dozens of students who did not profess anything but happiness to be there."

The newspaper accounts were similar, quoting from interviews with students, covering Mr. Salonen's answers to the charges, and picking up on Michael Warder's statement that Reverend Moon was being unfairly treated because he was an Oriental. Perhaps most significantly, UPI sent out a long dispatch giving a fairly accurate survey of the church; it also covered the press conference, which included several interviews with trainees and led off with the statement "Unification Church 'welcomes' a Congressional investigation. . . ." It was accompanied by a photo of the chapel, with one person playing the piano in a corner and a group praying in the center. After describing the day to New York members at the Belvedere celebration of Father's release from prison in North Korea and his return to America, Mr. Salonen said: "This was Father's day—not just the day that we celebrate his release from prison. Today maybe we can be liberated from some of the terrible accusations that the press has put against us because today everybody went to Barrytown!"

Controversial Festival Draws More Guests Than Any Other Beyond Manhattan

The atmosphere of the opening night of the New Jersey New Hope Festival was tense, according to observers, as the curiosity seekers flocked to the Holiday Inn at Saddle Brook, October 12. Accompanying the more than 200 guests were reporters from four newspapers. To everyone's surprise there were no disruptions during the "New Hope for America" program. Said IOWC assistant Peter Spoto: "Mr. Salonen spoke so directly and forcefully that there was no chance for disruption." The second night's program

brought a friendlier audience, including again four reporters and Channel Seven's John Johnson, who did not stay for the speech. What followed was a program similar to the "New Hope for Christianity" program at the third night of the Biltmore campaign, but with much more press coverage. "What a Moonie looks like," was one headline; its accompanying article carried comments from Sunburst member Rae Ann Towle's parents.

Immediately after the second night's performance Mr. Salonen went to the radio

station WOR for an interview with the popular talk show host Barry Farber. Mr. James Sheeran was to appear; he did not (see accompanying article).

In describing results of the recent controversy swirling around the Sheeran incident and the cancellation of the Steak Pit at the site for the New Jersey New Hope Festival, Mr. Salonen said that recent

coverage has exceeded that received by the whole movement in the last six months: "Everyone wants to talk about us, everyone wants to know about us." He also said of the *People* magazine article: "They really deceived us. They pretended to be our friends. But they tried in every way to interpret our Father and the movement in a negative way. The facts aren't so bad but the adjectives are." He added: "The words are not fair, but the pictures tell the whole story. The Sheeran girls look completely happy. . . . The most important picture of all is the one of Father and his family. . . ."

Northwest Tour Continues to Canada

by Jim Fleming

The Seattle Family has extended its New Hope tour of Washington state to include Vancouver, British Columbia as the fifth city. This city is truly ready for this campaign: wracked by crime and economic problems disproportionate to its size, Vancouver is full of bright, healthy, young people with nothing to do. A full two-week effort is planned in conjunction with the Canadian Family. Mike Leone will speak two nights, October 23 and 24, at the Hotel Devonshire in downtown Vancouver. Robert Duffy, president of the Canadian Church, will give the introduction and the International New Hope Ensemble will perform.

The speech in Olympia was held on the campus of Saint Martin's College, a small Catholic school. Several priests attended the program and expressed great interest in the Divine Principle. Possibly because of the location of the speech, we encountered no religious persecution. The tour was highlighted by a rally on the steps of the Capitol and a large regional workshop that weekend. The directors of the various centers in attendance made plans that weekend to send people to the campaign in Tacoma.

The pattern which has been emerging throughout the tour—media, poster, rally, parade, witnessing, followup, speech, workshop—reached a new level of success in Tacoma. Tacoma is a lonely port city of 150,000 with beautiful people and scenery bearing the scars of rapid urban expansion. It was ready for new hope. A very favorable advance article appeared in the *Tacoma News Tribune*.

The next day we had an anti-pornography demonstration with 40 members which drew front page coverage in the Tacoma paper and a large photo and article in the *Seattle Times*. Two T.V. stations and a syndicated radio station interviewed Mr. Leone as we demonstrated. The poster team covered two large construction walls downtown and the businessmen were in an uproar. Heavenly Father used the situation to bring more publicity through a photo and newspaper article about the scraping team.

The parade and rally were held on Thursday, September 25. The horse and wagon, a 12-piece marching band playing dixieland-gospel, a dancing bear and two decorated vans made up the parade. Three new members ran alongside the parade shouting, "This is Reverend Moon's parade!" Best described as a bundle of white spiritual energy, the parade and rally for God again brought coverage in the Tacoma newspaper.

The marching band rehearsed only once before the parade. At 2 a.m. the night before, we were marching up and down the

Narrows Bridge in a remote part of town singing and playing songs like "Oh, When the Saints," "Down by the Riverside," and "Christ is Here." Several motorists stopped for a short concert and everyone looked amazed as they drove by. Someone complained about the noise, so four police cars came to investigate. We smiled and offered to play them a song. The officer giggled and said, "Oh, Unification Church! I should have realized you had a parade tomorrow and you would be practicing tonight!"

The cooperation of the neighboring centers brought real strength to this campaign. We had tremendous assistance from 8 centers: Portland, (2) Eugene, Laramie, Boise, Missoula, Anchorage and Vancouver, B.C. In addition, the Los Angeles M.F.T. arrived in time to attend the speech. Maxine Pearson, our regional I.W., worked through the week with the team. Over 150 people came to the speech Friday night with 22 guests attending the workshop. We hope to be battle ready when we come to the Yankee Stadium campaign in New York. Monsei! from the Pacific Northwest!



Part of Tacoma's New Hope parade.



Barry Farber makes a point to Helen Glass and Mr. Salonen on his late-night talk show.

Barry Farber Show Nationwide Listeners Hear Our Story

"I wanted to prepare you a table in the face of your enemies. . . . I tried to. . . ." said national talk show coordinator Barry Farber to Mr. Salonen at the close of their early morning October 14 broadcast on WOR radio in New York. Mr. Farber was referring to his intention to have a debate between Mr. Salonen and New Jersey commissioner James Sheeran, who has been charging that the church has brainwashed his three daughters. Mr. Sheeran did not show up. Mr. Salonen said that this was the third engagement that he had cancelled. Mr. Farber, disturbed by the breach of promise, refused to play the role of antagonist in Sheeran's place. Rather, he opened up the hour's discussion to a free-wheeling airing of the church's views and an over-the-air critique of *People* magazine's recent article about the Unification Church.

Mr. Farber started off with the *People* article, reading it aloud and commenting sentence by sentence. His comments: "Put a skull and cross-bones on it, keep it away from children and innocent people and understand what is going on here. . . . This should get a Nobel prize for invective; it's a lot better than dum-dum bullets. . . . 'Expensively packaged in a custom-made gray suit and glossy English shoes.' You can put

down anybody in the world. . . . because he is wearing stuff. . . . 'A rented meadow.' How sinister! . . . This is the closest you can come of accusing a man that he thinks he is God without making a libelous statement. . . . As close as you can come to a plate glass window without trespassing."

Farber then let Mr. Salonen describe how Father received his revelation from Jesus Christ, our feelings about group life, and his reasons for joining. He pressed Mr. Salonen on the point of Reverend Moon's attraction; Mr. Salonen replied: "People meet God through him. . . . They see through him that man was meant to live with God in a family." Our accusers were also mentioned; Farber did not question Mr. Salonen's judgment that Ted Patrick was a mercenary. "We have nothing to hide," said Mr. Salonen. "It is the people like Sheeran who are afraid to show up. The truth is that his charges can't stand the light of day."

At one point, Mr. Farber commented: "I think that the ideal of an international team of ardent, strong, resolute young people dedicated to resisting Communism is a phenomenon devoutly to be desired." He closed the interview by saying, "I wish this was TV. You are not pasty-faced or pale-faced!"



More State Pioneers Leave

Sixty new state pioneers pack their gear. They left Barrytown during the media open house on October 14 and went to Belvedere for Father's return celebration, leaving for their destinations from New York the following morning.

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