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Father Returns from Planning Session with Leaders To Take Major Action in Yankee Stadium Campaign

State Pioneers, IOWC, Fundraising Teams Chosen

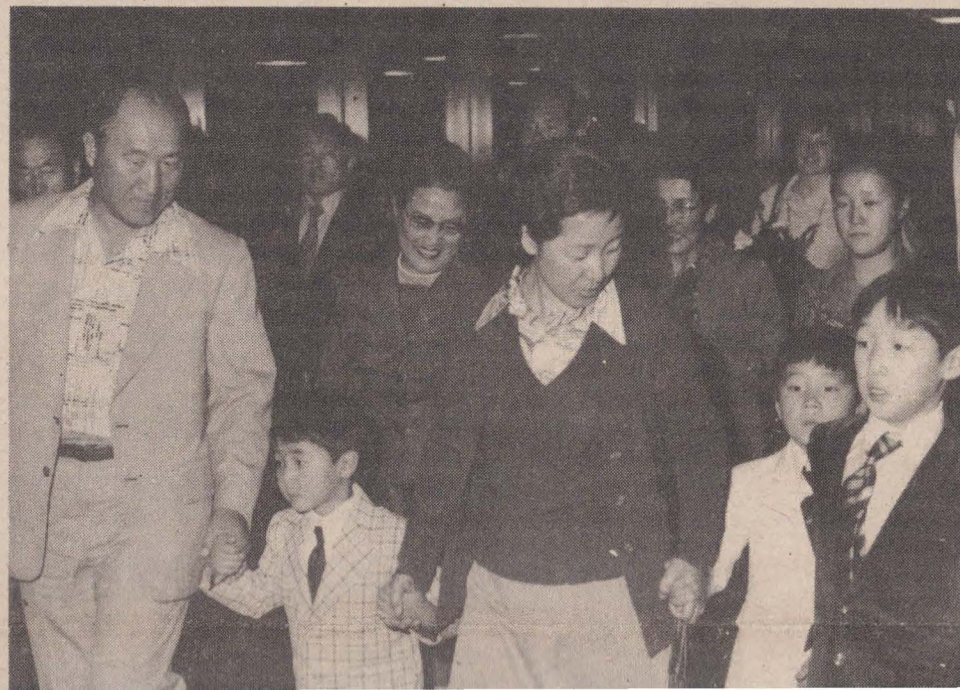
On Tuesday, November 18, Father and Mother returned to New York from Orlando, Florida with Col. Pak, Reverend Vincenz, Mr. Kamiyama, and Mr. Salonen after a week of planning strategy for the Bicentennial "God Bless America" Festival. Ahead of them is a very significant two weeks, seeing the formation of the new IOWC for Yankee Stadium, a conference of all Japanese IW's and state pioneers, and the Fourth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences.

FLORIDA AND BEYOND

On the night of the return Mr. Salonen reported to the members at Headquarters building on the trip. After arriving in Miami, the party went to Key West, where they saw the home of author Ernest Hemingway. Then they sailed aboard the *New Hope* for Bimini, an island chain in the Bahamas which was also a Hemingway

America cannot do. Unless I can represent the youth of America, how can I say that I shall be the treasure of the world? In your power is the destiny of the world. Control it, take hold of it, grip it! . . . The most important thing you need to open a door is a key. The key has to be harder than the other metal otherwise it will break. We are trying to open the door of the world."

He went on to speak more specifically of success. "The Unification Church in America is a lone champion. Our only concern is victory. . . . Do you really want victory from the top of your head to your toenails? Is every cell in your body concentrating on victory? . . . You will never win victory sitting still. . . . Success depends on two elements: one is power or capability, the other is achievement or actual result. The three areas of concentration are youth problems, the decline of churches and the rise of Communism. "The day will come when we can tell the world that we



Hemingway. Then they sailed aboard the *New Hope* for Bimini, an island chain in the Bahamas which was also a Hemingway favorite. Near Bimini Father fished for marlin; since the season had not opened yet, he did not catch any. After returning to Florida, they went to Disney World, where Father received some inspiration for the "God Bless America" Festival.

BARRYTOWN

Early the next morning the leaders went to Barrytown to hold decision-making conferences. Father then called an assembly in which the results were announced. 64 new pioneers were assigned; the Global Team and New York IOWC were divided into the new IOWC and special fundraising teams. Father announced his plan of sending 300 pioneers to the field to remain throughout the Yankee Stadium campaign. After Yankee Stadium he wants to have a two-month training session for 3,000 pioneers, who will then be responsible for increasing tenfold. "Then I will make a special tour, visiting those places which are most victorious."

Father then spoke more of our goals, encouraging the trainees. "How can we move the world?" he asked. "There are three basic elements: people, money, and ideology. If we can move these three things, then we can move the world. Do you believe that I can do it? Certainly I have that confidence. The important thing is for us to become one—when I breathe in, you breathe out."

"There is in front of us nothing but success," he said. "Here in America everyone fears that I have the most important treasure of America, the American youth. Are you confident that you are the treasures of the world!"

Change, said Father, "does not come by shouting alone. It comes with deeds—we have to take correct action. You must say to yourself: 'I will do the things that the two hundred people of

youth problems, the decline of churches and the rise of Communism. "The day will come when we can tell the world that we brought salvation to corrupt youth, declining Christianity, and from Communism. . . . In order to do that, we must bring results. I have been living this way of life. This is the strategy of heaven. Determine that you will do the things that others cannot do. With this determination you indeed can come back with victory, which will spread across the nation. You must gain the result which those who oppose you cannot duplicate," he concluded.

On his way back to East Garden, Father spoke to New York Church members holding a workshop near Belvedere. (see other story)

IOWC ARRIVES

On Thursday the New IOWC arrived and started preparation. Father visited the building on Friday, where he saw among other things, the ballroom in the midst of repainting and the nearly complete offices of Col. Pak. He also spoke to the IOWC.

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Father and Mother are greeted by the children after arriving at airport from Miami.

Father speaking at Barrytown on Wednesday, November 19.



Mr. Kamiyama, Col. Pak, Mr. Kim, Rev. Vincenz, Mr. Sudo, and Mr. Salonen pledge victory in the Yankee Stadium campaign.

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The IOWC is now having a 7-day workshop conducted by Rev. Vincenz and the 3 IOWC commanders: Mr. Pell, Mr. Walton, and Mr. Smith.

SIGNIFICANCE OF YANKEE STADIUM

In his Tuesday talk, Mr. Salonen shared some thoughts on the events beginning in the week of November 24. "The next two weeks will be a crucial period," he said. "Everything that Father is thinking of is aimed at Yankee Stadium." About the pioneer conference, Mr. Salonen said that in it Father will probably give the final directions for witnessing for Yankee Stadium. "It will be the final push in preparation for Yankee Stadium," he said. "In order to be successful in Yankee Stadium, Father will need at least 3,000 people working in New York. But we cannot abandon the church across the country. Father wants 300 strong Unification Church bases. It may take a few months to establish this foundation, but from that point, the spirit world will descend and bring people quickly after Yankee Stadium. The pioneers going out represent Father putting out his net all over America."

After the conference, said Mr. Salonen, the pioneers will remain in New York to assist with the fourth International Con-

ference on the Unity of the Science, to be held on November 27-30, with close to 400 scientists in attendance.

Mr. Salonen also spoke at length about Father's plans for Yankee Stadium. One of Father's idea, said Mr. Salonen, was to have before the rally a huge international parade in Manhattan, followed by fireworks. "It is a very good idea for the whole world to celebrate the Bicentennial because America's purpose is to serve the world. People may criticize us, saying that we are spending too much money. But America needs to revive her patriotic spirit, which can't be bought with money but is more precious than money. . . . Some people would be angry at us for just getting up in the morning. If we try to please everyone, we would have to stay in bed. We cannot succeed in our mission in that way. These voices sometimes weigh us a bit.

But Father is not thinking of that now. He is thinking of how many people will become strongly positive. That is what matters. If we have a negative voice directed against us but Yankee Stadium is overwhelmingly successful, the whole world will be shocked. If we have a big negative voice and Yankee Stadium fails, then we will be humiliated. Father is putting everything on the line. If Father is putting everything into Yankee Stadium, that means that we should be, too. Since the direction is so obvious, we have to clearly feel it."



At the airport

Reverend Vincenz Sets New IOWC in Motion

"The Beginning is the Most Important"

On Thursday, November 20, the 120 newly-chosen members of the Yankee Stadium IOWC arrived at the Headquarters building, creating many joyful reunions between veterans of several cam-

Reverend Vincenz greeted them. Reverend Vincenz, IOWC commander for the Bicentennial "God Bless America" Festival, assumed leadership of the IOWC from Rev. Paul Werner after Madison Square Gar-

precious, always a new adventure.

Tonight I want to tell you the story of the beginning of the Global Team in Korea. After we waited for three months in Japan, the day finally came when we could

come depend a good deal on tonight because tonight we must make our commitment. No one will ask you, but you are responsible before God to make your commitment tonight. I feel that God is so

Stadium IOWC arrived at the Headquarters building, creating many joyful reunions between veterans of several campaigns. Global Team members and Germans from Los Angeles saw each other for the first time since the end of the eight-city tour, sharing with each other the experiences of the Day of Hope crusade in Asia, the Yoido rally, and intensive witnessing efforts in Los Angeles. The ranks were boosted by about forty members of the New York IOWC responsible for the recent New Hope Festivals and former Phase III pioneers in New York City. After dinner

ennial "God Bless America" Festival, assumed leadership of the IOWC from Rev. Paul Werner after Madison Square Garden, taking the team through the rest of the eight city Day of Hope tour. In 1975 he led the Global Team on its tours of Japan and Korea and to its great victory at the June first World rally in Seoul. Following are excerpts from his remarks.

The beginning is the most important. If we fail in the middle we can catch up but if we fail in the beginning, then all is very difficult. Every time I receive a new mission, the first minutes are always the most

the beginning of the Global Team in Korea. After we waited for three months in Japan, the day finally came when we could go to Korea. We left for Pusan by boat in the late afternoon. At 2 a.m. we got to Korea but the boat had to wait at a distance from the Korean coast. In Korea there is a curfew between midnight and 4 a.m. because the South Koreans are afraid that North Koreans might land ships in the night and then move in. So when we woke up on the morning we could see the beautiful coast but we still could not land because the people who were working in the Customs did not arrive until 8 a.m. We had Korea so close, within touch, but the boat didn't move. So we had time for deep inner preparation. Mr. Song of the Korean Folk Ballet showed me the places where Father had worked from the boat. And then the boat started moving, getting closer and closer. We did not know that there would be a big surprise for us.

Then we saw Father and Mrs. Choi standing there on the quai. All the members were very excited—they didn't expect Father to come down to Pusan. This was the same quai where Father used to work very hard loading sacks of limestone. Behind him was the Korean Family from Pusan, also very excited. Father asked me to come out. President Kim said a few words and I greeted Korea and our Parents in the name of the Global Team.

When all members came down from the boat and set foot to Korean soil, a deep, warm, loving feeling came into all of us. Suddenly we felt we were at home. There was nothing special—we were just standing there with our suitcases. But all our work all over Korea depended on this landing in Pusan—how we were prepared and how we greeted our Parents.

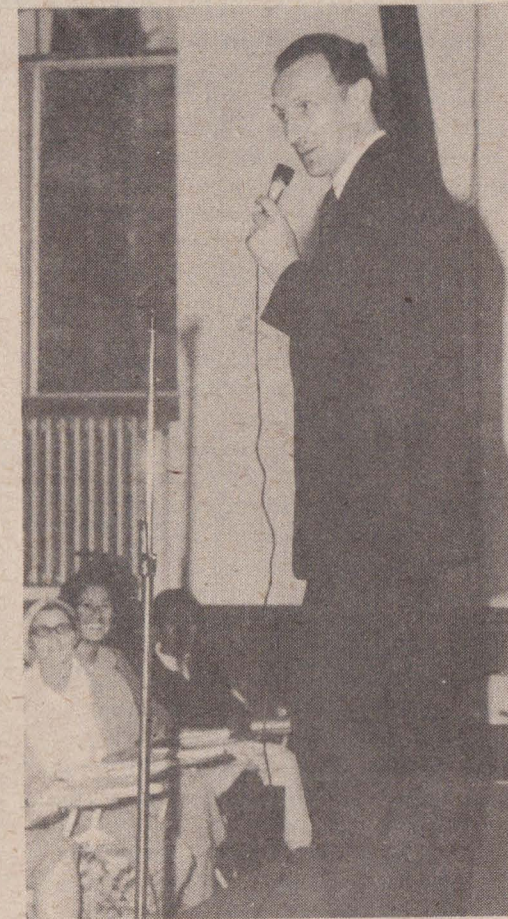
We will never forget this. Why do I speak about this tonight? For the simple reason that our coming together and meeting our Heavenly Father right tonight is a historical event here. Our experiences to

ment. No one will ask you, but you are responsible before God to make your commitment tonight. I feel that God is so close to us; it depends on us how we draw Him down. Now we are standing here for God and our Parents in the Yankee Stadium mission. While we are all amateurs, we must realize that we are the ones who have started to come back to God. That is why God has started to trust us. But He will trust us only if we trust Him more. He will not begin the trusting us; we have to be the beginners. That is the reason for preparing our spirits. We have only to bring this beginning in Pusan to our hearts.



On November 16-18, Sunburst performed at the Hempstead, Long Island "Back to God" crusade run by black evangelist Frank Boyd. The predominantly black audience quickly picked up Sunburst's spirit, especially enjoying sing-alongs like "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands." Familiar with the Divine Principle, Reverend Boyd created an emotional atmosphere in which he presented

many ideas consistent with the Principle: he called the people to repentance, urged them to be open-minded about God's world, exhorted them to become "little Jesuses" and spoke of the dangers of Communism. Although he met with some skepticism from local white fundamentalist ministers, Reverend Boyd went ahead in cooperation with Sunburst to create an inspiring and principled program.



Reverend Vincenz speaking at Barrytown

Father Inspires Greater Faith in New York Members

On Wednesday, November 19, Father spoke to a three-day workshop for New York Church witnessing members at the Jacob House (Binger Estate) on his way back to East Garden from Barrytown. The following is from a report on the workshop by Mark Barry.

The workshop, for New York witnessing members and also including office and IFA staffs, lasted three and a half days, with Mr. Aidan Barry lecturing. To begin with, his lectures went far beyond what I had expected in conveying powerful, deep truth. For example, after the lecture on Jesus, everyone cried for twenty minutes. For his lecture on Father's life, he incorporated material from Mr. Yoo's speeches in *New Hope News*, Father's speeches, Grandmother Hong's testimony, and material from Mr. Won Pil Kim and Mr. Aum. He also showed many pictures of Father from the early days. Before and after each lecture we had deep prayer as well as a forty-minute prayer condition every night.

The workshop was at the same time deep and high-spirited. People could talk freely about their problems but from the standpoint of having the confidence to overcome. It brought everyone into another world, yet it was a very real world. We all had the feeling that the lives we had been leading were too limited in scope, that our daily lives as they stood were not enough for God. We began to realize that we could not accomplish Yankee Stadium with the same level of spirit as Madison Square Garden, that it was not just a matter of more money or a few more clever ideas but rather that it will take being the cannon balls that Father has been talking about.

So when Father came there was a tremendous foundation. His speech had so much meaning in the context of the workshop; we could understand what he was saying and why he was saying it. The basic point of his speech was the importance of prayer. He asked us how we could achieve victory in Yankee Stadium. After a number of suggestions were made, he said that the most important thing was prayer. "Do you

know the taste of God?" he asked. "Do you really know me?" This was the most precious moment of his speech. While he made many confidence-building statements, it was clear that he is looking for people who can understand his heart and his value and know God. Father challenged us to search for the foundation of

our telling him that we were confident, trying to help us bridge the gap between our words and actions. One of his main points was: "You say how confident you are going to be, but how can I know that you will bring the result?" The only basis for faith in bringing the result, he conveyed to us, was having a taste of God.



New York members are surprised by a visit by Father.

Los Angeles Workshop Welcomes Scores of Parents

by Keith Anderson
and Kathy Lowrey

The newly formed Parents Association of the Unification Church of Los Angeles hosted its first weekend workshop for around forty parents on November 15 and 16. This event was the result of several months' effort on the part of Parents' Association director Mr. Richard Esselstyn.

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room.

The greatest experience for them was feeling involved with an international family. Some expressed and still others felt a desire to be thirty years younger. One grandmother said that she realized that she had wasted her life but we reassured her that the fruits of her love for her family had come to bear in her grandson. He left the next day to join the IOWC in New York;

she was very happy about that.

All stayed throughout the entire weekend and were unquestionably pleased with their children. While they did not agree with everything that they heard, they saw the fruits.

At the end all parents were given a granarium and had a picture taken with their children. Many stayed for an hour and a half after the closing supper.

In our hearts we felt a great success.

As we reflect on the weekend, we saw the interest in their children's well-being, the sensitive sharing of God's word by Dr. Bergman, and the love of our brothers and sisters created an atmosphere of a true family. As each guest left, it was with great reassurance and hope for the future. Most want to learn more. Some will soon attend the seven-day workshop!

HARP

Youth of All Backgrounds Attracted to

sociation director Mr. Richard Esselstyn. A Dominican retreat in the mountains provided an ideal setting and accommodations for the group of about seventy-five people. Clear blue skies and warm sunshine enhanced the daily schedule of combined indoor lecture and outdoor fellowship. Parents were free to wander the hill-sides with their children to more intimately discuss the Divine Principle.

Meals planned and served with care to every detail provided a very special atmosphere for the exchange of warmth and love. Upon arriving, the parents found fruit and flowers in their rooms. While at first apprehensive, they started to relax by lunchtime on the first day. On Saturday they heard the Principle of Creation and the Fall of Man. The day's highlight was a Korean dinner followed by international family entertainment. Mr. Yasutake, father of Paul and Cliff, was inspired to share a Japanese song to everyone's delight. Family member Ed Conrad and his mother were joined in a spirited rendition of "America the Beautiful."

On Sunday morning the Los Angeles director and lecturer for the weekend, Dr. William Bergman, shared his testimony. Dr. Bergman's unconditional commitment to the Unification Church was a most powerful witness to God's providence working in our lives. The parents appreciated that, if he wanted, he could have led a very comfortable life as a medical doctor but yet he put all of that aside to commit himself to our work.

On Saturday afternoon Dr. Bergman lectured on the mission of Jesus and historical parallels during the last 2,000 years. He made it very clear that the Messiah would come as a man and that the first world war signalled the time of his coming—he did not say the location.

The parents were intensely interested in the five hours of lectures—there was a strong focus of attention helped by prayer conditions held outside of the lecture

HARP

Youth of All Backgrounds Attracted to Principle

by Vicki Tatz

The newly-organized High School Association for the Research of Principles (HARP) began the school year with a weekend workshop of internal presentation and the first meeting of a high school chapter of HARP, both held last week, November 8 and 9. The members speak excitedly of their continuing plans to reach out to other high school youths and to train themselves in leadership and Principle.

A year ago, the loosely organized high school members lacked a clear direction and goal and were admittedly inexperienced in working together. All that is changing, partly due to the leadership of their advisor, Alice Cheney.

Their weekend workshop, taught by Wayne Miller, was the first step for the 20 core members. "The workshop brought out character traits in ourselves we need to change," said team leader, Frank Vega. "We also realized that we don't know Principle well enough."

Four members of HARP who live at 71st Street Center and attend a nearby high school were the cornerstone of the first HARP organization in a school.

The organizers will soon distribute a leaflet outlining plans for future meetings: talks on such topics as The Meaning of Life and Death, The Origin of Suffering, or How to Understand our Present Times; films; and other activities. Plans are in progress for organizing a chapter at another high school as well.

As one member put it, "I know where my life's headed now. I see a bright future. I want to do everything I can for high school students."



HARP students enjoy workshop

Letter to Parents Addresses Charges, Explains Goals

On November 17 parents whose names were submitted to the Public Affairs department, were sent their first mailing. Included was a letter from Mr. Salonen, A Prophet Speaks Today, New Hope Festival News, and an article written by a parent, Mrs. Carter. Following are excerpts from the letter, addressing itself to the charges of "brainwashing" and describing our goals.

There are a few parents who have expressed concern about their children's membership in the Church. Although I don't know if these are your feelings, they are, in a way, understandable, especially in the light of a recent attack against the Church in the national news media. Even without this attack parents might feel concerned. The Church is new, its future is unclear, it has a non-American founder and leader and members of the Church lead sacrificial lives. Any of these facts—or others—might be a source of worry. I'd like to address some of these points in this letter.

For those parents who feel concerned, I think the greatest reassurance might come from the many parents who feel very pleased that their children are members of the Church. They feel their children have benefitted from Church membership and through it are moving in a very positive life direction. They see the Church with its emphasis on love and unity as offering a positive hope for the future. If any of you would like to talk to such parents, I would be happy to put you in touch.

In the past few months, certain individuals who are very hostile to the Church have attempted to discredit it by waging a campaign against it in the media. The cen-

reality itself, and one's relationship to God."

Finally, a recent decision of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia clearly discredits the "brainwashing" charge. In dismissing a case against the Church based on this charge, the court held:

"...the evidence of record is insufficient to establish the application [by the Church]...of any techniques substantially different from those which are used by other religious organizations for purposes of converting or proselytizing."

The question becomes, then, "Where does the brainwashing charge originate?" It's important to realize that there are many people, such as Mr. Erickson, who have left the Church *of their own will* and who have not made this charge. It is *only* people who have been forcibly turned against the Church by a brutal "deprogramming" process that have made this charge. If one has abruptly turned *against* that which he was previously *for*, he must of course explain and justify the switch. At the instigation of the "deprogrammers," this is done by accusing the Church of brainwashing.

Actually, *Time* magazine, in its March 12, 1973, edition referred to "deprogramming" as "something between a brainwashing and an inquisition." The process almost always involves the physical abduction of an adult person, confining him against his will in a locked and guarded room, depriving him of sleep and food and viciously attacking his beliefs until under these intensely stressful conditions the person breaks and renounces those beliefs. Once he does this, he is again allowed sleep, food and freedom of movement. But not before. That the per-

couraging love in all relationships, he has said:

"You...must love your spouse as God would have you do—as God would love him or her; and in loving your parents, you must be loving them as God would love them; and in loving your children you must be loving them as God would love them...that is the measure of love, that is the true tradition of love."

Some parents have wondered about the dedicated, sacrificial lives which Unification Church members lead. The explanation for this lies in the ultimate goal of the Church, which is the creation of the Kingdom of God on earth.

We see the Kingdom of God as intended to exist on the individual, family, national and world levels. In order for it to exist on the lesser levels it must also exist on the larger levels. The reason is that the large units must protect the smaller ones. For example, a good family must be protected by a good nation. If there are destructive forces within the nation—such as crime or drugs—individual families can not help but be affected. Similarly, the peace of an individual nation needs to be guaranteed by the peace of the whole world.

It is because we feel our own and God's desire to build this Kingdom that we lead lives of sacrifice and hard work. We are aware that without sacrifice of the lesser for the greater—of the individual for the family, the family for the nation, the nation for the world—God's will can not be realized. Particularly at this foundational time in our Church's growth, this sacrifice is necessary. We do not see it as a never ending inevitability, but rather as a temporary necessity. We see our sacrifice as

Inevitably, parents have many questions about our Founder, Rev. Moon. He has frequently been portrayed in the media in the most negative possible light, being accused of sponsoring group sex orgies, (untrue, as documented by *Time* magazine, September 30, 1974), being a close friend of President Park Chung Hee (in fact, he has never met him), contributing heavily to Richard Nixon's re-election campaign (he contributed nothing), and living in wealth (he lives well, but not lavishly. We see his life-style as deserved and appropriate to his stature and international mission).

Those who have met Rev. Moon are often impressed with his warm humanity and naturalness. Not all of you will have the chance to meet him, but as an alternative I hope you will judge him by those that follow him.

Spending time with a range of Church members can be very reassuring and uplifting.

A number of people have asserted that although the followers of Rev. Moon are obviously sincere, good people, and *have* had their lives changed for the better, *he*, in fact, is devious, and his followers are deceived. To those of us who know him, the allegation is ridiculous and impossible: a bad tree can not bear good fruit!

Rev. Moon does bring a new truth and a new vision, and this is why there is so much opposition. Jesus, Galileo and every pioneer of new truth encountered the same difficulty. I hope each of us will take a lesson from the past and be very hesitant to condemn. It is through the new that God strives to give His blessing to humankind.

Mr. Salonen concluded his letter with a description of the Unification Theologi-

have attempted to discredit it by waging a campaign against it in the media. The central thrust of this campaign has been the charge that the Church uses "mind-control" or "brainwashing" techniques to win converts. Through constant repetition, this charge unfortunately seems to have gained credibility in the minds of some people.

There is *no* truth to this charge. Indeed, for any one who has ever experienced the reality of spiritual guidance and who thus possesses his own personal sense of God's presence, the charge is absurd. Furthermore, this personal sense of God is the sense which a great majority of our members have. Their membership in the Church is not a product of brainwashing, but the expression of a faith grounded in personal experience and logical understanding. In presenting our understanding, the Church uses standard educational techniques, consisting primarily of lecture and discussion.

Perhaps the point has been best explained by Mr. Nels Erickson, a former member of the Church who was recently quoted in the *Times Argus*, Barre-Montpelier, Vermont. Quoting from that article:

"Erickson firmly rejected the notion that the Unification Church engages in 'brainwashing' or physical restraint of any of its predominantly youthful members. Critics of the Church—often worried parents like the Schuppins—have made such charges, but Erickson denied them, even though he himself has left the church.

" 'Basically,' Erickson said, 'the Unification Church propounds a doctrine that is totally new to American culture. If the new aspirant grasps the religion, many of his old beliefs and the associated behavior patterns fall away.'

" 'What people mistake for brainwashing is that people are suddenly looking at things in a totally different way,' he said. 'It's a different way of looking at life,

again allowed sleep, food and freedom of movement. But not before. That the perpetrator of such a process accuses the Church of brainwashing is clearly a case of a person defending his crime by accusing another of it.

Obviously, "deprogramming" is illegal and inhumane. The catch is that this process is always carried out with the cooperation of the person's parents. The parents are initially incited against the Church and are led by the "deprogrammers" to conclude that they must "rescue" their son or daughter from it. In this case, alienation between parents and children results and communication breaks down.

Probably the main basis for inciting the parents' fear is the allegation that their children have been "taken" from them. This is definitely not true. It is true that membership in the Church calls forth great dedication and many members do not devote the same time to family interests as they once did. Still, although they give themselves to the work of the Church, we definitely hope our members will be sensitive to the needs of their family relationships. Indeed, Rev. Moon himself has spoken quite clearly to this point. En-

ending inevitability, but rather as a temporary necessity. We see our sacrifice as creative and believe it will bear wonderful fruit in the years to come.

Mr. Salonen concluded his letter with a description of the Unification Theological Seminary.

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