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## "The Truth About the Reverend Sun Myung Moon" Appears in New York Times and Washington Post

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Father has directed the placement of a full page statement: "The Truth About the Reverend Sun Myung Moon" in the Sunday January 11 *New York Times* and *Washington Post*. In the future this statement may be printed in other papers across the country.

At the January 1 pioneer conference Father discussed the ad, suggesting that reprints and excerpts would provide good material for distribution. He said: "The

reprints can be your weapons. Most people are confused; they want to know about us. They want to draw an honest opinion but they don't yet have enough information to draw a conclusion. . . . What do you have to be afraid of in countering the media? You can positively show your conviction."

In speaking of the statement, Mr. Salonen told the pioneers on January 1:

"It is very clear from Father's spirit today that we are changing our policy in a fundamental way. Our silence is broken; we are really going to speak out. We want

to do something to protect the people who have been influenced by the negativity and let them know what Reverend Moon really stands for.

"So now when something comes out in the media which is unjust, protest and speak out right away. Let them know how you feel. Even before you can respond to all the details, testify to your own experience in the movement. This will bring tremendous results. Don't let one thing go by unchallenged. The *Daily News* article was syndicated all over America; it is being reprinted in many small towns. It is filled

with more than poisonous distortions—deliberate smears.

"Most of the media people are just confused, but there are a few who are using our movement as a scapegoat to advance their own careers. Each story has to be more and more sensational or it is not news.

"But we have the most powerful grassroots network. No one can stand long against the truth. Nothing is stronger than the truth. But the truth has no power if it is hidden."

January 4 speech:

## "In One Battle We Want to Liquidate the Failures of the Past"

*From notes on Father's speech at Belvedere entitled: "The Total Accomplishment of the Providence of God."*

As you know, today is the first Sunday of 1976. The total accomplishment of the work of God in the providential history has to be done in a certain time, and this morning I intend to speak on this particular





has to be done in a certain time, and this morning I intend to speak on this particular subject because I feel that this is the time. As we know through the Divine Principle, because of the fall of man the original ideal of the providence of God has not been the reality. All things are divided. Actually heaven and earth were supposed to become one. This oneness has been broken and heaven and earth separated. Man was supposed to be the center of heaven and earth and this universe; however, man is also divided between mind and body.

At the same time, our mind was supposed to be high, noble and sacred. Even without any particular education and indoctrination, our mind was supposed to know the clear direction to go; between mind and body there is supposed to be oneness, just like heaven and earth should be in oneness. However, as heaven and earth separated because of the fall of man, the mind and body also are separated.

God always dwells in unity. Therefore in the divided world since the fall of man, God cannot find His place to dwell and to be in peace. Then how can we make this unity become reality?

For unity, there should be one controlled direction so that then everyone can join together for that one direction. Man has been the key element to bring the divisiveness in this universe; therefore we have to find a key to return to man.

What is peace? Peace means the unity between subject and object. Peace can be found when there is effort to make one, effort to make reconciliation. Before we even dream of the unity of the universe, or between heaven and earth, we must initiate a movement of unity between mind and body. Therefore we have to originate the movement of unity from man. Today we talk about world peace and world unity, but this is a big word. Where can this world peace and world unity be started? From one man.



*Praying at Belvedere Holy Ground after January 4 speech.*

Then where can we find such a man of perfection or man who has the key? The very thing that Jesus Christ testified, that he will come back for a return second time, shows there is more guidance needed in this world. Otherwise he would not make such a statement. This world still needs a savior, which shows that our fundamental question has not been solved. Who is he? That man has the inherent key of the problem of the individual, family, tribe, nation, world and cosmos. The savior is a basic scale or the measurement by which this world can be measured or re-straightened up. That one central point serves as a common central point for all levels: universal, national, tribe, and family. The Messiah is coming as savior to this world to present the pattern or the model, so that it can become a showcase, so that every way of life in this world can be measured by such pattern and model.

So when you find the Messiah, you become completely one with him, imitat-

ing his model. Then whatever he is, you are. If he is individually perfect, you are in the position to be also as perfect as he is. The Messiah is coming to bring everybody to the position where he does not need the Messiah.

What is the definition of value? Value must be eternal as well as unchanging. Gold has unchanging quality. Gold never rusts. No matter how you roughly treat gold, it still shines out in the same quality.

What kind of man must we become to be valuable? We must become a man with eternal quality. The conflict and confrontation within you cannot make you eternal; you must have harmony within you. Are you that type of man?

Then why do we need the Messiah? So that we also can become like the Messiah. When you meet the Messiah you will be like the Messiah, so you will be perfected on the individual level. Then what about the family level? The Messiah is the center of the family. Jesus—in order to

show the pattern of the family, what should he have done? He should have organized his own family first. Why wouldn't God want more children of His own, His grandchildren, great grandchildren? Put yourself in God's position: He wants Jesus to have direct descendants, like the sand in the ocean and stars in the sky. Let's say Jesus not only got married but had his own descendants. Then all Christianity would have a central point to rally around. God certainly wanted that.

This is the time for harvest. All of the leaves will fall so that we can see clearly the branches and trunk. The winter of human history has arrived. That winter will wipe out all the lies. All will fall like leaves. There is a branch remaining in wintertime. That branch will bear the fruit. In that fruit there is hidden inside a seed. The seed is the possessor of life. The seed contains the strength and energy of new life.

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## January 1 Pioneer Conference

# Father Instructs Pioneers to Build Up Membership, Create Positive Image

On January 1 Father conducted a conference for the state pioneers attending the God's Day celebration in which he further clarified membership goals and gave specific instruction for the new pioneer centers.

"1975 is now gone; 1976 has dispensational significance," said Father at the beginning of the meeting. "I have sent out three hundred pioneers; what they can produce for our movement will set a pattern for what we can do in the future."

Father explained that after Yankee Stadium he plans to send out 3,000 pioneers. In order for this to be accomplished, each pioneer must have 8 people in training by the time of Yankee Stadium. Referring to his plan elaborated one month ago that the pioneers and New York bring 5,000 members each as a group, he pointed out that if we have 10,000 members by the end of March, sending out 3,000 pioneers will present no problem. By 1977 Father plans to have 30,000 members mobilized; by 1980 we should have several million members. "Day in and day out, think of nothing but witnessing," instructed Father. "How we can come up with the fastest way of achieving the record is our responsibility."

Father also instructed that each center be limited to twelve members, with any over that number going to training or setting up new centers. "The very best characteristic of this system," said Father, "is that the leader always is on the front line."

Father gave further directives about training, saying that each center should work towards one goal of conducting 3. 7.

there was a difference. . . . I'm going to organize a close relationship between the training center and each pioneer in the field. Barrytown should become the pioneer headquarters, sending out evangelists to improve morale in the field. Headquarters, Barrytown, and the pioneers should act as one unit. . . ."

Among the specific guidelines given to pioneers were:

### *Expansion of church*

- Create centers of 12 members
- Be aware of the national and worldwide situation for the movement
- Keep abreast of physical families
- Develop an interest in cultural activities

• Get involved in ecumenical work; contact individual Christians

• Work to build an image of the Unification Church as the bearer of a new world ideology

• Lecture frequently

### *Education of members*

• Nurture the capacity in each member to reach the goal of 1-1-1

### *Community relations*

• The church must be in a position to serve the community. Children's programs are very good.

A report by one pioneer on her efforts to counter negative publicity in her city sparked a discussion on taking an open approach in presenting the Church's real beliefs (see ad and front page article). To everyone's delight, Father named Mrs. Doris Orme, Pauline Verheyen, and Eileen Welch, early members of the U.S. movement to a special task force to deal with Rabbi Davis.



Father speaks to the pioneers in the Belvedere main house on January 1.

heaven here. In this best possible environment you are given the best possible mission. You are so close to your situation that you do not see it, but I see it. You think that every nation was meant to be like this! The members who went out to pioneer 120

have achievement today, you cannot expect achievement tomorrow."

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Father gave further directives about training, saying that each center should work towards one goal of conducting 3, 7, and 21 day-workshops and that 40 and 120-day training should be given in ten places for five states combined. He extended the role of Barrytown. "When you were in Barrytown, Father said to the pioneers, 'your spiritual level was quite high, but when you went out to the field

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The conference will perhaps be best remembered by the participants by the many words of inspiration and encouragement which Father gave. "The United States has optimum conditions," said Father. "It has the best atmosphere to work in. . . . God prepared a potential

that you do not see it, but I see it. You think that every nation was meant to be like this! The members who went out to pioneer 120 nations know by now that there is no other country like America. . . ."

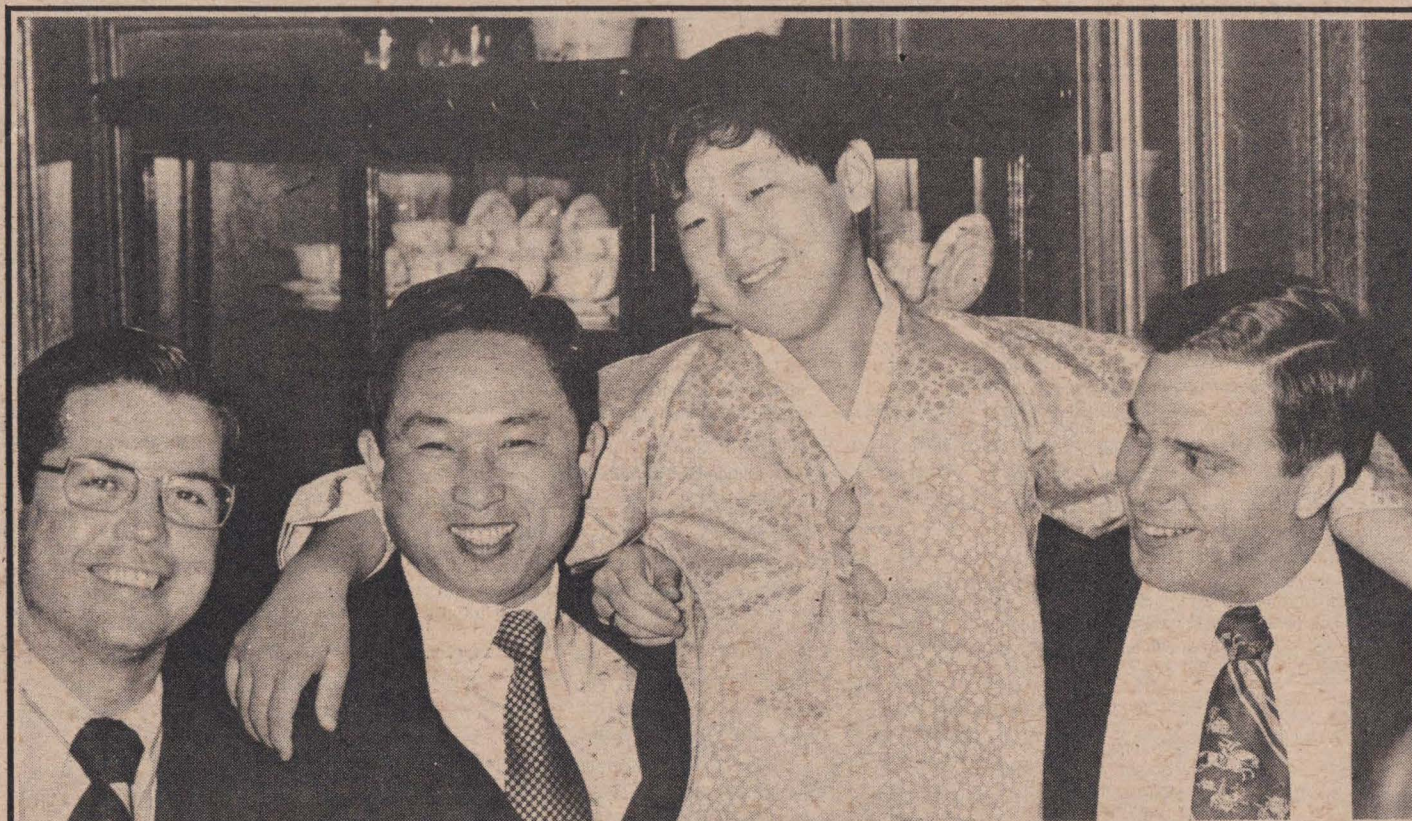
"Do not think: 'In the future I will be great,' " he said. "If you have that ambition, do it today. Don't say 'someday.' Live today. Don't dream of tomorrow but live in the reality of today. If you don't

"We must attack the problems in a serious fashion," said Father at the conclusion of the conference. "If we can lead America surely we can lead the rest of the world. . . . You have all kinds of flexibility. You have all kinds of inspiration about what is right to do. You have good weapons: righteousness, passion, love, logic, patriotism, love of God, love of community, and love of man."

## Barrytown Evangelists

In order to bring together the ideals of Barrytown and the reality of life in the field, and consistent with Father's instructions to take responsibility for the pioneers, Barrytown sent out five roving evangelists on January 6. The initial purpose of the evangelists will be to stimulate high accomplishment among the pioneers. Currently they are holding "evangelical workshops" for the pioneers; later they will visit and work with the pioneers, giving them "skin-touch" guidance. The evangelists and their territories are:

1. David Hose  
(assistant: Paul Valin)  
Regions 1 and 2  
(West coast and Northwest)
2. Steve Sell  
Regions 3 and 4  
(Southwest and Plain states)
3. Mike Beard  
Regions 5 and 6  
(South)
4. Mark Lee  
Regions 7 and 8  
(Midwest, East coast)
5. Tom McDevitt  
Regions 9 and 10  
(New England, Northeast)



Hyo-jin gives a birthday hug to Mr. Choi, member of the 36-couples Blessing, and Mr. Salonen. Mr. Warder is on the left.

## Happy Birthday, Hyo-jin!

On Saturday, January 3, Church leaders, including Mr. Osami Kuboki, President of the Unification Church of Japan, celebrated Hyo-jin's birthday

with our Parents and their family at East Garden. At the celebration Father asked a number of the guests to sing; afterwards he took everyone to see the movie "Wilderness Family" and to

dinner at the Lotus-Eaters Restaurant. Father explained to the guests that a day-long celebration was in order since January 3 is also the birthday of Jesus.



# The Truth about the Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Recently there has been a great deal of attention focused on the Unification Church and our founder, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Much of this attention has been generated by our national speaking tours and the unprecedented growth of our membership. Because the message of Reverend Moon is new and unfamiliar it has quite naturally provoked some controversy. Like most prophets in history, Reverend Moon has been the object of attacks by some jealous religious leaders. Others, because they did not understand his purpose, have felt threatened by this rapidly growing movement.

Until this time, the Church has remained silent and has not issued a formal response to these attacks. We have had no desire to increase the conflicts in an already sadly divided religious community. However, recently these attacks have become increasingly vicious and have given the public a seriously distorted image of the Church. Thus, it is with a grave sense of responsibility that we must speak out and set the record straight.

## THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH

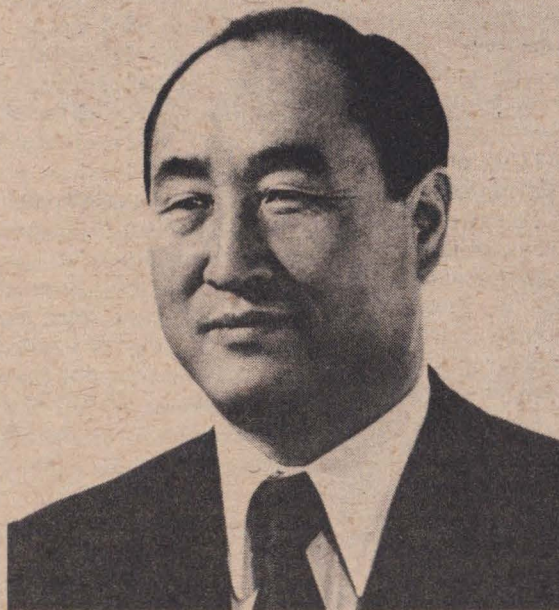
The Unification Church is based on a new revelation from God given through Reverend Moon to prepare the world for the return of Christ. **The sole mission of the Unification Church is to bear witness to this revelation and to lay a foundation for the Kingdom of God on Earth.** In order to do this, answers to the most essential questions about the meaning and purpose of life must be found. The revelation received by Reverend Moon gives those answers. Therefore, we do not seek to be just another denomination, but rather to act as a catalyst to promote unity among all races, creeds and nationalities.

Everyone is aware that mankind is far from the Kingdom of God. Many people are caught up in a pursuit of wealth, power and personal gain. It is no surprise then that social responsibilities are neglected. The increase in crime, divorce, drug usage, pornography and the prevalence of violent ideologies all point to a society which has lost its purpose and direction.

It is obvious that man has been unable to solve such problems and realize his purpose; we must seek the solution from the words of God. Reverend Moon is a prophet sent from God to bring those words.

## ORIGINS OF CONTROVERSY

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Reverend Sun Myung Moon

There are many such families who have experienced first-hand the wonderful spirit of our movement. Open houses are sponsored frequently at Church centers and families are encouraged to come and share in the fellowship and learn about what their children have discovered.

Tragically, some parents have been severely misled about the nature of the Church and have been induced to hire mercenaries literally to kidnap members of the Church and brutally force them to deny their beliefs. Members have been subjected to vicious techniques including indefinite physical incarceration, obscenities and other verbal abuse, forced sleep deprivation, lack of food, and complete contempt for the person. The Church condemns such activities as violations of the First Amendment.

## A PROPHET IS CALLED

The key to understanding the motivation of the Unification Church is to understand the background and motivation of our founder. Sun Myung Moon was born in Korea in 1920, when his country was dominated by a foreign power. He was raised a Christian, at a time when Christians were persecuted. Even as a child he prayed desperately not just to find a way to help himself or his family, but to help his nation and his God. The answer came on Easter morning when he was 16 years old. While he was praying on a mountainside, Jesus Christ appeared to him and told him that he was called to be a prophet—to bring a message of truth that would prepare the world for the return of Christ. What a glorious message—but under such miserable circumstances!

Over the next nine years he studied and prayed to prepare himself for this providential mission. As he began to teach he was mocked and persecuted and finally put in a Communist prison for three years. Who among us could have accepted such a call and carried it out under such conditions? It is a great testimony to the faith of the Reverend Moon, and the power of his message that he was able to begin his ministry under such hardship, continue in complete faith, and build a movement which has now spread to over 120 nations with more than two million followers.

All his life, Reverend Moon's only desire has been to do the Will of God. Three years ago God called him to come to America, but like Moses, he protested, "I am a Korean man, I don't even speak the English language—how can I bring this message to America?" God said, "I will open your way, and give you strength—America must hear these words before it is too late." And he came. The key to the great success of Reverend Moon has always been that he is completely humble before God, and then totally confident before men in carrying out God's Will.

His impressive list of accomplishments testifies to his humble faith and determination to bear witness to this message of truth from God. In 1975 alone, Reverend Moon and our Church took many great steps forward in achieving the goal of international harmony and understanding.

- In February, 1800 couples were blessed in a public marriage ceremony in Seoul, Korea. They came from 25 nations to declare that their marriages were for God and all mankind.
- Young missionaries from Japan, America and Germany were sent to a total of 120 countries in May.

• Throughout the entire year, 1500 youths from 25 nations toured Korea, Japan, America and Europe as a part of the International One World Crusade. Speeches, rallies and cultural performances characterized these efforts to bring young people to God.

• On June 7th, 1,200,000 people, including representatives from 60 nations, gathered in Seoul, Korea to hear Reverend



Because the Unification Church teaches that this world must be changed fundamentally if we are to solve these problems, it has generated controversy. To fulfill the will of God, many personal sacrifices are necessary. This may threaten those people who are caught up in the pursuit of their selfish interests. A growing number, however, have accepted the challenge of making their previously vague religious ideals a living reality in our Church.

Change is essential in any religious conversion process. Because of the dramatic transformation in the lives of his followers, some people have accused Reverend Moon of using techniques of mind control or brainwashing to gain disciples. No doubt racial stereotypes of Orientals play a role in these allegations. However, the success of Reverend Moon does not lie in such techniques. **Judge James A. Belson** of the Superior Court of the District of Columbia made the following ruling on September 23, 1975:

1. It could not be said that the Unification Church employs "impermissible means such as techniques akin to hypnosis or a systematized program of thought control utilizing fatigue and deprivation of food as part of an effort to gain and retain the adherence of [its members]," and
2. The Unification Church does not apply "techniques substantially different from those which are used by other religious organizations for purposes of converting or proselytizing."

It is true that members are deeply committed to the mission of the Church. They have found such an inspiring new vision and hope, that their hearts overflow with God's love and concern for their fellow man. This is the source of their profound dedication.

**The Unification Church categorically denies the absurd allegation that it brainwashes its members.** We believe that man and his institutions are failing to meet the challenge of today's world with the results reflected in alienation, lack of goals and ideals, immorality and blatant hedonism. Therefore, we encourage young people to restore their intrinsic nature that seeks for love, beauty, goodness and God. As a result, the lives of many young people have been literally saved.

## THE FAMILY

A strong family is the key to a moral society, yet in America the breakdown of the family is accelerating at an alarming rate. The Unification Church believes that the family can stand only with God in the center. In addition to our spiritual preparation, members of the Church are celibate before marriage and do not use alcohol, tobacco or drugs. Parents deeply concerned about their children must certainly prefer this as an alternative to the general trend among many young people today. Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rechlis of San Francisco wrote us:

"The Unification Church has done a lot for our three children. They have learned to actualize their teachings, applying them in their daily lives. This has helped mold their characters, which is evidenced in their social behavior. They have grown to be beautiful children both academically and spiritually. My words do not do justice to the feelings we have for this wonderful organization."

Another parent, Mrs. Peggy Moffitt from Texas, writes concerning a recent visit to her son, "I can truthfully say that these people I've met here are everything we had hoped our young people would be. It is hard to believe God gave me a son that is such a fine person.... Now, I just want to get down on my knees and say, 'Thank You God, God bless Reverend Moon and his people for bringing You to so many young people that might have never found God, for Reverend Moon has done what I was unable to do for my son.' Amen."

force them to deny their beliefs. Members have been subjected to vicious techniques including indefinite physical incarceration, obscenities and other verbal abuse, forced sleep deprivation, lack of food, and complete contempt for the person. The Church condemns such activities as violations of the First Amendment, which protects religious freedom and basic human rights.

The Unification Church seeks to promote a close relationship between our members and their parents. Contrary to what some critics say, it is not the Church which is breaking apart families, but the opposition to the Church through frightening allegations and illegal kidnapping and "brainwashing" techniques.

## GOD AND COMMUNISM

Reverend Moon believes that morality and faith in God is the necessary foundation for good government. Some have twisted this to accuse the Church of having political goals. The Church wants God's love and truth to have dominion over all aspects of human society and strongly believes that political leaders should listen to God. However, Reverend Moon has never sought political power or office in Korea or anywhere else.

The Church's strong opposition to Communism has sometimes been misunderstood as political activity. We oppose Communism because it denies the existence of God. Thus, it denies the true value of a person as a child of God. It denies freedom of speech, press, religion and assembly. It has spawned political systems that have murdered over 60 million people in this century. Communism is the enemy of God and man, and the Unification Church believes it is the duty of all religious people to oppose it.

Because the Unification Church proclaims a new world ideology to overcome Communism, avowed Communist groups in the United States and elsewhere have openly organized to discredit and destroy our movement, and have even terrorized our friends and members.

Communism is more than just a political, economic or military system—it is a false idea and an atheistic religion. Only a living faith in God can effectively oppose it. We accept this as our Christian duty and responsibility.

## FUNDING

Funding for the Church comes from tithes and donations by the members, donations from businesses owned by the Church, and donations solicited from the public. The Church uses these monies to carry out our evangelical and humanitarian activities, to buy facilities for teaching and training programs, to provide living accommodations, and to administer this large international movement.

Reports of Reverend Moon's personal wealth are absolutely not true. The Church legally owns all the facilities and properties he uses while in America; even his residence is part of an official center where international meetings, services, and religious ceremonies are held.

Some people have alleged that the Church receives money from government or CIA sources. There is no truth to these statements, either. We challenge anyone to investigate these agencies or to document these charges.

The members of the Church who engage in fundraising activities work many hours every day, but every penny we earn is used to promote our evangelical work, distribute literature, or prepare for the establishment of our university. All these efforts are made by volunteers, out of a real zeal and desire to fulfill God's Will and help mankind. If we can respect a person working long, hard hours for his own welfare, isn't it far more noble to work even harder for the sake of others?

tions toured Korea, Japan, America and Europe as a part of the International One World Crusade. Speeches, rallies and cultural performances characterized these efforts to bring young people to God.

• On June 7th, 1,200,000 people, including representatives from 60 nations, gathered in Seoul, Korea to hear Reverend Moon speak out against Communism at the World Rally for Korean Freedom.

• In September 1975, the Unification Theological Seminary opened for its first semester with 55 graduate students from Japan, America and Europe.

• In November, Reverend Moon initiated the Fourth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences which was attended by 350 scholars and scientists from 57 nations.

• On December 18th, Reverend Moon spoke on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. to members of Congress and their staffs on "God's Plan for America."

For the year 1976, to promote a spirit of celebration, thanksgiving and "one world under God," Reverend Moon has formed the **Bicentennial "God Bless America" Committee** to commemorate America's 200th Birthday. A national campaign will sweep this country to urge Americans to embrace God and participate in a New American Revolution—a revolution of the spirit.

## A CHALLENGE

Amidst all of the controversy surrounding his movement, Reverend Moon has continued to forge ahead to realize God's great vision. He is using all of the resources he can to lay a foundation for the Kingdom of God. He has never wavered since he began 30 years ago in such humble circumstances. Now there are two million members of the Unification Church around the world who have found new hope through Reverend Moon's life and teachings.

Skeptics and cynics mocked and persecuted great religious leaders of the past such as Moses and Jesus. History proved their detractors lacked vision and acted in ignorance of the truth. Today we believe God has sent another prophet to man. It is our fervent prayer that the American people will open their hearts to this man of God.

If there is someone who can do a better job than Reverend Moon—let him speak out! If there is someone who can better inspire American youth to love God, love America and love humanity—let him come forth! If there is such a man, Reverend Moon will be glad to follow and serve him. Until then we believe America needs Reverend Moon!



## An Official Statement by the UNIFICATION CHURCH OF AMERICA

Neil Albert Salonen, President

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## "In One Battle We Want to Liquidate All the Failures of the Past"

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Therefore even though winter comes, this particular seed will not be affected—the leaves and branches and roots and the trunk exist condensed within the one seed. The seed is the beginning point of everything, so therefore the fruit bears seed. The seed will be like the one God has started in the very beginning.

God has been like a father. He is farming in order to harvest that one truthful seed on the last day. The man who is coming as the seed of the universe is the Messiah. Within that one seed there is the potential perfection of all levels. So in the last days that seed is corresponding to the first seed God sowed in the beginning of history. The Messiah is coming as a perfected Adam. So when the Messiah comes, he will present himself in the True Parents' position. He is going to give rebirth of the old fallen generation, so that they tie themselves into the direct lineage of God.

Where is going to be the central point? There should be two central things. One is the central religion, and then a central nation. What is the central religion of the modern day dispensation? Should we evaluate the same way God evaluates. What is the characteristic of God? Power?

Money? Sovereignty? God is love. So then which religion is centered on the love of God? That religion has to be in the central role.

Two principal things make Christianity unique and central: one, Jesus as the son of God. Second, the theory of bride and bridegroom and also of world brotherhood. We are all brothers and sisters. Jesus did not say white is superior to black. He pronounced the equality of man. So Christianity has all the components to build God's ideal reality here on earth.

What is the power that brings America into unity? The origin of America is the Christian faith. Persecuted Protestants in Europe founded land of freedom of religious worship and they came to this new world because God was more valuable for them than anything else. It is truly a miracle that during the Revolution, George Washington's army—feeble, untrained, well outsurpassed—won the war. This was impossible without the help of God. If we remove Christianity from America, nothing remains behind to hold this nation together. Without God, this whole continent of America would have been divided into many different nations

like Europe, and the 200 year history we are celebrating would have been nothing but a continuation of the struggle and strife.

America is in the position of the spiritual second Israel. Now which should have central role, the nation or religion? Religion. Religion is equivalent to the mind, and the nation is equivalent to the body. Therefore, religion, which is in a real place to serve this world, should be in a position to lead.

So when the central religion is united with the central nation to create a foundation, then you will know God's day of fulfillment of providential history is near. And that is America. A new spiritual movement is inevitable. In that new spiritual movement the Unification Church was born for the goal of world unification—unification of the cosmos, heaven and earth, men and women, and mind and body. That goal must be more valuable than our own lives, than this nation, than the world and all the existing Christianity. So we have to transcend all things, united together upon this one goal—unification.

We are longing for what God is longing for, and we have the God-designed family. We have God-designed religion, and we are preparing the God-designed national background. Now we are going to have the God-designed world foundation. That is our project in 1976. 1976 is America's bicentennial year. When you celebrate the 210th American birthday, the world showdown will be over. America must be awakened by that time. If after 210 years of America's birthday, America still is going the same route of apathy and complacency, then the Communist era will come.

2,000 years of Christian history are indemnified by 200 years of American his-

critical. It is not by accident that the bicentennial celebration of America is where we can make a visible, dramatic showdown. The showdown is coming at the Yankee Stadium. At Yankee Stadium we are going to indemnify and restore the failure of Cain, the failure of Abraham, the failure of Jacob, the failure of Moses, and the failure of Jesus. This is a victory on a worldwide level which will absorb all other elements. When we bring this spectacular and triumphant victory at Yankee Stadium, it will become a phenomenon of the world, not just of the United States.

The failure of the central figures in the past: Noah, Moses, Abraham, and Jacob and Isaac, was because they did not have a serious attitude in meeting every instance: cutting a dove for example, and striking the rock. Because they did not think they were the central figures of dispensation, that awareness was lacking. Are you serious enough to think that Yankee Stadium is the cross-junction of human history?

God knows the seriousness of this battle of Yankee Stadium, and I know the seriousness. Now you must respond to the seriousness in the same strength. We are the resurrected body of Moses, the resurrected body of Noah, the resurrected body of all those saints in the past, the resurrected body of Jesus Christ. For the sake of all the dispensational history we must bring this great victory together.

So in one battle we want to liquidate all the failures of the past so that we can bring only victory. This is a very critical moment of human history. Like Noah after the flood judgment. Like when Abraham took his son to the Mount of Moriah to offer his son as a burned offering. This is the time Moses is leading the troops to the Sinai desert. And Jesus Christ at the Mount of Gethsemane praying and sweating for

## Spanish, Portuguese Families Flourish

by Dan Holdgreiwe

*RisingTide editor Dan Holdgreiwe recently visited our Families in Spain and Portugal after participating in a United States Youth Council trip to Germany.*

In Spain the Family has about 30 members located in three centers. Our Church there has had no difficulty with the authorities although we are not a recognized association—we do not own enough property to qualify.

In Portugal the family has taken advantage of the political situation since the 1974 revolution. "Unification" posters with the Father's symbol are as common in Lisbon as the posters of the Communists and the Family is now holding street rallies almost daily in downtown Lisbon.

The Family in Portugal supports itself by selling candles (which they make themselves) on the street. In Fatima they sell a window decal of Father's symbol surrounded by the words "One God—one



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The Spanish family works mostly on the street speaking to young people—many of whom are disillusioned with the Catholic Church and are eager to discuss religious questions.



*The Korean Folk Ballet gives its first performance in the headquarters building on a specially constructed stage in the ballroom.*

## Headquarters Building Hosts Program

The Headquarters building, on January 5, welcomed a visiting Korean dignitary as the guest of our Parents. After Mr. Kim and his family enjoyed a dinner in the newly restored and decorated area on the third floor set aside for Father's use, they saw a program in the ballroom, which has recently been the setting of the Little Angels' performance and a Christmas party. The ballroom held not only about two hundred local members, but also a stage upon which both the New Hope Singers and the Korean Folk Ballet performed.

The program also included a showing

by selling candles (which they make themselves) on the street. In Fatima they sell a window decal of Father's symbol surrounded by the words "One God-one world-Unification" to the pilgrims visiting the shrine of Mary. Thousands of cars, especially in the north, now have this decal on their windows.

of the Madison Square Garden movie with soundtracks simultaneously in Korean and English. Mr. Kim delivered a short speech to the audience, expressing his concern over the declining level of morality among young people and applauding the success of our movement in this area. After the program Mr. Kim and our Parents exchanged gifts: Mr. Kim gave them a gold replica of a Korean crown dating back over 1,500 years. As the evening closed many members looked to future events which the Headquarters building could hold in service to God and our Parents.

then the Communist era will come.

2,000 years of Christian history are indemnified by 200 years of American history. That 2,000 years and 200 years of American history and Christian history was indemnified by the Unification Church in 20 years. So therefore the 20-year dispensation—the most critical period—is divided into three seven-year courses. We are in the third seven-year course, and the first three years are most

## Parents' Workshop Planned

A workshop for parents is being planned by Mrs. Helen Danby, with the cooperation of the New York International Family Association, to take place in the middle of January. "We want to win friends to tell who we are and to help cement relationships between parents and children," said Mrs. Danby, who is planning the program for parents who would like to find out the nature of the group which their children have joined.

The weekend is meant to be a general introduction to the ideas and activities of the Church; its purpose is not to teach all of the Divine Principle or to deal with overly negative parents. The workshop, which Mrs. Danby hopes to hold at Barrytown, will present some ideas from the Divine Principle, Unification Thought, and Victory over Communism theory; Mrs. Danby also hopes to have spokesmen present from various Church-related activities and organizations. If you think your parents might be interested, call Mrs. Helen Danby at the New York Unification Church, (212) 288-1102.

offer his son as a burned offering. This is the time Moses is leading the troops to the Sinai desert. And Jesus Christ at the Mount of Gethsemane praying so desperately for his destiny. We are at the same moment of human history.

So in the first week of 1976, I am giving this particular message. I want you to take it seriously. You must become men of conviction. You must possess the conviction that when you strike the earth, it will split. When you push, the mountains will go away. You are like canes of Moses. You are like Isaac in relationship to Abraham.

We must be more serious than the saints and prophets in history. We should become more serious than Noah, Abraham, Moses, John the Baptist, more serious than Jesus Christ praying at the Mount of Gethsemane. Because this is the final battle, the cosmic battle. This battle will decide the entire destiny. No one in the past has borne such a burden in one event.

God's wishes, then your blessing in the future. We must be serious just like Jesus Christ bearing his own cross to the Mount of Calvary to be nailed down. We must be serious like that.

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