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## Happy Birthday, Ye-jin!

January 11 was Ye-jin's fifteenth birthday. After Father's Sunday sermon, everyone present sang her happy birthday; then our Parents had a celebration at East Garden. At the Belvedere Sunday service, Father invited those people who had travelled the greatest distance to Belvedere to the celebration; hence the members of the Korean Folk Ballet went to East Garden! This week Father went to Florida; he returned on Saturday, January 17.

### January 11 Speech

## "One Critical Moment of Decision is Coming..."

On Sunday, January 11, Father spoke at Belvedere on the topic "The Critical or Important Moment." Following are excerpts from notes.

Everyone on earth is striving for success. Not only men and women but tribes and nations are desiring achievement.

The result of the battle is determined at one important moment; always a showdown is made at a critical moment. Every day we are meeting people, but at a critical moment, a critical meeting with a critical person may decide our destiny. Some unexpected visitor may bring a great new future or disaster to a family. A national leader making a wrong decision at a critical moment can bring the nation to ruin or, with the right decision, to prosperity. The prophet sent by God is no exception. At one moment a critical decision can make the difference between heaven and earth. This is the way of life. The Unification Church is no exception to this rule of life.

Most importantly, no one really knows the critical moment when a critical decision is needed. Without knowing, we are facing a certain destiny. This nation could go either upwards into prosperity or down into ruin. But the American people seldom realize that the national destiny is on the verge of either collapse or prosperity. We never know how much progress cancer may be making in our body; there is usually a critical moment which will bring a cancer victim to his death. If everyone knows that the critical moment is coming, then he can rise up to bring some remedy to the situation. But unfortunately we do not know that moment. We think that January

11 started at midnight. But do you really know when this new day started? A new day does not start with a ringing bell. No one can really pinpoint the beginning of a new day without a clock. No one really knows when two destinies cross.

So actually we live in darkness. We live our lives without knowing our future destiny. Someone may be near the end of the line, but he may think that he has just started. There is a great deal of difference between actual fact and understanding. Who can become successful? The person who has vision, seeing when a critical moment of decision is approaching and preparing for that moment.

The direction of your life can be decided by small things. When you look at a situation with seriousness, every little thing counts. Every word you speak, everything you see, everything you hear may have the significance of deciding the whole destiny of your life. . . .

Do you have a guarantee that nothing will affect you? You have to say "no." No one has a guarantee of anything. Actually the life we live should not be too relaxed. "I am safe" means "I am between success and failure, I am between fortune and misfortune." Human life is a mixture of fortune and misfortune. You cannot go in a straight line; you have to weave between fortune and misfortune. This rule applies not only to the individual but to the nation, world, and dispensation of God. We must be sure that we do not lose vision. You have to make your own decisions for your own direction. The businessman has a goal already: "I want to make money; I want to make a million dollars." Then he follows

that course. Those who are studying set an academic goal and move towards it.

Then what goal do we have as Unification Church members? Our ultimate goal must be bigger than Yankee Stadium.

We are going towards the fulfillment of God's will. What is the will of God. The perfection or completion of the purpose of creation. What is that? It is the completion (continued on page 4)





# God Bless America Festival Plans Discussed

"I would like to excite you with the dream of the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival," said Col. Pak to the January 14 planning meeting of the Festival. Gathered at the meeting, called by campaign director, Mr. Kamiyama, were representatives of each group primarily responsible for the Festival. Present were Col. Pak, Mr. Kamiyama, Mr. Salonen, Reverend Vincenz, the Festival committee members, representatives of the New Hope Singers, Sunburst and members of the public relations teams functioning in New York and Washington. In addition to gaining inspiration from Col. Pak, Mr. Salonen, and Mr. Kamiyama, the participants discussed proposed symbols and alternative statements of purpose, also contributing ideas for the festival's program in a free-flowing discussion. The ideas presented at the meeting will be discussed at a future meeting with Father. See accompanying articles for excerpts from remarks of Col. Pak and Mr. Salonen.

*Col. Pak discusses plans for the God Bless America Festival at the Headquarters building. Seated at the left are Reverend Vincenz, Mr. Salonen, Mr. Nishi and Mr. Kamiyama.*



*Excerpts of Remarks by Mr. Salonen on January 16*

## "The Mission of the God Bless America Festival Is to Finish the Work of the American Revolution"

As long as I can remember, I've always been very concerned about America and her mission. My class took a big responsibility in 1956 during the Hungarian Revolution. We wrote letters everywhere protesting what was happening. Many times in my life I felt that while I was on the right side, I was on the losing side. I knew that it was right for America to do something to help the Hungarians but we didn't do anything at all.

Being right—or being aware of the problems—is just not enough. We have to organize and mobilize. No individual, just by being right, can necessarily carry the day. God is trying to raise up champions. He didn't just need Jesus to speak out 2,000 years ago; He needed Jesus to build a movement which could create a new family, a new clan, a new nation, a new world. It has to be built and created through the efforts, one by one, of each person as he expands and accepts his responsibility.

The same thing is true with Yankee Stadium. God does not just need Father to get up and speak there, but it has to represent an organized effort so that with the 200,000 people at Yankee Stadium will be Unification Church members who are really going to embrace them. Out of Yankee Stadium has to come the nucleus of the Washington Monument campaign. Yankee Stadium is not just a puff but it has to represent a testing of the strength of the Unification Church, a milestone in our growth and organization.

When I came to our Church, I was involved in FLF work for a number of years. In that time I could see that only America had the strength to stand up to the advances of the Communists. Because we didn't have the willpower to do it, however, we stood by while the whole world

was sliding into the hands of the Communists.

Unless someone can take and use the power of this country to not only strengthen ourselves and solve our problems but to bring that same hope to the world that we gave 200 years ago, we will find our house surrounded by fire with no one to call for help. Then the days will be numbered on a simple calendar: a few days, a few weeks. In the end, the Communists won't have to do anything; they can just cut us off and we will wither.

When Father announced that the theme of this campaign was going to be the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival, I realized that it is a key for making this campaign successful. If we picked another title, it would not have the meaning for changing the consciousness of America—it would not really be a step in building the kind of determination that this country needs. We have to focus on the heart of America's problem. We have to remind people of the mission of this country.

People all over are waiting for someone to sound that call. They will report for duty. They are disgusted with the lack of moral leadership in our country, but they themselves are not heroes. They are waiting for someone to stand up and say something. If someone does that, they will join and speak out.

In Russia the Communists took over the country with just a handful of people. They did not even make the revolution; they just stole it. If we have a small but really enlightened and inspired minority who is willing to provide the leadership, everyone will respond.

I feel very strongly that The Day of Hope tour was an internal tour making the internal foundation for the Unification

Church. This campaign is an external course, a manifestation of what the Unification Church can do for America. After Yankee Stadium, Father intends to take a campaign to every state in America and to the Washington Monument. At that time, the real face of the Unification Church will be clear to everyone. Then when someone tries to attack the Unification Church, those people who know what we stand for will have something to say back. Therefore, regardless of what they think about our beliefs, our clothes or our looks, I believe Americans are willing to respect us as long as they can see that we are doing something which needs to be done. This is a great moment in American history because this will be the moment we mobilize the people for a tremendous new revolution. This has to be the time when we finish the work that was started 200 years ago.

200 years ago the newness of the American Revolution electrified the world. It gave hope to people who were in complete slavery. It gave hope to people who would not have dared believe such a thing was possible before. Its words, documents, ideas, and beginning institutions were tremendously inspiring. But because we rose higher than any nation had ever risen before, we lost sight of the ultimate goal. We began comparing ourselves to other people; when we found that we were ahead we stopped. That was such a mistake, because we are still far short of the goal. Unless we continue to work until we reach that goal, even the things that we have achieved now cannot last and will not mean anything. The mission of our Church and the mission of the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival is to finish the work of the American Revolution.

There are millions of people just like I

was, waiting for someone to sound the alarm. I did not think that I was looking for a religious group. I did not understand a lot of the problems. But if someone at that time had really sounded the call to bring the American Revolution back on the track, I would have jumped in. There are people just like that, waiting for someone to sound the call. They do not want to take just one step; if someone can remind them of the ultimate dream, they will join.

People are looking. They are more aware of the problems of our society. They are more willing to face them and discuss them, so they are more aware of the need for a solution. This is our chance to show them the Unification Church's solution. Doing this on the level of America's mission is the key to bringing Father to the people and the people to Father. And this will be the beginning of salvation.

I couldn't be more inspired about the Bicentennial campaign! We have one short year to do incredible things. It is such a heavy responsibility to use this year wisely. After this year, if we haven't fanned the flames, the time will pass. To prepare it again would be impossible; it would take more than another hundred years. This is the year that people will dare to hope again. This is the year that God has to answer their prayers—we are the people who will carry the answer to them. It can be done only if all of us work together in complete oneness centered around Father's desire to give the American people a feeling of a new American Revolution.

(from remarks at January 16 meeting)



# Church Answers Daily News Series

On January 12, Mr. Salonen issued an official statement in response to the Daily News series by John Cotter to the News and to each paper which carried any part of the series. The statement spoke to

fourteen major points of contention with the article; each point has a one-paragraph summary followed by a more detailed explanation. Included in New Hope News is each point and its one-

paragraph summary, with the full explanations printed for numbers 4, 9, and 12 to give readers a feel for the statement. The full statement is expected to be mailed to the field in the future.

On November 30 to December 4, the New York Daily News published a five-part series on the Unification Church which contains many serious distortions. This statement is our initial response to the general themes developed by the News.

## "We Are Going to Create the Miracle of the Century"

*Explains Col. Pak about Yankee Stadium*

This gathering is equivalent to the gathering of thousands of Unification Church members throughout the world. Truly the forthcoming God Bless America Festival is going to be created under the spiritual guidance, heart, and soul of our True Parents. We are more like a bridge. How can we transmit these feelings, heart, soul, life and spirit from Reverend Moon to every nation of our movement? We do know that God is with us. We do know that our Parents have already conceived the victory. 99% of the victory is won. That means that the entire heavenly dispensation comes to this final moment to decorate the victory. The victory is locked up already; we are the ones to transmit or translate the victory into dramatic expression. Father is the root; we are the trunk or bridge to transmit that spirit all over the world. Father won the victory and we are the ones to transmit that victory to all of the world.

All members of the Unification Church think that we are the minority. Everywhere we are pushed to the corner. Everywhere we meet negative people. Everywhere we are faced with negative press. This has become the daily diet of the Unification Church. So we often think that we are on the verge of being overrun. But I want you to know that this world is but a small portion of God's creation, a small portion of the cosmic being. Our Parents have won the rest of it—the entire history, the entire spirit world, and entire heart of God. No matter what negativity we face—just laugh at it! Smile at it! In due course, we'll lick it. It's just a matter of time.

But we are grateful that God has given us this little opportunity in which we can claim some worthiness in His sight. If God had done everything, we would have nothing to do—we would be begging for glory. He is giving us a chance to work so that we can claim some victory on earth. Instead of begging for glory, we can be entitled to it. God wanted to have worthy sons and daughters with whom He wanted to share the entire amount of His glory. You must look at it in that positive way. The whole universe has been won; a little tiny bit is left to us to be finished. Let's say God arranged a brick wall. 99 layers have been completed, but one more brick will complete the wall. God wants us to pick up that one brick and put it in the right place in the wall. Then He will say: "You and I completed it." What a wonderful title God is going to reserve for us—co-creator of the universe! Co-creator of man! The most important thing we have to do is have absolute conviction and positive thinking.

For twenty-four hours every day, we must be bubbling with enthusiasm. Second: we must consider that the world where we are doing battle is not the main world. The subject world is the spirit world. The destiny of the world has already been determined. In due course that victory in the spirit world will be transmitted to this world. We cannot fail. In spirit world redemption has been claimed. The head of the serpent is crushed; this world is merely the tail. There is no chance for that

serpent to be revived. It is like swimming in a pool with two arms on the floor. There is no way that you can drown!

We must today clearly perceive the victory. That is the first purpose of this meeting. Already the victory is there. You must see it, you must touch it, you must feel it.

My job is to give you the feeling of utmost conviction and absolute positivity. We can do it. We can win. We have already won. Your thinking will be the result of individual thinking translated into visible situations. Your thinking is everything. Father has not one hairline nor one dot of doubt about his mission. I've been following him for almost twenty years. Not even one split second did I glimpse that he was doubtful of his mission. What you think is what you are; what you think will be showing in an external way. How much victory you conceive of shall be translated into Yankee Stadium.



For this meeting I would like to excite you with the dream of this God Bless America Festival. We must make "God Bless America" and "Reverend Moon" synonymous in the hearts of every American. If we do this through Yankee Stadium, then we have consummated our mission. Americans have heard so much about Reverend Moon but many things are very negative. Many people earnestly want to know: "Who is Reverend Moon? What is he trying to do?" The Yankee Stadium crusade is going to give a clearcut image and answer to the American public. Who is Reverend Moon? What is he trying to do? He is the one who brings "God Bless America." I never doubt for a moment that this will do it. That means that it will present Father correctly to the American public so that he will gain acceptance from the government down. This is our

purpose. Acceptance. Proclamation is not enough. Two thousand years ago there was proclamation, but not acceptance! We have proclamation; we must have acceptance. The God Bless America Festival is for acceptance, acceptance of Father. Through this supernational, superracial, patriotic, humanitarian, embracing, God centered movement, we can do it—we can achieve the goal of acceptance. Remember the word "acceptance."

When you speak to the American public, always think: "How did I present Father's name? Did I do well. Did I increase his kingdom or close another door?" Either you are opening or closing a door. Which one? Our every action has to reflect upon the consequences. We must open doors. Father must be appreciated by Americans. At the end of Yankee Stadium, we want to hear the majority of Americans saying, "We need him here in America." If Americans speak this simple conclusion

at the end of Yankee Stadium, we are successful.

We do not look like giants, but inside everyone of us is a diamond gem. We have a diamond shining; we have our capability shining. All we have to do is put these together into one cohesive working harmony to bring a tremendous outcome. All together we are going to create the miracle of the century. Yankee Stadium will be the first miracle of the third century of the history of America!

Let us have great ambition for God. Ambition is a God-given gift, wrong only when it is self-centered. Father is the most ambitious man under the sun. He would like to accomplish the greatest victory possible before his earthly life is over. We are joining with him as co-crusaders for the greatest victory here on earth.

(from remarks at January 16 meeting)

### 1. Freedom of Speech and Conscience—No Mind Control.

The Unification Church encourages freedom of conscience and freedom of speech. Under no circumstances does it desire any control over the minds of its members; anything to the contrary would be considered ungodly and self-defeating.

### 2. Concern with God-centered Values and Love.

Whatever change ensues in a member results from being encouraged to live a God-centered life, to examine one's personal values more carefully, and to learn more about how to give and receive love with God and all human beings.

### 3. Importance of the Family.

Members of the Unification Church are not encouraged to abandon their families. To the contrary, members are encouraged to love their parents, respect parental love, and understand the importance of the family as a building block of the ideal of the Kingdom of Heaven as envisioned in the Divine Principle.

### 4. Building the Strong and Helping the Weak.

The Church strongly encourages self esteem, self confidence, and self determination on the part of its members and leaders. No one is sought because he is expected to be a devoted follower out of guilt or weakness. On the other hand, no sincere person is turned away regardless of his particular problems or difficulties.

Strong members of American society and strong leaders of the Unification Church are important Church objectives. No one is forbidden from involvement with the Church or applying for membership, and so of course prospective members will include those who are weak, emotionally hurt, and suffering from guilt about mistakes they have made. Still others are inevitably some of America's million annual runaways. Unhappy people who are looking for assistance are certainly not rejected as hopeless sinners. Many of these have been helped greatly; others less so. Some remain within the Unification Church and prosper emotionally; others depart and remain lost souls floating elsewhere through society. An important contribution of the "weak" has often been to challenge the ability of our church family to greater love and understanding.

But strong members of American society and strong leaders indeed are most important objectives of the Unification Church. The spiritual and moral corruption in our society can only be effectively opposed by morally strong men and women. We believe it is every individual's responsibility to make this a better world and that this can only be accomplished through hard work and sacrifice. We point to the example set by the first pilgrims and settlers in America. To this end we promote self esteem and self confidence. No one can be a pioneer without self-starting initiative and sense of purpose, and we teach that everyone has a unique, precious value in the eyes of God and is therefore of real individual worth quite apart from anyone else.

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# "One Critical Moment of Decision is Coming. . ."

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of the heavenly four positions. That can be completed when a man of perfection takes a bride as an object and becomes one in the sight of God. The man of perfection is greater than the universe. One man, standing in the sight of God, is the ruler of the universe. If you lean to one side, the whole universe will lean over. When you set yourself on the ground firm, then the universe is firm. If you are standing on a straight line, then the universe is on a straight line.

In the universe, which mission is the most important? I would say that the goal of the Unification Church is the most important. We are still in the process of growing, but once we grow to sufficient power, we will certainly become a stabilizing power in the universe. Wherever you go, God is going with you. This means that wherever you go or whatever you do, you are a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven.

Ask yourself: "Am I firmly set on a rock-bottom foundation?" Or is your mind shaking each day? Shaky trees never grow fast. When will we become straight persons?

In order to be straight people, we need the truth. Truth is given to us through the process of education. That education is normally best before marriage, while we are growing. When we are young, we have more durability, idealism, and willpower to be focused on one goal. The most impor-

tant educational process is in childhood done by our parents before school age. That era is critical for education—it is the factory of the recreation of man.

The young people here are the result of my prayer, given by God. I am doing something much greater than brainwashing—helping recreation of man. Are you becoming a new person with new life? Are you a willing participant? Why? Because you have wisdom. You see the future beyond the clouds. You see the ultimate

goal. That goal is stabilized in the center by a rock-bottom foundation in God. The ultimate goal is not a pendulum going one direction and then the other. If that is the case, we should quit—we would have no hope. But that is not so. Do you have a firm belief that God is the rock-bottom foundation of life? Set the goal high, on that rock foundation. Along the way there will be many hardships when you will have to fight battles, but go right back to the goal. This is why we get so much criticism—we

never lose our vision.

One critical moment of decision is coming to everyone. You cannot avoid this moment. The people who are preparing for that moment will become heroes and victors. Do you have the guts that if you blow at Yankee Stadium, it will blow away? Make yourself confident. Discipline yourself. Feel that if you pull New York City, it will come to you. We have to shake not just Yankee Stadium but the entire city of New York. We have to shake every corner, every street, and every heart. Indeed Yankee Stadium is the critical moment.

We will organize and win a spectacular victory for God. And we will continue to march to Washington. The final battle for the dispensation of God, the future of the world, and the existence of the Kingdom of Heaven all hinge on the critical moment approaching in Yankee Stadium. We should not fear the consequences. We must confidently move towards total concentration. Every meal is a Yankee Stadium meal. . . . Even in your sleep you are sleeping Yankee Stadium. An important moment is approaching and calling us. In my mind there is no glimpse of defeat. We are going to be winners moving towards the final victory.

At the speech Father announced that he was going to Florida for a fishing condition and asked for strong volunteers to help. At the conclusion of the speech everyone sang "Happy Birthday" to Ye-jin.



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### 5. Evil and Fallacy of "Deprogramming."

"Deprogramming" is a farcical term applied to the brute force used by mercenary inquisitors to break Church member's spirit and compel public recantation of belief. Members of the Unification Church are not programmed in anything; therefore they cannot be "deprogrammed." "Deprogramming" is a euphemism for what in fact is a very inhuman process constituting a serious infringement on the rights of the Church as guaranteed by the First Amendment.

### 6. No Connection with Any Government

The Unification Church is not overtly or covertly connected with the South Korean government in any way whatsoever. Reverend Moon has never even met President Park or President Ford.

### 7. Unification Church Exists to Serve Others.

The Unification Church is not just another denomination. It seeks to

strengthen the religious faith and commitment in the lives of all people in preparing for the Second Advent.

### 8. Reverend Moon: A Modern Prophet.

The Unification Church does not teach that Reverend Moon is God or the Messiah.

### 9. Reverend Moon: No Political Ambitions.

Reverend Moon has never sought personal power or office.

Reverend Moon has no desire to control any political leader or any government. He does have a strong desire for the leaders of people to have faith in God, to search for the meaning of what they do, and to act in accordance with what they believe God would have them do. The Unification Church is dedicated to preaching a consciousness of God among the nation's leaders and to encourage them to activate this consciousness.

As a missionary leader and evangelist, Reverend Moon cannot refrain from proclaiming all that he hopes he and

his followers can do to raise this level of consciousness among political leaders. He would never submerge America to any single religious organization or individual. He seeks no personal political power.

### 10. Reverend Moon has no Personal Wealth.

Reverend Moon is provided for by the Unification Church because he is the Church's spiritual leader and international head.

### 11. Reverend Moon's Media Relations.

In order to give full time to the Unification Church movement and to avoid favoritism to any one journalist or medium Reverend Moon does not have press conferences or grant interviews.

### 12. Money Solicitation and Uses for Charity.

Members soliciting money for Unification Church activities are instructed in what to say about the various purposes to which the monies will be put. Some of it has gone for local charitable and community activities providing benefits for people far beyond the Unification Church membership.

The assets of the Unification Church are used solely for the mission of the Church to spread the word of God and help others deepen their relationship with Him. In order to do this we maintain training facilities and residences for our members who function as full time missionaries.

Unification Church members are highly visible on the streets in most cities in America where we witness and invite the public to lectures and workshops. The Church has many public programs and rallies, and is always ready to explain its objectives to the public as it has already on numerous radio and TV shows and in many newspapers. In the New York area alone during the past two years, the Unification Church held a benefit at Marymount

College in Tarrytown for the Volunteer Ambulance Corps of Tarrytown, a benefit at the United Nations General Assembly Hall and provided place, staging equipment, lighting, and sound for a rock concert benefit for Scarlets of Tarrytown (a children's athletic league). And at the Essex County Correction Center, Unification Church members held an Easter program, organized an arts and crafts shop for women inmates, provided an excursion to Great Adventure for women inmates and performed a song festival in the men's wing. Many performances have been held by the Korean Folk Ballet and Church song groups.

### 13. Member Service and Compensation

Members who are missionaries are not paid wages, but receive all necessities.

### 14. Compliance with the Law.

The Unification Church will not knowingly violate any American law or government regulation. As a nonprofit organization, it is accountable to federal and state tax authorities. No complaint has never been filed by them against the Church.

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