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Wendy Helander Returns After Escape

On Tuesday night, February 17, Wendy Helander escaped from her second kidnapping and returned to the Unification Church. "It's a miracle," said Wendy at a press conference two days later. "I didn't expect to be back this soon."

Wendy was kidnapped for the second time from Barrytown on November 21, 1975. She told the press: "I was taking a walk with my parents at Barrytown. I was trying to get them to see what I was thinking and that I was really happy. But again I was forcibly taken. When I was walking down the road, I was pulled into a car. From that time on I was moved from house to house twelve times."

Unification Church member Richard Conrad assisted her escape. Richard, a member since mid-1975, went from Barrytown to visit his parents at the end of January. They invited him to visit a friend but instead took him to a motel in Ohio. He met his deprogrammers when he awoke the next morning.

Richard deceived his captors into thinking that he was deprogrammed and immediately began to think of escape plans. He changed his mind when, during his rehabilitation phase, he met Wendy. He asked her, "Are you deprogrammed?" already knowing the answer. After she said "No," he therefore could say to her very quietly, "I'm not either!" Rather than escape, he decided to maintain his double life of "deprogrammed" member to his captors so that he might help Wendy. He



Mr. Salonen speaks to the press on February 19. On the left is Richard Conrad and Wendy Helander.

cape, he decided to maintain his double life of "deprogrammed" member to his captors so that he might help Wendy. He won their trust. He told them that he really wanted to try to "deprogram" Wendy. Soon he worked his way up to the position of sole "deprogrammer" for Wendy.

On Tuesday night, many depro-

Mr. Salonen speaks to the press on February 19. On the left is Richard Conrad and Wendy Helander; on the right, Michael Runyon.

grammers and their cooperators had gone to Washington to attack the Unification Church on Wednesday. Only one person, Wendy's mother, was in the house.

Richard told her that if he and Wendy went for a walk together, he was sure that he could "break" her, hinting that bringing a "deprogrammed" Wendy to Wednesday's

activities would be so valuable for their cause. Mrs. Helander agreed. "Ten minutes," she said.

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Our Response to Persecution

A Report by President Neil Salonen

The week from Wednesday, February 11 to Wednesday, February 18 was one of the most eventful in the recent history of the Unification Church. In the end, a great deal was accomplished, but not at any little cost. On one hand we faced the public protests of both Ted Patrick and Rabbi Davis—with Rabbi Davis's "Day of Affirmation and Protest" ranking as one of the gravest injustices ever perpetrated against a religion in the history of our country. On the other hand, our kidnapped members gave their very dramatic testimonies to the Washington press, we consolidated support among the parents of our members, and Wendy Helander returned to us after a miraculous escape from captivity.

Ted Patrick had boasted that he was going to amass thousands in an "action group" in Washington on February 11 by performing an anti-"cult" demonstration in front of the White House. Out of the thirty who did come, few were even parents and none, to my knowledge were parents of anyone in the Church. Without lowering ourselves to demonstrate against him, we wanted to present our side of the story.

We did two things. That morning's edition of the *Washington Post* carried the first appearance of the second in our series of ads—the first clear public indication that not all parents of Unification Church members opposed the movement. Second, we held a press conference featuring our kidnapped and returned members: Mark Goodman and Pan Fanshier told their stories; others were available for com-

ment. We held the conference to educate the press about the nature of deprogramming. The fact that the press is ignorant of the violent nature of deprogramming is brought home in some of their comments—a few could hardly believe that such a crime is actually happening.

At one point—when Pam Fanshier cried in describing her second kidnapping and commitment to a mental institution because of the lies that someone had fed her parents—they were visibly moved.

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February 5

Our Parents' Birthday Celebrated



Ye-jin uses a saber to cut the cake on our Parents' birthday.

Our Parents' birthday, Thursday, February 6, was joyfully celebrated with their children by hundreds of members at the Headquarters building. Honored guests for the celebration were Mrs. Choi and the seven children remaining in America while our Parents and Kwon-jin are in Korea: Hyo-jin, Heung-jin, Hyun-jin, Kook-jin, Ye-jin, In-jin and Un-jin.

The ballroom was beautifully prepared, having two larger-than-life portraits of Father and Mother at the west end with festive party decorations throughout. The buffet meal outdid any remembered celebration meal in the memory of most members—a plentiful combination of Japa-

nese, Korean, and American food.

The celebration's program opened with Ye-jin and Hyo-jin cutting a large tiered cake with a sword. After some introductory remarks, Mr. Salonen explained that our Parents normally share the fruit and candies of holiday offerings with those present; he accordingly asked the children to pass the food out. At first everything was quite calm. But there was a lot of food there, a lot of people waiting and a very joyful spirit in the room, so passing turned to tossing to throwing—everything from cookies to grapefruit and melons.

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Birthday Celebration

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Entertainment by the Church members was short, consisting of performances by members representing the Headquarters staff, the IOWC, the God Bless America committee, the New York Churches and

the Technical Missionary Corps.

What happened next surpassed anything preceding. The children were asked to sing. We were treated to all kinds of variations: Hyo-jin singing solos of Danny Boy and Santa Lucia, a group of the children singing "Tongil" with the audience joining in. The children sang solos, in small groups—all the girls, all the boys, all together—every possible combination. As the evening progressed, everyone became more relaxed, so we were treated to seeing

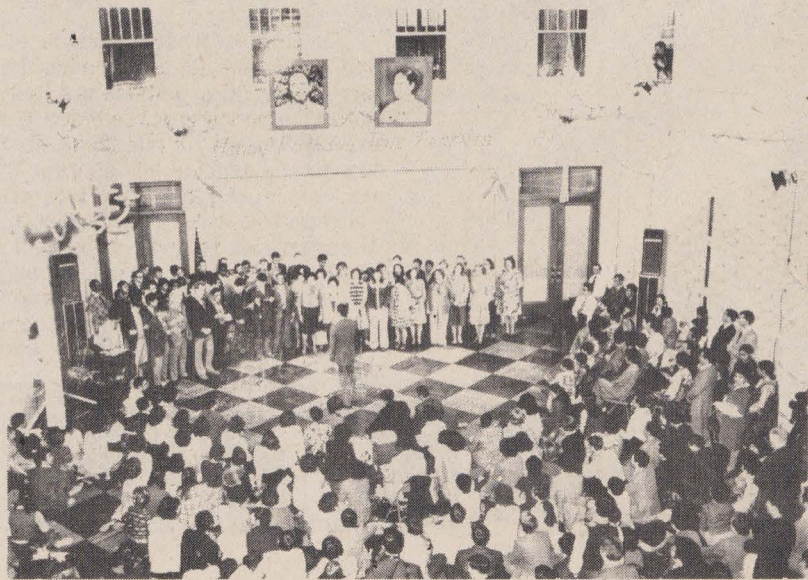
wonderfully spontaneous affection amongst them—Kook-jin, for example, being coaxed up to do a solo by Hyo-jin and turning to his big sisters for support once up there alone.

The program ended with two films depicting strong family love: "Sounder", set on a poor black sharecropper's farm in the 1930's and "Spring Fragrance", a famous Korean love story of several centuries ago. Because they had to go to school the next day, the children had to

leave early. Before they left, Mrs. Choi said:

"It was certainly a different kind of birthday celebration! How beautiful to behold and hear the children sing. We were drunk in the beauty of everything tonight! As I look at their pictures, they look different than they did at the beginning. Don't you see? They smile with beaming eyes. With them so far away from us, we feel their presence more strongly tonight. We are going to remember tonight forever."

LBS



The Global Team offers a song to the large audience in the ballroom.



Mrs. Choi volunteers to make some closing remarks as In-jin and Hyun-jin watch.





Mr. Kamiyama, Ye-jin and Kook-jin distribute the fruit from the ceremonial altar to the awaiting crowd.



The children sing: Hyo-jin, Heung-jin, Hyun-jin, Kook-jin, Ye-jin, In-jun, Un-jin.



Kook-jin turns for a moment's comfort to Un-jin while Hyun-jin sing.

Bicentennial God Bless America Festival

Official Statement of Purpose

On our 200th birthday, we celebrate America's greatness! The Cradle of Modern Democracy, the Land of Opportunity, the World's Breadbasket, the "Melting Pot" are phrases which dimly suggest what America has meant to the world. We have been blessed abundantly; for this let us give thanks. But we have shared our blessings generously and for this let us celebrate! Our short history is a great one.

Let us also recognize, however, the source of our greatness. The French historian Alexis de Tocqueville wrote,

I sought the greatness of America in her harbors and commerce and mines and fertile fields, but it was not there. It was not until I entered her churches and found her pulpits aflame with righteousness that I understood the greatness of her power. America is great because America is good. And if she ever ceases to be good, she'll cease to be great.

Our religious faith has been our greatest strength, but today that faith is dying. Prayer in schools has been outlawed. Churches are losing the young people. Many are turning to drugs. Immorality has become common-place. Our religious heritage is crumbling. At a time of celebration, this is a cause for concern. If America is to have a good and great third century, she must find a



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To accomplish this, the Bicentennial God Bless America Committee has been formed. Our purpose is to summon all Americans to embrace God and fulfill His Will for our nation. To do this, the Committee will sponsor the most important event of our Bicentennial year. This is the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival, to be held in New York. Properly commemorating the end of our second century, it will be a celebration of international scope. Representatives from all over the world will pay tribute to America.

The principal speaker of the Festival will be the Founder of this Committee, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon of Korea. Reverend Moon has spent the past four years speaking to audiences in all 50 states on God's Will for America. This year, through the Festival, his important message will be presented to the greatest number of Americans possible.

As a nation of immigrants we have consistently been helped by those born in other lands. Marquis de Lafayette, Alexander Graham Bell and Albert Einstein are just a few of the most familiar examples. Reverend Moon's current work is a continuation of this historical pattern. Indeed, the convergence today of a wide-spread interest in the East and an Oriental Christian leader

time of celebration, this is a cause for concern. If America is to have a good and great third century, she must find a solution to this problem.

I

Throughout 200 years of history, America has at different times faced different tests. Such tests might have destroyed her, but instead they strengthened her. At our beginning, our commitment to freedom was decisively tested by the Revolutionary War. Only by our victory could our democracy be established. Similarly, at the end of our first century, the Civil War both challenged and substantiated a previously fragile national unity. Through surviving that test, the way was opened for the unparalleled achievements of our second century.

Today, at the end of our second century, we are in a similar testing period. We face tremendous economic insecurities, rising rates of crime and drug abuse, a breakdown of our moral fabric and a striking loss of national direction. Tragically, no matter what we have done, these problems remain. Unknowingly, we have attacked outer symptoms rather than the inner, spiritual problem. Solving this spiritual crisis is the test our generation faces.

II

This challenge is an expression of our heritage, which is specifically religious. Born of God's purpose, we need to live with this purpose at our center. Otherwise we lose touch with the source of our strength.

The enormous creativity of our Founding Fathers originated in their relationship with God. Indeed, the Mayflower Compact opens "In the name of God." Addressing the first Continental Congress, Benjamin Franklin recalled the "frequent instances of a superintending Providence in our favor" in the Revolutionary War and stated "We have been assured... that 'except the Lord build the house they labor in vain that build it.' I firmly believe this."

The official logo of the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival, designed by Father. Its circular design connotes the world. The thirteen stars, in addition to representing the original thirteen colonies, stand for Jesus (the large star) and his twelve disciples around him.

It was with "the Lord" that our nation was built. The Declaration of Independence was rooted "in the laws of nature and of nature's God" and was signed "in the firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence." Indeed, America was founded by men seeking religious freedom and the first freedom our Bill of Rights guarantees is that of religious freedom. In all these acts revealing our forefather's concern with God, we may see God's concern for our forefathers.

Created of God, our call is still to serve Him! To do this, America needs a new spiritual awakening. She needs a fresh understanding of God's vision for her and a fresh commitment to fulfilling His Will. Only this will bring about the great moral revolution and societal change we all so desperately seek.

III

What is God's vision for us? His ultimate ideal is to establish His Kingdom on Earth. Indeed, the first petition of the Lord's Prayer is "Thy Kingdom Come." In creating this Kingdom, all nations are called to participate. For America, this ideal is reflected in the motto of the Revolution which was *Novus Ordo Seclorum* — the "New Order of the Ages." In a similar vein, according to Patrick Henry, America had "lighted the candle to all the world." Tom Paine believed that "we Americans have it in our power to begin the world again... the birthday of a new world is at hand."

Despite our difficulties, this vision is the correct one. Internally and externally, we are called to contribute to the Kingdom. Internally, our task must be to forge one God-centered American family. God seeks to unite all nations, races, creeds and cultures, forming one worldwide family. To start this process, He has created one nation where all nationalities are represented. This is America, the "melting pot." Our inner purpose, therefore, is to realize in fact the ideal of One Nation Under God.

Externally, we must help create a new world order, unified in God. We particularly need to find the ways to end conflict and create a lasting world unity. The horror of a nuclear war is too great to contemplate. Beyond doubt, the only way to achieve this unity is through realizing God's ideal.

The human body is a microcosm of the ideal world. Just as the body needs a central point, the brain, to coordinate its functions, so does human society need to find its harmonizing center. This is God, the One whom we all share. Only with Him as our Center can we build the unified world.

Building the "New Order of the Ages" requires that we Americans recapture the God-centered spirit of our Founders. We must finish the work that they began and share it on a worldwide level. Geographically, our pioneering may be over; but spiritually, we are just beginning. Today, we must launch a movement of New World Pioneers — dedicated to creating the unified world. This movement must be developed here, where all nationalities converge. One Nation Under God is the first step toward one world under God.

ical pattern. Indeed, the convergence today of a wide-spread interest in the East and an Oriental Christian leader with a worldwide concern is more than mere coincidence. Through this meeting of East and West, God is seeking to bring great blessing to America and the world.

The Bicentennial God Bless America Festival will be a time of both celebration and proclamation: celebrating the greatness of our past and proclaiming a revolution for our future! Specifically, the purposes of the Festival are three:

1. To celebrate America's birth in the spirit of thanksgiving. As is clear in the founding documents of our nation, America was born of God's Providence. In her 200 years she has contributed greatly to His work. For this, we celebrate and give thanks.

2. To spark a New American Revolution! The wide-spread deterioration of our national life must be curtailed and reversed. The only way to do this is through establishing a living relationship with God. Our goal, therefore, is to begin a spiritual revolution and actually create "One Nation Under God." Accomplishing this is the surest way to bring God's eternal blessing to America.

3. To work for one world under God. As the universal Father, God is striving for brotherhood among all people. In our nuclear age, the need for us to accomplish this with Him is absolutely imperative. Therefore, we need a movement dedicated to creating a unified world. This movement must originate in America, where all nationalities converge. One Nation Under God is the first step toward one world under God.

America's greatest strength has been her faith in God. This is still the key to the goodness and prosperity of our land. In our Bicentennial year, let us fully celebrate the greatness of our heritage! But let us also re-dedicate ourselves to fulfilling it. As a nation, let us give ourselves to God. In that act of giving lies blessing to our nation and the world for generations to come.

Father's January 25 Speech at Belvedere

"Our Highest Goal is the Perfection... of Love."

Exerpts from January 25 speech entitled: "We Will Turn to Father in the Capacity of True Children" given at Belvedere.

What is our desire? Perfection—perfection of the individual and family. Then we shall be united into one with God and return to His original ideal of creation. Perfection is divided into three levels: perfection of the individual, perfection of our mate, and perfection with our children. In the Unification Church, the base of four positions is the ideal of creation.

Adam and Eve, if they had been perfected individually, would have become husband and wife as one unit. Through their give-and-take of love would come perfected children. Before the perfection of conjugal love, there should be love between brother and sister. Then conjugal love will be elevated into parental love. Each person is supposed to experience all levels of love. Love was supposed to be the foundation of all aspects of life. Love unites. We come back to love as the uniting force; we eventually return to God through love. When you love your neighbor as yourself, that creates unity. Once that unity is found, God will dwell among us.

In the Unification Church we teach the substance of the love of God. The love of God is the combination of the love between brothers and sisters, the love between husband and wife, and love as a parent. If any one of these important components is missing, then we do not deserve to receive the full dosage of love from God. So we must create the capacity to receive the whole aspect of the love of God...

... Marriage is the most holy aspect of human life. In other words, we are destined to fulfill conjugal love. Why? We desire to create the capacity to receive the vertical love of God by perfecting horizon-

experience God-centered love in our lives, we are not entitled to the Kingdom of Heaven. Therefore we must restore this love while on earth. In order for you to become true brothers and sisters, you must have a parent. Without God, nothing can be created; without parents, brothers and sisters cannot exist. Under True Parents we are creating true brothers and sisters. When you experience true parenthood and brotherly relationships, then you are entitled to the higher level of conjugal love. Then you are entitled to have children.

The destruction of love in the Garden of Eden consisted first of the destruction of brotherly love. Then the husband and wife relationship was broken off. The love of children took place after the fall. The principle of restoration is the principle of recreation. Therefore we must get back to the principle of creation to recreate each stage...

The ideal of Adam and Eve starts with one man and one woman and continued throughout the family, tribe, national, world, and cosmic levels and ultimately ends in the heart of God. If there had been no fall, Adam and Eve would have been the central point to bring perfection to all levels. In that perfection, all would be one.

What is God going to do through the Unification Church? We will restore the world and bring the people back to God, creating a new society and new world. If the universe is a body, God is the mind. Just as our body and mind should be united, so should the body and mind of the universe. The Unification Church is bringing the entire world into harmony with the mind of the universe. Where should we start? With power? With cannons? With love. The love of God. The love of God is manifested in the love of brothers and sisters, the love of husband and wife, and the

have created a place where you love your neighbor as yourself, as the Bible says. That kind of spirit expanded into the worldwide level makes the entire world an ideal one. When this kind of intimate relationships prevails throughout the world, it will be the Kingdom of God on earth. This kind of goal is the ideal of Heaven.

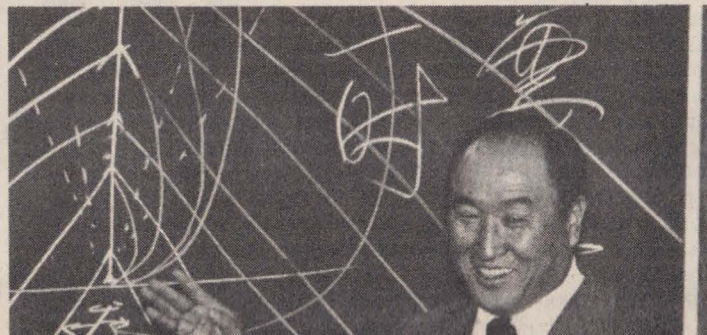
When we advance into each higher level, we have to go over the hill of Calvary. We have to bear the cross. Someone has to pay the price.

When you have God, everything that belongs to God can be yours, you have lordship over the creation. The Unification Church was born of God for the recreation of the ideal world, so we are here to teach and extend this God-centered brotherly love, conjugal love, and parental love so that we can establish the living Kingdom of God on earth. We are chosen as pioneers of the Unification Church. Once we win on the worldwide level, your children will be born within the bounds of perfection.

The most important thing is the full realization that "I am a child of God, that the living God is with me. With His love, I want to perfect my love on all levels." In those relationships of brother and sister, husband and wife, and parents, we are returning to that ultimate goal of God-

centeredness. When you realize God, when you realize the value of the True Parents, then you are entitled to become the children of God under the True Parents. As much as the world belongs to God and the True Parents, it will belong to you. In the horizontal, you are growing with the love of the True Parents; God will give the equal amount vertically. The limit of love is the size of God. When we have perfect God-centered love on the horizontal level, the vertical love of God is automatic.

In our short life span we must cover this long distance from the individual to God. So we must be busy. We are on the road of hardship. But we have something much greater, the love of God. The greater the burden, the greater the love of God. The person who suffers the most is the most glorious one in the sight of God. Wherever you go, God is following you every step. You must have this come to your hearts. When you live this principle, the entire world will come under you and you will become the true children of God. I want you to become shameless people. In order to do that, you must love the world. We must become victorious in the worldwide battle and we must become true sons and daughters of the True Parents under God.



...desire to turn conjugal love, why? we desire to create the capacity to receive the vertical love of God by perfecting horizontal union through husband and wife. By doing so, we derive the vertical love of God. Once we receive the love of God, we cannot get away from it. Once you are united with the love of God, there is nothing in this world that can separate you from it.

Here in America the concept of marriage has been rapidly changing to be like a contract. It's convenient. When the convenience is over, the contract is over. Is this God's way? Where are America's homes today? God cannot stay in the home where the true unity of love is non-existent. God cannot stay in the nation having homes without God. If we would ask God "Where would You like to dwell?" God would answer: "I would like to dwell where there are people whom I can love."

In the Unification Church our highest goal is the perfection of the three kinds of love: brotherly, conjugal, and parental so that we can create the base where God can dwell with us permanently. What is the criteria for success? When you have true brothers and sisters, a true husband or wife, and true children.

The real family is not just a man-made family; there should be vertical love of God intervening from the outset. Then the true ideal family can be born. There is no higher goal and no nobler target. When you are perfected in all three levels you are perfected in receiving the whole of the love of God.

The true realization of love centers around God. Anyone who tries to break up this harmony is evil. Murder is an awful crime, but breaking up love is even worse. The worst enemy is the enemy of love.

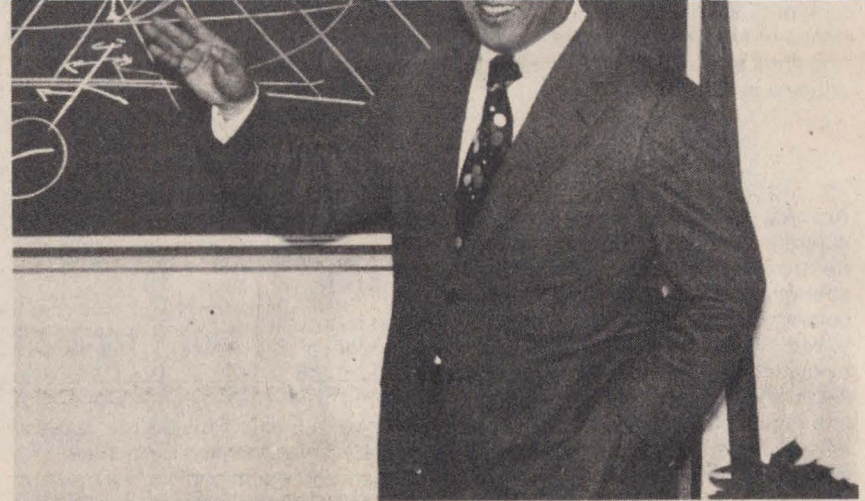
Our philosophy of marriage is based on such a principle. People may be married, but they seldom concentrate their entire effort on their husband or wife. In the heavenly world there is only one direction of love. Husband and wife united together in the name of God must cling together. True freedom comes by abiding by the law of God.

The fall of man brought the loss of these three kinds of love. Since we do not

love. The love of God. The love of God is manifested in the love of brothers and sisters, the love of husband and wife, and the love of parents.

The consequences of the fall affected the entire universe. Without changing the world back to God, our happy home cannot exist. We have to move on; we have to go all the way to bring the world to God. There are seven levels of achievement: individual, family, clan, people, nation, world, and God. Each level should be the subject over the next highest level.

Perfect horizontal love united with vertical love will create a perfect circle. Unless you have a vertical relationship of love, no relationship is true. When you love your clan as much as you do your family, and so on through all levels, you



Father speaking at Belvedere on January 25.



The Reverend Sun Myung Moon And His Church

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS OF PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Unification Church teaches and practices respect for the rights of others in their religious beliefs and practices. We only ask the same for ourselves in return. In this Bicentennial year, shouldn't we remind ourselves that this is what America is all about? □ In response to the urgings of many people who recognize the intolerance and prejudice of recent attacks against the Church, we are presenting the following excerpts from letters of persons who are not Unification Church members but who, as parents or friends of members, hold well informed opinions. □ We urge you to find out for yourself what it is in Reverend Moon's message that has inspired so many intelligent, creative young people to joyfully dedicate their lives to serve God and their fellow man.

The Unification Church has done a lot for our three children. The teachings of the Church have given them a positive direction in life. By studying the **Divine Principles**, they have learned the meaning and purpose of life. They have learned to actualize their teachings, applying them in their daily lives. This has helped to mold their characters, which is evidenced by their behavior in society.

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.



Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rechlis
California

I am not a member of The Unification Church.

I am a concerned parent of a son in this new-to-us movement. As this denomination seems to be capturing the hearts and minds of an ever-growing number of our sons and daughters, perhaps it bears looking into.

In the course of a short, intense visit, I learned a great deal, and I recommend it to you. If you are alienated from your child, step into his or her world for a weekend, reach out your own hand

PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!

The following is taken from an unsolicited essay by Dr. T.S. Miyaday. The author is unknown to Unification Church officials but his thoughts are deeply appreciated.

Our country was originally settled by people from England who believed in the freedom of religion. Our federal and state constitutions guarantee that freedom. There are also statutory laws that prohibit religious discriminations. To every law-abiding American, the freedom to worship according to one's own belief is as precious as the freedom to express one's legitimate ideas.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who has been busy spreading the Gospel according to his own religious belief, has become the object and victim of religious bigotry, parental selfishness, psychological headline hunters, and sensational journalism.

[Also,] there was and is an unmistakable sign of racial prejudice. This is regrettable and unfortunate since it originates from a source that is normally the loudest in denouncing racial prejudice

will recall that they have also left their parent's house, and they should know that they should not deny to their adult children the same right they themselves had exercised earlier in their lives.

It is the consensus of knowledgeable people that the students and followers of the Unification Church are in good hands, and are well taken care of by the Rev. and Mrs. Moon. The atmosphere

reporting, and make reasonable effort to verify the source of their information. As a rule, they do not publish materials that are based on rumors or prejudiced opinions. There are, of course, exceptions to a general rule.

During the recent months, there were several sensational news media that published erroneous reports about Rev. Sun Myung Moon — reports that were based on rumors, wild psychological opinions, and the "say so" of a self-appointed protector of someone else's fully mature children. The publishing of harmful rumors with malice aforethought is bad. But to mix rumors, opinions, racial and religious prejudices, half-truths, and even untruths to create a journalistic "hash", and to present such a questionable product to the unsuspecting public is downright dishonest, and is criminal in nature.

The freedom of the press cannot abridge the freedom of religion and the right to worship according to



We are parents of a 25 year old daughter who has been a dedicated member of this church for two and one-half years and we know, first hand, of the positive and beneficial effects of their objectives and diverse worldwide programs.

Anyone with an open mind and a sincere desire to seek new truths would be spiritually impressed with the total and unselfish dedication of all those who are full-time members of the Unification Church.

If one is concerned about their religious credibility then only a brief observation of their programs and member participation would be sufficient to ascertain the most significant manifestations of any worthwhile religion — **unselfish love and a total commitment to seeking God's will.**

We do not believe all of their theology and philosophy. By the same token we do not embrace all the tenets of Catholicism or some other denominations but they certainly have the right to propagate and teach their theology. And the same right

In the course of a short, intense visit, I learned a great deal, and I recommend it to you. If you are alienated from your child, step into his or her world for a weekend, reach out your own hand, give him a chance to join it with his own, in love...for, I found, love is what Unification Church is all about.

For me, it was beautiful. Like stepping from one world into another. The atmosphere was sure, industrious, supportive, clean, nourished by palpable love...each one for the others in his church family, and more important, for the world.

Mrs. Judith Harris Carter
Virginia



Besides being a parent of a four year member of this Church, I have also had a great deal of first hand experience with them and would like to contribute the following observations I have made about the Unification Church:

1. Moral practices are superior to any other group in my experience. The highest standards are taught by Rev. Moon.

2. Spiritual dedication is unparalleled.

3. The Church is trying to turn the United States to better practices and this may be more urgent than some think!

4. The **Divine Principle** (Church teachings) represents an historical landmark of theological analysis and revelation (whether we believe it all or not).

The Unification Church is strong, has substantial means, and member for member is the most dedicated group that I know of. The local levels and headquarters practices are almost unbelievable in religious commitment. They represent a small scale example of the ideal brother-sister relationships advocated by Jesus and the New Testament authors.

Mr. Fred B. Crist
Delaware

Our 21 year old son, Warren, has with our blessings and affirmative support been an active member of the Unification Church for two years. Typical of this age, as a University of Colorado freshman, Warren had little sense of purpose or goals and little regard for society or himself. Upon joining the Unification Church and understanding its principles, vague indifference was replaced by challenging purpose, drifting by productive leadership activity, sloth by the desire to favorably impress, unconcern by a desire to learn about contemporary problems and solutions. Happiness and personal fulfillment are his daily companions.

Mr. Leslie H. Deming
New York

justice. This is regrettable and unfortunate since it originates from a source that is normally the loudest in denouncing racial prejudice aimed against its people. It is hoped that it was strictly individual or isolated in character, and not representative of the wonderful people that inhabit a large part of Metropolitan New York.

When a young bird has grown enough feathers, it leaves its nest. It is instinct. It is natural. When a son or daughter becomes old enough to be independent, he or she will leave home. If fathers and mothers will only look back into their own youthful days, they

right to worship according to one's belief.

and the teachings are such that they will become good Christians and good citizens. In this modern troubled and confused world, we need more Christians, and even non-Christians, who can spread peace and good will among all mankind.

Generally speaking, most newspapers and other news media are very careful in their

philosophy. By the same token we do not share all the tenets of Catholicism or some other denominations but they certainly have the right to propagate and teach their theology. And the same right belongs to the Unification Church.

The freedom of the press cannot abridge the freedom of religion and the right to worship according to one's belief. America is a Christian nation, and no person can be deported from the United States for preaching the Gospel no matter what any sensational tabloid or other self-appointed protector of someone else's adult children may say.

Dr. Thomas S. Miyadai
New Jersey



My husband and I are Presbyterians. Our son, Gilbert, has been a member of the Unification Church for about five years.

I was skeptical about the Unification Church until I had the opportunity to visit it recently. I have never seen a group of young people with higher morals or more dedicated to improving mankind. The opportunity of seeing so much consideration and love for one's fellow man is almost unheard of today. I am ashamed to say that so many of our so-called society of good church goers, both Catholic and Protestant, do not begin to live the real Christian life like this group of dedicated young people do. The change in our son has made us very happy.

Mrs. June Roschini
Florida



My home for a few days was the US Headquarters for the Church. I've never received so much genuine love and attention. The people there were truly wonderful to me. And I can truthfully say that the people I met there 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.

They (Unification Church members) are not hypocrites, or puppets, and they are not brainwashed. That is a bunch of hogwash. They really feel deeply about what they are doing and are dead serious that their cause is good. But most importantly, they are doing this out of their own free will and truest desire. They are not made to do anything against their will.

Mrs. Peggy Moffitt
Texas



About six years [ago] my daughter decided to become a member. As a mother, naturally, I was quite concerned in the beginning. Rather than sit around at home and worry, I decided to learn all about it. I went to the Church Centers and listened to many lectures, attended services and participated in the many activities of the Church. I did not depend on hearsay, rumors, news media for my information. I studied the books, pamphlets, [etc.] published by the Unification Church...The Church teaches the members to honor and respect their parents, grandparents and relatives...I have heard Reverend Moon speak three times on his Day of Hope tours, and have personally met him. I can say that I stood in awe with humility and deep gratitude to this great man.

Mrs. Shizuko Nishio
California



I am the father of Marilyn Cohen and the father-in-law of Barry Cohen, two members in good standing of the Unification Church. Marilyn's mother, now deceased, was Jewish and I am Jewish as are both parents of my son-in-law, Barry.

I wish to point out that the "hate campaign" letters written [about the Unification Church] are entirely without foundation.

Since Marilyn and Barry have joined the Unification Church they have both come to reach their full maturity and I think that the Unification Church has played an important part in this development.

Mr. Samuel W. Zell
Maryland

Mr. and Mrs. William James Calhoun
Alabama

My daughter, Lynn Doerfler Kim, [has been] a member of the Church for the last six years. I personally visited the Washington Center on two separate occasions, spending one day to two days there at each time. I met all of the people in the Center and found no evidence of any type of activities such as "brainwashing" or exploitation of youth. What I did find was a group of people dedicated to the work of God.

Two years ago Mrs. Doerfler and I visited our daughter in Seoul, Korea, where she was active in the mission activities of the Church. I met many of the leaders of the Church in Korea. I found them to be fine, dedicated people. They have religious beliefs that do not coincide with my personal religious beliefs, but then neither do the beliefs of the Mormon Church, the Unitarian Church, the Roman Catholic Church.

The Unification Church is dedicated to the love of God, to the sanctity of the family, to the avoidance of alcohol, drugs and illicit sexual activities. I must rate them on a very high scale.

Mr. Joseph H. Doerfler
Wisconsin



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February 1

Mrs. Choi Tells of Church's Beginning in South Korea

On Sunday, February 1, Mrs. Choi explained to the members gathered at Belvedere that Father had asked her to speak in his absence. For four Sundays, Mrs. Choi gave vignettes from the history of the Unification Church in Korea, each time preceded by a meditation. Following is her meditation of February 1 and excerpts from that day's speech on describing Mrs. Choi's entrance into the movement. Coming issues will include excerpts of the other three talks.

MEDITATION

Oh God, You are as old as all the time that has passed. And yet You are as young as time is yet to come. Your height, width, and depth I can never measure. I only know that You are of such size that can embrace all that You have created and yet that same immeasurable size can become as nothing so that You can also come and dwell in me, this infinitesimal grain of sand in the vast ocean of life. God, thank you that through an example of a perfect man, Your Son, I learned that in You I can become big enough to accommodate the whole universe.

What a wonderful feeling I have with me at the horizon of my life! You are already there waiting for me. In a tight embrace I become one with You and without difficulty understand Your heart. But alas, when I so ardently wanted to share this blessing with my beloved ones, they rejected it. I could not understand this at first, but now I understand that if I would turn to heaven, I must turn away from the earth. It is more than natural.

You. So You said to him: "You are my flesh, my bones. And sometimes You are My son and My second self." That is God incarnate.

Your son is another You, so he is our visible Father. He is our True Father, having nothing to do with sin or falsehood. He would only give and give to the world and yet receive so little or nothing in return except rejection and persecution. He found a pure unstained bride and married her to make her perfect and mature. What a beautiful thing! Under common Parenthood alone we can really become brothers and sisters of one human family. Coming into the True Family of Divine origin, we are given rebirth into the Heavenly lineage.

Now we understand that God's creation of man was no different from mankind giving birth to children. We understand now that there was a total investment of Your whole being. We are the product of Your love, the love between Father Heaven and Mother Earth. From Heaven we were given the spirit; from earth, the flesh. As we grow and mature, we, too, learn to love and want to multiply. Then we experience the heavy burden of conception and the sharp pangs of labor in childbirth, a new awareness of being parents to a newborn child. We learn to feel a true parent's heart. What pain there is! But the labor we go through is nothing compared to the joy of having the child. We want to be prolific in bringing children to you, even having multiple birth. Raising our children is another whole realm but with every child, love is born anew to make the job easy and joyful. Through experiencing childbirth we really experience all love: parental,

senior girls. We printed handbills in a secret place, led demonstrations shouting "monseis" for the independence of Korea against the Japanese regime, and marched through the many streets of my native town, which is now near Panmunjom. Then I was put in jail for a few weeks.

I chose Christian schools for my high school and college education because those schools taught Korean language and literature while in the government-run schools, Japanese was taught and spoken. I was so serious about the fate of my fatherland.

I was a diligent churchgoer in my high school days, doing it out of obligation. But in my college days I wanted to probe into the deeper truth and mystery of life. But it was in vain because there was no one to give me the answer to my questions. Upon graduation, I received an award citing my high academic accomplishments, high moral virtue, and deep faith in God. I was so conscience-stricken and so deadly serious that I was almost ready to reject the award. But being shy and introverted, I feared that I might arouse attention. So in cowardice I could not do that. After receiving the award, for the first time in my life, I was so serious as to continue to pray and pray in a remote room all by myself for three months. But I ended up not finding God. How I wanted to have God as my personal God directing me all through my future! But I felt my prayers were unanswered. Now I understand that my prayers were answered in a most wonderful way.

Ever since my graduation I worked at Ewha Women's University where I had graduated from, as instructor and then assistant professor and, after studying abroad, as associate professor.

I was exposed to our Church as Dean of Students at the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. At that time, many brilliant students from the campus would go to a very strange group of Christians. The rumor was spreading; the school was very watchful. Dr. Young Oon Kim was sent from her department and I from mine to save the girls from "falling prey to that hated group." Dr. Kim, a graduate from three theological seminaries, gave strong debate. A theological battle was fought; after a certain time she yielded and accepted. At that time she had an unknown sickness which no doctor could define. When she would come to the Church, the sickness would be gone. But when she doubted, it came back with acute pain, as if a warning signal against her negativity.

...Fourteen people joined the movement. All fourteen received the gifts of speaking in tongues or prophecy. We went through great tribulation. The school branded us as heretics. It gave us the alternative: if you want to belong to the Church, then you must leave school. The Korean Constitution grants religious freedom. At the school there were daughters of sorcerers and daughters of atheists, but we were branded as heretics. So we left school. And when we did it, we felt as though we were being decorated by Heaven.

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Once, back in time immemorial, I turned away from You, making a left turn. Then in coming back to You, I had to make a right turn. Having left You, I lived an abnormal life among the sick and crazy people of the satanic world. After being used so long to the abnormal way, people think the abnormal normal and the normal abnormal. I was once like that myself, so I understand them. But from their part, of course, they cannot understand me. But I don't mind crazy people calling me crazy; I only pity them. I don't give them up, just as You don't give up in restoring me. Nevertheless, I cannot afford to go back to the old world even to save them until I am completely cured of my sickness and have become strong enough to be able to bring them to Your side.

Oh God, You are my everything. I can find You in every imaginable capacity. When I am helpless, You are my father. When I am lonely, You are my mother. When I am isolated, You are my friend. Thank you for being my everything. On the horizon in a profound solitude I meet You, with the cares of the world miles away and all the ugly past washed away. Sometimes with the far distance between You and I, I can see You much, much better. Above all, when I find You in a man of Your image I not only see You but also come to know You, understand, and love You with a sensation that is so real and intense.

Thank You for having sent Your son, who is so perfectly Your image as Your representative in human society. If and when You are clearly reflected in a man, it is quite safe to call him God incarnate; You have told us that we, too, can become as perfect as our Heavenly Father is perfect. I want to resemble You, Father. That is my only desire.

It is so strange and frustrating that no one has ever truly seen himself or herself directly but only as reflected in a mirror. I know, God, that You too could not look at Yourself directly; therefore You created man to enjoy looking at Yourself reflected in a person of Your creation who is another

to be born anew to make the job easy and joyful. Through experiencing childbirth we really experience all love: parental, fraternal, conjugal, and filial.

Thank You, Father, again and again for having given us new life—life dedicated for Your great cause, which is worth living and dying for. We welcome this opportunity to shed tears, sweat, and blood. We will not hold back from the fight because we know that we cry to build a world without tears and we fight to build a world where there will never be fighting again. Our hearts sing in Your praise, drumming out a loud pitch to You. For all this, I turn to You. In the Name of our True Parents, Amen.

THE EARLY DAYS

I was born in 1916 in a well-to-do and decent family as an only child: my mother's side being Christian and my father's side being Confucian. In her dream of the coming child, my mother saw a sun rising from the East and moon rising from the West, dashing toward each other to meet on the zenith of the sky to become one in what seemed to be a heavenly marriage. Both of my physical parents entertained a secret expectation of my becoming a great person in the future. But in their limited conservative thoughts, they asked the question: "How can a girl become a great person except by marrying a great man?" Without a single exception I said: "I will marry God." They were deeply worried and very sad because according to a Korean saying, if a girl should denote some connection with a celestial thing in talking about herself, it would mean short life because going to heaven means premature death.

I was a happy girl, leading a life without many ups and downs until my junior high school days, when there were student uprisings against the Japanese regime. I was a shy, introverted girl, but to the utter surprise of my family, I initiated an independence movement with the help of some



Mrs. Choi giving her testimony at Belvedere.

Nation Begins 120-Day Prayer Condition for Yankee Stadium

The movement-wide "120-Day Condition of Prayer and Rededication" began on Friday, January 30 and will continue through May 28 or the exact date of Yankee Stadium. On February 28 Mr. Kamiyama and Mr. Salonen spoke on the meaning of the condition; excerpts of their remarks follow.

If possible, the prayer condition should start at 6:30 a.m. It should consist of one hour of active praying. At Headquarters the condition consists of 12 cycles of 10 days. Each cycle has a theme, such as the role of the Unification Church in America. A two-hour outdoor prayer vigil from 11 p.m. to 1 a.m. marks the end of each cycle. It is preceded by an hour preparatory meeting and a testimonial meeting on the following morning.

Mr. Kamiyama

I want you to know the significance of this campaign and the main points which you should include in your prayers. The Yankee Stadium campaign is a very historical campaign. If we should fail in this campaign, then human beings and the whole world will suffer because of our failure. Father has said that this time is as serious as the time when Jesus Christ prayed in Gethsemane. Jesus Christ's prayer at Gethsemane was so serious as to determine the future of mankind; in the same way, the Yankee Stadium campaign will decide the future destiny of mankind.

This speech will be Father's public proclamation in the growth stage, as the Madison Square Garden speech was his public proclamation in the formation stage, and the Washington Monument speech will be his proclamation in the perfection stage. As you know, the growth stage is very important. The fall came in the completion level of the growth stage,

eventually be eliminated from the world. At that time the Communist regime, which doesn't measure up to God's standard, will be eliminated. Why is it that Communism, shouting that God doesn't exist and God has died, has expanded so much all over the world? It is because we do not have a single nation which is of the standard to be accepted by God.

So in this significant historical moment if America can contribute something to God's dispensation, then how much God will bless America! From the Principle we understand that if you contribute something to others, then you yourself will be blessed and rewarded. So if America can contribute something to other countries and to the world, then America will be blessed with good fortune. But if America continues to withdraw from the world, then America can never receive the heavenly blessing.

God is turning away from America and we must draw Him back again to this country. If the people of America cannot understand this situation and contribute everything they have to God, then we, as representatives of America, must contribute everything we have to God in their names. It is our mission to bring God's blessing back to this country.

We must have the inner heart to

spread God's gospel to all the corners of the world. The destiny of America is on our shoulders and the destiny of the entire world is on our shoulders, so we are carrying a heavy responsibility. But we must do it.

God is depending on us, so in responding to God's desire we must show our faith and we must fulfill our missions. We must pray and we must actualize our prayers: prayer and action. Please be responsible to fulfill the 120-day prayer condition. The time and length of the prayer is up to each department, but please take responsibility to fulfill this 120-day prayer condition with deep, deep prayer—the deepest prayer we have ever had—in order to satisfy God. Even though we may pray a long time, if it doesn't satisfy God then it is nothing. We must offer our deepest prayer in order to satisfy God, and we must pray strongly in order to avoid Satan's invasion. With this prayer we must push back all the pressure and heaviness with which Satan is covering this country. The more we pray, the more Satan must withdraw. We must peel away the veil with which Satan has covered us, one by one. Since Satan knows the significance of this Yankee Stadium campaign, Satan is trying in many areas to invade, so we must establish a stronghold to prevent Satan's attack.

Mr. Salonen

I have been trying to understand more deeply the significance of the Yankee Stadium campaign: what God wants to accomplish and our responsibility. Because our lives are so busy, it's very easy just to accept each new project, to tackle it and want to bring success because it is Father's project, but only later understand its deep significance. It would be much more meaningful if we could really share God's viewpoint from the beginning, praying to understand God's expectation from the earliest. Based on this understanding I think we'd be able to work much more effectively, too.

As Mr. Kamiyama pointed out, from a vertical point of view, God created America to use one nation as a representative of His ideal, so He brought people from all over the world to one nation, and He poured out His blessing upon this nation. The history of America is so rich with God. There are so many examples of how men who believed in God sacrificed themselves. Throughout history there are many nations with a very glorious history, but something that's very unique about the American history is the motivation behind the people who founded it. They came here

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Headquarters Building Welcomed Crowds As Festival Campaign Begins

In preparation for the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival, the Headquarters Building has been opening its doors to the people of New York. On February 12 was the first in a series of Bicentennial God Bless America banquets. About 180 guests—twice the number expected—packed the ballroom and surrounding rooms of the 43rd Street building. The varied, international audience enjoyed a full course dinner and entertainment by the Korean Folk Ballet and Sunburst, a speech by Mr. Salonen introducing the God Bless American Festival, and the Madison Square Garden movie.

As the first large event centering on the Yankee Stadium crusade, its success was a good omen. Accordingly, the next banquet, held on February 26, also brought a good crowd from the Oriental community in New York City.

On Friday, February 13 scores of New Yorkers again visited the building during their lunch break as the second in the series of open houses featured the Korean Folk Ballet. More than 150 people came; many stayed to hear a lecture.

speech will be his proclamation in the perfection stage. As you know, the growth stage is very important. The fall came in the completion level of the growth stage, so we must never fail in this growth stage campaign. Even though we are not surrounded by the most favorable circumstances, we must bring absolute success in Yankee Stadium. This is our situation.

The purpose for which Father was sent to this earth was to establish a God-centered family. The blessing ceremony began in 1960 when Father's family was recognized by God and has expanded to three couples and 12, 36, 72, 124, 430, 777, and 1,800 couples. But God is not satisfied and wants to bless more couples, who will then become the mainstream of God's dispensation.

You must have an eager heart to receive the blessing, and you must be serious. You must establish yourself as an individual accepted by God; steadfast, and free from satanic temptations. Your next mission is to establish one family centered on God. And you must expand this foundation to the tribe and national levels. This must be done simultaneously, so while you are establishing yourself as an individual centered on God, you must also be finding one nation centered on God. You must be very busy, because this kind of mission cannot be prolonged for a long time but must be accomplished in this significant moment in God's dispensation.

In the world there are so many countries but none is accepted by God. Out of these many countries God must find one nation which can be qualified to be restored to God. So God is trying to restore one individual and at the same time God is trying so hard to restore one nation.

The Yankee Stadium rally will be given to God as an offering to restore one nation. It is my strong conviction and belief that if we can offer victory to God at the time of Yankee Stadium, it will be a very good condition for the restoration of one nation. If God has one restored nation to stand on, He can begin the judgment based on the standard set by that one nation. Any nations which cannot measure up to the standard of God's nation will

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Guests linger after God Bless America Festival Banquet.

The Korean Folk Ballet performs the Angel Dance for a packed Open House at the Headquarters Building.



Barrytown

Heartbeat System Launched

A "heartbeat" system has been inaugurated amongst pioneers in the field in order to build greater unity and further inspire the Pentecostal spirit. At a meeting of Evangelists and IW's at Barrytown on February 3-5, a weekly workshop system bringing all pioneers from bi-state areas to a central point was created as the structure of this new system.

Each workshop will have a three-fold purpose. The Divine Principle will be taught to guests brought by pioneers, with pioneers taking lecturing and staff positions as appropriate. Each pioneer has the goal to bring at least one guest each weekend. The gathering also offers an opportunity for fundraising coordination—several pioneers form up teams at the workshop site. In addition, there will be an internal evangelical meeting each week.

A new training system for members brought in by pioneers was also discussed at the meeting. After each weekend workshop guests who want to further study the Divine Principle may participate in a five-day program during the following week. This program is to replace the 7-day workshop for pioneers and is to be the responsibility of each bi-state area. A fourteen day program to be conducted at a regional level is also being looked into.

There are now a total of ten Barrytown evangelists—one for each region. The five new evangelists are: Phillip Burley, Ron Pepper, Andy Compton, Kevin McCarthy, and James Anderson.

Prayer, Fellowship, and Action Inspire Pioneers at Workshop

When Barrytown evangelists first went to their regions, they held Evangelical workshops for all pioneers. Following is an account of one such workshop, the first evangelical workshop for pioneers in the Connecticut area.

by Perry Cordill
New Jersey Director

Pioneer brothers and sisters from Connecticut, New Jersey, upstate New York and Pennsylvania arrived for our Evangelical Workshop on January 19, 1976 at the large New Haven center, greeted by Hiroko Ataki, Connecticut IW. For the next seven days we had an intensive search for depth in our relationship with God and a Pentecostal renewal, with the guidance of Tom McDevitt and Richard Buessing.

On the first day we began at 6:30 a.m. with our prayer offensive, led by Mr. McDevitt. The prayer was very strong, laying a good foundation for the sessions to come. The first session featured reports from pioneers, chiefly from Connecticut and New Jersey. Pioneers spoke deeply about their problems. Loss of deep prayer life and lack of following a set schedule caused witnessing and street speaking difficulties. This led to despondency about mission. After hearing these testimonies, Hisako Watanabe spoke strongly about the fact that despite our sin, we were chosen. After repentance, she said, comes action to fulfill the will of God. She said to pray: "Father, I am not enough, but choose Your children through me." She advised a positive outlook because repentance can cause one to go to the extreme of feeling sorry for oneself. "Make new determination to really win a victory," she said. "Father trusts us to overcome impurities, so we must do it." She pointed out that we must deeply understand the Divine Principle to be real leaders. She advised that we study the Principle daily and that we not lose sight of the fact that pioneers are the Mes-

siah to our city—thus, we must overcome all difficulties and really take over, smashing Satan out of the city which God has given us to restore.

Before we went on our prayer vigil that night, Tom McDevitt talked on repentance and prayer to accomplish our mission through bringing a new Pentecost to our city and state. We must ask ourselves, he said: "What was my sin? Did I do all that I could do?" Repentance, he said, should cover the following points: Repentance for not fulfilling our mission in the Providence, repentance for the failure of the Unification Church to accomplish in the past, and repentance for America not having truly been the nation which God wanted it to be. We should pray, he said, for America to be reborn and raised sinlessly to be the representatives of God. Finally, he said, we should ask God for rebirth and forgiveness.

At the park in New Haven where the Holy Ground is located, we silently climbed the hill through the snow to a high flat area in the forest where we earnestly began our search for Pentecost. The prayer lasted four hours. Brothers and sisters shouted and prayed tearfully for God's forgiveness of personal, Church, and national sin. But it was not until the last half that God's spirit really moved and the prayer became desperate. We cried out in unison prayer to our Heavenly Father on behalf of mankind, our nation, our city. It was the most amazing experience to raise arms to Heaven, asking for God to ground Himself on the earth through us to bring Pentecost to His lost children. Some pioneers removed hat, coat, gloves and scarves to pray in sweaters and shirtsleeves.

I felt like fallen man begging to receive God as my true Father and Mother. The prayer was my most intense experience in my six years in the Unification

Church. January 22, the next day, was my re-birthday; I really felt reborn and completely cleansed internally and externally. Another pioneer and I talked about how incompletely we had been raised before—there were so many things which we never knew about the realities of repentance and rebirth and becoming a purified channel for God to speak to His lost children. We are becoming the true Christians through repentance and rebirth and through the motto of the Evangelical Workshop: "Let God take over the meeting." Christians have said it for years but it seemed too passive: we weren't doing our 5%, we thought. However, it is only by allowing God to take over that we are able to be really effective.

During our prayer on the mountain I saw President Eu and the Korean spirit world in white robes descend on my right side. During a prayer in our van on Thursday morning Mr. Eu and the Korean spirit world again descended. Then Mr. Eu bowed and our Parents appeared. Father began to direct the Korean spirit world, sending them in all directions through New Haven to aid our work.

Through our 100% prayer we could witness 100% for two and a half days. Brothers and sisters hit the streets of New Haven, bringing a total of 14 guests to the workshop on the weekend. Most other workshops are preceded by 7-10 days witnessing, but we were able to bring 14 in that short time. Out of the 11 who stayed the whole weekend, 7 went to 7-day training in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

After the experience of the high-spirited workshop, everyone was anxious to return to the field. Brothers and sisters who couldn't witness or street speak were able to break through and win people to the workshop. Even those who could not bring a guest left absolutely determined to bring Pentecost to their own cities.

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120-Day Prayer Condition

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in order to create one nation under God.

From the earliest beginning of this nation, we have been very aware of man's responsibility as a child of God, and we wanted to create one place where that would be respected.

Only recently we lost much of that feeling. America is not very religious today. Prayer has been taken out of the schools; people don't really have a deep and living faith in God. I was moved when we went to various Senators' and Congressmen's offices—there were a number of pictures of the early days in Congress, showing people of the Congress praying before they began deliberations. Nowadays at the opening of every session of Congress the chaplain comes out, says a very brief prayer, and then he goes. Usually there's hardly anyone in the chamber—they only come when it's time to vote. And sometimes even when he's saying that prayer they're all scattered around, quickly discussing their notes. It is just a ritual.

When Congress began the people used to get down on their knees and bury their heads in their chairs. And they really prayed for God to guide them in leading this nation, because they knew what a difficult task it was.

But slowly that feeling faded. Will Rogers, a comedian, used to say that the chaplain would come out, look at the Congress, and then pray for the nation.

From God's point of view, He gave America so many things, and now this generation of Americans is just using those things for our own purpose. We are withdrawing from the world. We are turning our back on the problems of our fellow human beings, on our own ancestors from so many other countries throughout the world.

All America now needs to be mobilized by God to proclaim this great

message at this crucial time of the Second Advent. But because America is not in the position to do that, then the first meaning of the Yankee Stadium campaign is as a symbolic offering. Several hundred thousand Americans—Father always uses the number 200,000 because that number represents 200 million Americans—not only giving thanks for the blessings that God has given to America but rededicating themselves to the purpose of America—will create the condition for God to claim not just that victory but all of America. We are gathering together Americans as a symbolic offering of the entire nation. Very little has been offered by America to God in these last 200 years, and so we must alleviate God's feeling by making this offering a symbolic representation of the whole nation turning to Him and giving thanks.

If we can be successful in doing this, then God can accept that condition. If that offering is really pure, if those people really understand the purpose, if they unite with us in the spirit of this campaign, then God can accept that offering in order to maintain His blessings in America and use us to proclaim His ideal, establishing the foundation for His kingdom throughout the world.

But if we were to fail in the Yankee Stadium campaign it means that no one could come back and give thanks to God. Nothing would be offered to God, and by the Principle, God would have to turn further and further from America.

So the first meaning of the Yankee Stadium campaign is to make an offering to God in thanksgiving for everything that He has given to us. For the offering to be accepted it must be pure. If the Unification Church is in the position of a sacrifice making that offering, then are we acceptable? Is our motivation really pure?

Throughout this 120-day condition it

is important for us to purify ourselves to be worthy to accept this responsibility. When we go out to reach the people of America we have to be worthy to speak in God's position, in His name. If the people don't come to hear Father because of some impurity or failure within us, then it is not the people or God who has to bear that responsibility, it is us. It is very awesome to be called by God to act in this position. If we really pray to Him that He could lift us up to be His purified representatives, then there is no question in Father's mind that through us God can bring together this great offering. This is a crucial point.

That is the most important meaning of the Yankee Stadium campaign. But there is another very important step which is also directly tied to the establishment of the foundation here in America. Right now as our movement is growing we are in the critical point. Mr. Kamiyama already said that the growth stage is the most crucial because it represents the period where Adam and Eve fell, or where Jesus was crucified. So it is the point of failure in history that has to be indemnified and gone beyond so that we can open up the next stage—the stage which has never been pioneered, the perfection stage. So for us to open up the third century of American history and to really make it a golden age when God's ideal can come about in reality, then we have to be able to go beyond this failure and pay the price to indemnify those crucial failures.

Right now Satan is working. If God's greatest desire is to make this campaign a successful offering, then we can be sure that it is also Satan's greatest desire to stop it. When the Guru had his great meeting in the Houston Astrodome, he called it a great Millennium of Peace, and he was going to fill up the Houston Astrodome. But even the biggest figure, in a stadium which seats 50,000 people, was something

like 10,000. After that his movement rapidly declined because it was considered finished—a movement whose time, like a swelling wave, had just passed.

Before the Madison Square Garden campaign many people against our movement were predicting failure. Why did they say that? Because they really believe that? Not at all. Because they know that the American people are very impressionable, and in America—and probably throughout the world—people respect success.

If people can see something that's active, growing, and alive, then right away they want to find out what's behind it. The enemies of our Church didn't want us to fill Madison Square Garden. So they tried to convince the people in advance that it couldn't be done. Now, if you thought that Madison Square Garden was going to be a complete failure, then you don't want to be one of the 10 or 15 fools who went. I am sure also that there will be a tremendous media campaign before Yankee Stadium that Rev. Moon can never fill it up—it will be a complete disaster. I'm sure a few people will stand up and say, "I wouldn't go to Yankee Stadium for anything." And probably they won't.

But there are more than 10 million people in the New York area. Let us really pledge in the next 120 days to pour out all of our efforts into making this campaign a great success. The future of America—the future of the entire world—literally depends on the success at Yankee Stadium for all those reasons.

It is not just another campaign. It cannot be viewed by others as just a program; rather it represents the culmination of the fruit of the Unification Church movement in America and throughout the world. Father is focusing everything here. Victory brings great results. Failure would bring terrible consequences. The responsibility is on our shoulders.



Pam Fanshier describes her experiences to the press as Mark Goodman listens. Sue Tuttle is in the background.

February 11

Church Confronts Ted Patrick In Press Conference and in Person

Opponents of the Unification Church had their days in the sun on Wednesday

We chose to call a press conference

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Opponents of the Unification Church had their days in the sun on Wednesday, February 11 and again on Wednesday, February 18. On February 11, Ted Patrick made a bid for national attention, with a "march" on the White House: It was a flop. Unfortunately, Rabbi Davis's "question and answer session"—more accurately a pseudo-hearing—sponsored by Senator Dole, followed one week later. Out of the experiences we have gained a clearer perception of our opponents and some insight into stemming the tide of persecution.

In his bulletin "Lightening News" announcing the march and appealing for funds, Patrick claimed that busloads would be coming to his "march on Washington" from New York, Pennsylvania, Texas, Ohio, and Connecticut in February. Said Patrick of his plans:

"In the past there have been dozens of parents and ex-cult members who have gone to Washington to speak with various representatives of the government. This has turned out to be a waste of time and money on their part as nothing came of it, but with the backing of hundreds of people from all over the nation and a picket line of these people, we will be able to attract attention to our cause and hopefully those in our government who have the power to do something about this dangerous situation will be forced to listen. Most politicians only act under pressure and a picket line will apply this pressure by bringing our message into focus through nationwide media coverage. The President and the U.S. Attorney General have completely ignored our cries for help. They seem unaware that men like Moon have been trying to infiltrate our government. . . . It is a must that Moon and other cult leaders be stopped to save our families and our country. We urge each and every one of you to participate in this march. . . ."

In a closing appeal for contributions, Patrick said: "How can we sit back. . . without helping those who so desperately need our aid to help combat the most vicious threat to our families and our country this nation has ever known?"

We chose to call a press conference with escaped kidnap victims on the morning of Patrick's demonstration in Washington, D.C., in order to expose Patrick and appeal for cooperation in locating Wendy Helander. Simultaneously, the *Washington Post* carried the second in our series of public information statements: "The Reverend Sun Myung Moon and His Church—Excerpts from letters of parents and friends." Making statements at the conference were kidnapping victims Mark Goodman and Pam Fanshier and local IFA members Genie Innis and Herb Brown.

In his opening statement, Mr. Salonen said to the press:

"In recent weeks, there has been a very intolerant and unjustified attack made upon the religious freedom of the members of the Unification Church. Our organization and our founder Reverend Moon have been the object of a vicious smear campaign. Members of Capitol Hill—Congressmen and Senators—have received hate mail, with many unjustified attacks, many unsubstantiated charges. Kidnappings have taken place; our members have been brutalized; our members have been denied their civil rights, in addition to their right of the freedom to hold their own religious beliefs. And all of this has not received adequate attention, either from

the news media or, in our opinion, from the legal authorities to defend and support our members as individuals, as citizens in their rights.

"In America—particularly in our Bicentennial year—we should remind ourselves that this country was based on the freedom of expression. As a church, we preach and practice tolerance of all other religious faiths and of non-religious people. We are vigorous in asserting our beliefs and our values, and we're vigorous in seeking to promote the general welfare of mankind. But we have not denied the same rights that we ask for ourselves to others, and yet we suffer from intolerance

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Ted Patrick with his demonstrators in front of the White House.



Mr. Salonen talks to a TV news reporter as Pam Fanshier looks on.

Ted Patrick

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on those very points.

"At this conference, I would like to ask the cooperation of the news media in projecting the real story of these events to the American people. And also, to underscore and reveal the untold story of the Unification Church and some of its members.

"On November 30, 1973, when our nation was in midst of a great crisis centering around the entire Watergate affair, Reverend Moon issued the "Watergate Statement," which was not a political

her trial establishing her sanity, and her freedom.

"I've talked to a lot of reporters, and a lot of people from the press, but somehow I feel that the true meaning of my experiences has not been conveyed to the public. . . . A lot of people don't even know about some of the physical brutality that my parents put me through, because in myself I couldn't accept it. So I haven't released this to the press, but I think that I have to now so that the American public can know.

"I can't express to you what it's like

parents! They've been fed so many lies. . . so much trash.

"And then to sit across from my father—six feet away from him—during a hearing where he was trying to prove that I was mentally insane! There are no words for that! All this was because of people like Ted Patrick."

After Genie and Herb spoke of their families and their participation in the IFA, questions from the press brought discussion back to deprogramming. One reporter wanted to know why this was happening. Mr. Salonen gave a detailed reply:

it is being treated very seriously, it has been very popular, and it has attracted large numbers of adherents."

"But why do parents keep taking their kids away from you?" asked a reporter. Mr. Salonen replied: "You have to ask them directly. My own opinion is that they've been deceived by a few people who cannot agree with our beliefs or who are intolerant of them and are therefore feeding some of the most outrageous lies. . . . The parents are becoming victims of an organized propaganda effort."

nation was in midst of a great crisis centering around the entire Watergate affair. Reverend Moon issued the "Watergate Statement," which was not a political statement. It was a statement of Christian conscience: that the atmosphere of hate, and the divisive struggle in this country would leave scars that would take our country decades to recover from. Therefore he called upon all Americas to forgive, love and unite. Those people who, for whatever reasons, used the Watergate affair to attack our former President Nixon, found the Unification Church its enemy and began a systematic attack to discredit our members, our founder, and all of our activities.

"The Unification Church is not a political organization, nor does it have political interest. We promote the harmony and the unity of different groups in our society, and as such, we have sponsored many movements in the cultural sphere through the International Cultural Foundation, and the academic sphere through the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences and in many other areas to promote harmony and cooperation.

"We will cooperate with any legitimate government authority. We do not fear any investigations. But, in fact, there is at present no investigation of the Unification Church, although the man in the street might believe quite the contrary due to statements that have been made in the press.

"Very little examination has been done of those who are making the charges. Prominent among these is Mr. Ted Patrick, a criminal who masquerades behind a religious aura. We find him to be dangerous, when in fact it is he who has criticized us as being dangerous. He is a mercenary, he is for hire, and he is interested in promoting his organization and its financial footing.

"I ask the cooperation of the press to listen today to the real story of the Unification Church.

After Mark Goodman described the circumstances of his kidnapping, Pam Fanshier visibly moved the normally hard-bitten reporters with her story of kidnapping, deprogramming, escape, rekidnapping, admission to a mental hospital,

released this in the press, but I think that I have to now so that the American public can know.

"I can't express to you what it's like to be locked in a motel room with 15 people, and your parents sitting there screaming at you, and... telling you the most ridiculous, outrageous lies!

"And I can't tell you what it's like to be taken in a car to a mental institution. The police left me. I begged. I pleaded with them. I said, 'You can't leave me here alone. My parents are going to kidnap me again!' This was the second time. And they walked off and left me. They wouldn't give me any protection.

"I have never told anybody these things. This is what's happening! This is what these deprogrammers are doing to my

questions from the press without discussion back to deprogramming. One reporter wanted to know why this was happening. Mr. Salonen gave a detailed reply:

"First of all, the so-called 'king of the deprogrammers', Ted Patrick, began by kidnapping and brainwashing members of the Children of God, which is a different religious organization. It was unfortunate that a recent article in the *Reader's Digest* lumped together a number of new religious organizations. We may be similar in that we're all relatively new, but at that point, the similarity ends. The other groups do not grow as fast, or do not make as significant a social statement as does the Unification Church. I believe that our movement is a significant movement for Judeo-Christianity as a whole. Therefore,

feeding some of the most outrageous lies. . . . The parents are becoming victims of an organized propaganda effort."

Thereafter the press expressed some confusion about deprogramming, some even indicated incredulity that such crimes are being perpetrated by our accusers—"I can't conceive of it!" said one.

Mr. Salonen concluded: "As a result of all this controversy, we're hoping that a much more informed public opinion will come about. People who are the opinion leaders in our society are being forced to consider the question of brainwashing and make some conclusion. The one thing I'm depending on is that our movement is growing fast. Ted Patrick's movement can never grow faster than our movement, be-

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One of Patrick's demonstrators includes kidnapper of Mark Goodman on the left.



Mr. Salonen meeting with Ted Patrick. Olivia Kerns is in the rear, Dr. Bergman is to the right of Patrick.

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cause he's feeding off of it. He's a parasite."

Meanwhile, a handful of Patrick supporters walked in front of the White House, carrying anti-"cult" slogans denouncing the Unification Church, Scientology, Charles Manson, and the SLA in Patrick's typical indiscriminating style. Few of the participants were parents; none were recognizable as parents of Unification Church members. Among them were Patrick's hired kidnapers, including one of Mark Goodman's assailants out of jail. The media paid them some attention, in some cases describing them as pro-Patty Hearst demonstrators.

Later Wednesday afternoon Mr.

Lieberman from Pennsylvania, and other cohorts, including an undisclosed journalist. Dr. William Bergman, James Gavin and Olivia Kearns accompanied Mr. Salonen.

Mr. Salonen, who had initiated the meeting began the discussion by explaining that he would like to understand Patrick's motivation for his anti-Church activities. Patrick went through the now-familiar yet ambiguous story of his alarm at his son's involvement with the Children of God. Mr. Salonen explained that we are quite different from the Children of God and in any case, Patrick's methods would be unjustified in a free society. Patrick countered that we were worse than the Children of God because we press charges

replying to each question with another question, demanding a yes-or-no answer.

"Is Moon sinless?" he repeated. Any sentence not beginning with "yes" or "no" he quickly interrupted. "Yes or no. Is he sinless?" It became clear that he was unwilling to accept any answer which was not *his* answer. He brought up the worn out accusations of Rev. Moon's many supposed marriages and sexual rites involved in the Blessing. When Mr. Salonen asked for proof, Patrick changed the subject, preferring to perpetuate the lies rather than hear the truth.

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lic address system that the flag would be displayed in as part of the hotel's daily commemoration of the Bicentennial. When people in traditional costume carried the flag through the lobby to the tune of the file-and-drum music, Patrick's people laughed. Mrs. Lieberman said, "Isn't that silly?" Mr. Salonen said. Embarrassed, the group silenced its snickers and also rose.

Patrick showed interest in two proposals: for a national TV debate and a set-up "deprogramming" between himself and a Church member. If he could not deprogram the member chosen to undergo the experience, he said, he would quit deprogramming Unification Church members and join himself. Each, for the time being is remaining a proposal. It is doubtful that

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Later Wednesday afternoon Mr. Salonen met with Ted Patrick in the lobby of the Statler Hilton Hotel. Ted Patrick was accompanied by his secretary Sondra Sachs, strong supporters Mrs. and Mrs.

be unjustified in a free society. Patrick countered that we were worse than the Children of God because we press charges against parents—quite probably an untrue statement, also ignoring the fact that this has been done only as a result of Patrick's kidnappings.

Patrick then adopted the technique of

The only point when Patrick dropped playing deprogrammer was when Mr. Salonen suggested that he could become another Paul if he ever seriously studied the Divine Principle. Patrick was taken aback. One other incident ruffled Patrick's group. In the middle of the conversation an announcement came over the hotel's pub-

licizing Unitarian Church members and join himself. Each, for the time being is remaining a proposal. It is doubtful that Patrick would honor his word and desist from deprogramming. The meeting itself also revealed that rational discussion with Patrick is now impossible and that any public attempt could be demeaning.

February 18

Parents Rally Behind Church as Opponents Use Congressional Forum

"Pseudo-hearing," "media show," "window-dressing," "trial by media" and "Inquisition" are appropriate synonyms for Rabbi Davis's February 18 "Day of Affirmation and Protest" in Washington, D.C. Plans had been brewing since the beginning of the year, when Senator Dole of Kansas responded to pressure from negative parents in his state. Since then his office has cooperated with them, Dr. Swope, and Rabbi Davis to provide a free-wheeling forum for Church opponents. Ironically located in the room where Father gave his 1974 address on Capitol Hill, it was billed as an opportunity for concerned parents to present their questions to federal officials. Senator Dole invited representatives from the Internal Revenue Service, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, the Criminal Division of the Justice Department, the Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the Department of Labor, the Postal Service and the Federal Trade Commission.

There were no answers coming from the officials, because the accusers could bring no evidence. And there were few parents. Most of the spokesmen were deprogrammed Church members, known negative agitators, and others invited by Rabbi Davis. Although the media accepted Rabbi Davis's figure of 300 parents, Church observers say that there were fewer

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The Senate Caucus room, already filled with Church opponents, holds some members and their parents standing in the back, while many more had to remain in the hall.



Parents Rally Behind Church

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than 100 people with any present connection with the Church. One parent, trying to create the impression that they represented a public outcry against the Church, admitted that they had brought in a whole busload from North Carolina with only one parent. And all this was to be done with doors open to the media, to Congress and their staffs, in fact to anyone except *those in sympathy with the Unification Church!*

In the middle of January President Salonen wrote to Senator Dole, asking to

ing at the Capitol. Each congressman received copies of the following two telegrams addressed to Senator Dole:

"We are parents of young men and women who are members of the Unification Church; we are writing to express our support of their commitment. Anti-church groups at your meeting on Wednesday do not represent our views nor in our opinion the views of most parents of church members. You have not only lent the dignity of Congress to this apparent effort to stifle

the group to offer any defense of itself is a threat to all religions. It can only serve to be a trial by media under the blanket of Congressional prestige. We urge you to reconsider the dangerous significance and precedent of your actions." (followed by the names of over 200 ministers)

Meanwhile, on Tuesday, we contacted the governmental agencies to inquire why each was participating. In each case, they felt obliged to respond to the invitation of the Senator. Also on Tuesday,

group, and were puzzled when, although the parents answered "yes," they were cool in their response. After one woman responded with hostility, Mrs. Jones and Mrs. Edwards confronted the unbelievable coincidence that Rabbi Davis had chosen the same hotel for his group!

Later Mr. Salonen met with the parents explaining the motives of our opponents and describing our present projects. The meeting was open. In contrast, the opponents had a meeting which was closed

in sympathy with the Unification Church!

In the middle of January President Salonen wrote to Senator Dole, asking to meet with him—Mr. Salonen wanted the Senator to reconsider the format of the meeting. No response. No response from visits by our members. After coming to Washington for the February 11 press conference, Dr. Bergman and a number of our deprogrammed members remained to talk with interested Congressmen and media. The returned kidnap victims from Kansas, Sue Tuttle and Pam Fanshier, were denied to see the Senator at that time.

The response to the two telegrams was overwhelming—over 800 parents and 200 ministers were rallied to our support by our members by Monday night! The two telegrams and the list of signers was ready for distribution early Tuesday morn-

the views of most parents of church members. You have not only lent the dignity of Congress to this apparent effort to stifle religious freedom, but your repeated refusal to meet representatives of the Church is unfair to our children, whose reputations are at stake. We must protest this injustice in the name of God. (Followed by the names of 800 parents)

"Our forefathers came to this country in order to obtain religious freedom. As clergymen of different faiths, we firmly support the right of anyone to practice the religion of his choice. We are shocked and dismayed at the one-sided meeting you have arranged between opponents of one religious group, the Unification Church, and several government agencies. The closed format of the meeting, including your failure to provide an opportunity for

quire why each was participating. In each case, they felt obliged to respond to the invitation of the Senator. Also on Tuesday, Sue Tuttle and Pam Fanshier were finally able to see the Senator. The drama of the visit was heightened by the presence of Mrs. Tuttle and the Fanshiers in the Senator's office at the same time. Senator Dole denied their request for him to see Mr. Salonen and refused to take the telegrams seriously. (Senator Dole did later respond to Mr. Salonen's request, granting him an appointment on Monday, February 23.)

On Tuesday night, Mrs. Betsy Jones and Mrs. Hillie Edwards prepared to greet parents of our members at the Sheraton Park Hotel. They saw some familiar faces, asked if they were with the Unification

and describing our present projects. The meeting was open. In contrast, the opponents had a meeting which was closed to everyone except the press. It was later closed to the press after they discovered a Scientology reporter. Dr. George Swope, chairing the meeting, claimed that the "affirmation" part of the "Day of Affirmation and Protest" was "our right to our children." He then accused the "cults" of depriving American young people of the "higher socializing process of society" by alienating them from family, government, and their former religions. "This was a tremendous loss to the American dream," he continued. Although his daughter was out of the Unification Church, he said, "I have to see that other young people get out, too. I plan to stay until America is cleansed of this national danger."

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Mr. Salonen greets parents at the Sheraton Park Hotel on Tuesday night

With dozens of TV cameras rolling, Senator Dole introduced the government representatives and turned over the three-hour meeting to Rabbi Davis and Dr. Swope to handle as they chose.

Dr. Swope began by reading out of context quotations from "Master Speaks" of the "I am your brain" variety, creating the first theme of the Unification Church as a totalitarian subversive group infiltrating the government in its path to take over the world. The totalitarian theme was to be picked up at the end by Rabbi Davis.

The second major image was the Unification Church as a political and business

the basic responsibility we owe our fellow man. . . . Deprogrammed member Cynthia Slaughter said that she "had never lied before" and used her "fallen nature" to elicit sales in bars. One permit violation—unsubstantiated—in Louisville was submitted as evidence that the Unification Church engages in "direct violation of laws."

Another person claimed that we were a threat to the educational system in the United States, expressing fear that we would seek federal funding as an educational institution. He was "alarmed" that we had opened a theological seminary. His

the flavor of center life. Mark Goodman was applauded as he rose to explain his kidnapping. Pam Fanshier also described her kidnapping and Linda McKenzie summarized New York IFA activities.

At the last minute we were granted permission to enter the afternoon proceedings. As a result, we decided to attend quietly, rather than demonstrate. Based on the parents' supportive response on such short notice, Mr. Salonen planned a banquet that evening at the Sheraton Park for all parents. When our members and their parents arrived, the room was already full. Wearing red carnations and Church iden-

continued to let the Unification Church exist.

Rabbi Davis's closing statement was specifically cast to raise this issue, building up to his well-prepared final statement:

"Senator Dole, I am a Jew and my people have known religious persecution. I would certainly be the first person to defend everyone's right to the First Amendment. It is a matter of life and death to me and my people. But it is also a matter of life and death when any political cult can cloak itself in the garment of religion. . . . The last time I ever witnessed a movement that has these qualifications: a

picked up at the end by Rabbi Davis.

The second major image was the Unification Church as a political and business operation. A deprogrammed member claimed that Reverend Moon had given President Park the names of members of the Unification Church, whom he would command to fight for South Korea. Another deprogrammed member said that our German leader was planning to take over the Chancellorship of West Germany.

The next picture painted was the Unification Church as subverter of morals—in the words of one parent, causing “alienation from established views,” “teaching young people deceit,” defying the law, and “creating people who do not handle

would seek federal funding as an educational institution. He was “alarmed” that we had opened a theological seminary. His reason? He quoted from the “Theory of Education” section of Unification Thought, concluding with the quote: “The purpose of education is to reflect the image of God and make God happy.” Our members applauded. He quickly doctored up the quote: “What they *really* mean is that the purpose of education is to reflect the image of Moon and to make Moon happy.”

By Wednesday morning the full contingent of Unification Church parents had gathered. At the hotel they heard Dr. Bergman give his testimony and convey

all parents. When our members and their parents arrived, the room was already full. Wearing red carnations and Church identification cards, they stood in the back and in the hall.

can cloak itself in the garment of religion. . . . The last time I ever witnessed a movement that has these qualifications: a totally monolithic movement with a single point of view and a single authoritarian head, replete with fanatical followers who are prepared and programmed to do anything their master says, supplied by absolutely unlimited funds, with a hatred of everyone on the outside, with a suspicion of parents—the last movement that had those qualifications was the Nazi youth movement, and I tell you I’m scared.”

Senator Dole thanked everyone for cooperating and acknowledged the presence of Unification Church members in the back. Some of our parents then said: “AND THEIR PARENTS.” adding that many more were in the hall, unable to get in. At the request of Mrs. Betsy Jones, Senator Dole announced our banquet. Some of the negative parents did come.

At the banquet, the spirit of the parents was quite high. The Korean Folk Ballet and Sunburst each put on an excellent

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Mrs. Daphne Greene displays her “flow chart” of Church “front” organizations.



Rabbi Maurice Davis.

Congressional Forum

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performance after having travelled all through the previous night. One parent, Mrs. Idhe, entertained with a vocal solo.

Highlight of the evening was a speech by Unification Theological Seminary professor Dr. Thomas Boslooper, explaining his feelings in teaching at the Seminary.

Dr. Boslooper was skeptical at first, he said. But then he looked into it. Dr. Boslooper told the group:

"I never believed that I could stand for someone to lecture to me for three solid days. I never thought that anything would be that interesting. But it was. (When he was offered a job.) I felt a definite call of God to participate in what was one of the

most significant movements in human history. There are many people who think that the whole thing is a big joke or something worse. But these people have not had the wonderful opportunity to find out what this is about. I am not a member of the Unification Church. I am glad that the Unification Church allows me this kind of freedom to express myself.

"My friends usually say: 'We don't have to worry about Tom because he will never compromise himself.' I respond by saying: 'This is the first time in my life that I have not had to compromise myself, because these people believe in absolute freedom and in total love.' This I have found to be demonstrated time and time

again.

"We are going through a difficult time in human history and in the history of the Unification Church. Since last September this has been the most horrifying chapter of my life. It is not pleasant to live with anonymous telephone calls. It is not pleasant to get hate mail. On the other side, I would not miss the experience for anything. . . People think that I am exaggerating. But both in the students and in the young people in the training center, I have never comprehended that there could have existed such profound religious experience and genuine love for God. At the same time, this is the finest expression of the Christian faith that I have ever known. Words of a hymn have come to me: 'Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be. Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in me. Change from

glory into glory until at last we see. Thy face lost in wonder, love and praise! Already this is beginning to happen. And I thank God that I am in a position in history to be one of the beneficiaries of this great and wonderful movement."

So far the aftermath has been mixed. The opposition succeeded in its goal of a big media splash but is no closer to stimulating government investigation. And the New York Post reported in its article: "Moon Foes Split" that the opponents had hoped to create a national organization but remained divided concerning the best tactic to destroy the Unification Church. The Unification Church suffered untrue public accusations with no opportunity to respond but gained more consolidated support from parents and friends outraged at the injustices perpetrated against it.

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Our Response to Persecution

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The whole atmosphere changed because God was revealing His heart. I'm sure that they recovered their usual cynicism by the time they got back to the pressroom, but something inside of them had been touched.

That afternoon I met Ted Patrick. I arranged for the meeting very straightforwardly—I found out where he was staying, called up, spoke with him and told him that I would like to meet with him. While I am glad that the meeting took place, I am not encouraged with the results. I had hoped to find some way to represent God's heart to him and to understand his motives. I regret to say that I found that reconciliation with him at this time is impossible. There was no way to communicate with him because he wasn't really interested in finding out anything. There was no possibility of answering his litany of questions because he had no intention of hearing the answer—he did not want the answer. He lied, and he knew he lied. It is so clear to me how completely he is being used by Satan. He is not very sharp

persecution, but this didn't even seem possible.

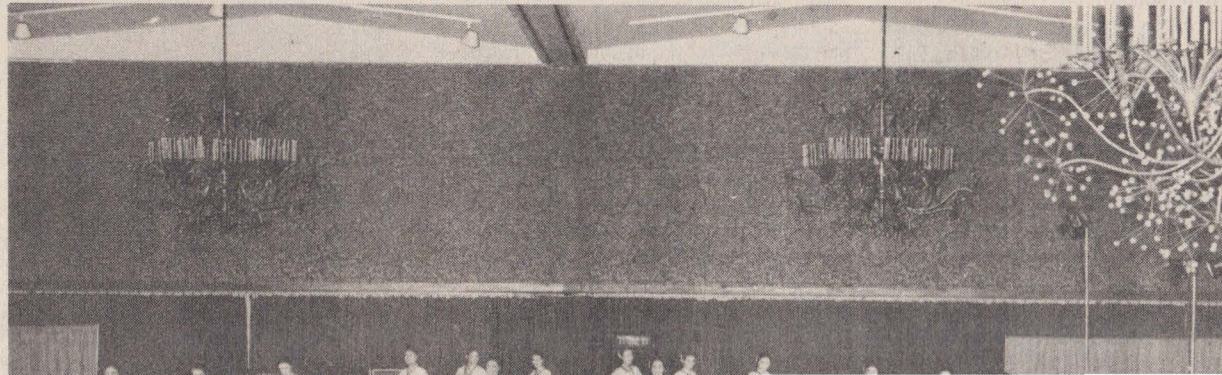
Through Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday we developed and implemented a strategy. This group purported to represent parents of Unification Church members—Rabbi Davis, I knew, was going to claim that he had brought hundreds of parents to Washington. In reality, I knew that he could bring only about a hundred. Also, one parent from Kansas had inspired Senator Dole to sponsor their

meeting because she presented him with a petition of 14,000 names of Kansas residents.

Consequently the bulk of our strategy consisted of gathering parents to show support for the Church. Our goal was to have 200 parents sign a telegram to Senator Dole protesting our treatment and to have thirty parents come to Washington to stand in support of their children. It was a small goal, but I was in fear that we could reach it on such short notice. We later

decided to extend this line of strategy one step further. We planned to give a banquet on Wednesday night for parents of Unification Church members—all parents. We were willing to embrace even the parents who were attacking us to show that people can be united in the Unification Church.

Since another thrust of the attack was that we are not a legitimate religious organization, we also created a telegram for



...ment of hearing the answer—he did not want the answer. He lied, and he knew he lied. It is so clear to me how completely he is being used by Satan. He is not very sharp intellectually but he is very emotional and has a lot of spiritual charisma. So I learned that there is no hope to reason or debate with him at this time.

The most important thing is to cut him off from his sources of power by having our members who have actually been through deprogramming talk with them. Mr. and Mrs. Lieberman, parents of a boy who had been involved in Scientology, are prime Patrick supporters and were present during our meeting. Patrick persuaded their son to leave Scientology through a conversation over dinner one evening—since their son did not experience a typical deprogramming, they are in ignorance of Patrick's methods. Once Patrick's supporters come to know first-hand what is really happening, they can never support him. He is a criminal.

The main lesson from the experience was that number one in putting an end to this period of persecution is for our members to have a strong mission to win their parents. This was reconfirmed to me through the next week's "Day of Affirmation and Protest" sponsored by Rabbi Davis.

Rabbi Davis tried to organize all of his people to give the impression in Congress that there was going to be a major investigation of our movement. It was a tremendous effort. The proven enemies of the Church, already having a record of telling lies and distortions were going to have the whole day to themselves in Congress with our having no opportunity to respond.

We are not afraid of a real investigation. At a real investigation, everyone could present his evidence—we could speak and the truth could come out in that setting. But this was not an investigation or a hearing. It was going to be a showcase. Since the witnesses were not under oath, they were not held to penalties of perjury and hence could say anything they wanted. We were forbidden to say anything at all and for a while, it looked as though we were not even going to be allowed into the meeting. It was unbelievable. We expect



Parents of Church members watch the Korean Folk Ballet at the Sheraton Park Hotel.



President Salonen, Church members and their parents somberly listen to Wednesday's proceedings.

Mr. Salonen

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ministers to send—protesting the fact that we could not speak out. This was not in direct support of the Unification Church, but rather supported our rights, because if they were threatened, the rights of all religions in this country could also be threatened. Our goal was to find 40 ministers to sign the telegram.

The results seemed to come in slowly, but by Monday night, we discovered that over 800 parents and 200 ministers sent telegrams, which were sent to all Congressional offices and to the media. We were further astounded that over 60 parents rallied to our support and checked in the Sheraton Park Hotel, ironically the same hotel as Rabbi Davis's people!

So right away there were many encounters between the two groups of parents. But rather than weakening our parents, it gave them strength. Actually, I felt nervous about it because I knew that we were really taking a chance in bringing these innocent positive parents into a situation where they might have to go through the meat grinder. We met briefly on Tuesday night. I didn't know what they knew or didn't know. We talked together for a few hours. I discovered that these were really precious people. I could see in their faces that they didn't know exactly what was wrong but they felt that their children were being unrighteously attacked. They maybe wanted to do something before but did not know what to do—this was their first chance to do something. Even though they were not prepared, they came because they wanted to stand up for their children. This was the purest kind of support because it was not limited to the technicalities of the situation.

At the hotel I saw the positive parents there with their children and the negative parents without their children. The positive parents were happy; the negative parents were upset. It became clear that it was their decision to make. If parents can accept and support their child's involvement in the Church, they can be happy and we can all be together. But if they attack, they

even though inside I was hurt and angry that this could even be happening in America. It was just like a circus.

Many outrageous things were said. In some areas we can take responsibility to improve—in communicating with our parents, for example. But the allegations which were most terrible were the ones which were completely untrue. By all rights in a democracy, we would have been able to stand up especially after Rabbi Davis's dramatic closing, to say that it was not true.

In the end Senator Dole acknowledged the presence of our members and heard our parents make their presence known. I felt that even though the whole thing had been so terrible, in the end we had the final word. The people spun around in their seats, surprised to think that any parents would support this movement. We were not standing there alone. We were standing with our families. Our families were brought together by Reverend Moon and our families were happy, standing up even under these difficult circumstances. Many parents told me that at that moment they were proud to stand up for our cause. Again I realized the importance of the family bond.

At the banquet many parents expressed that they had had a wonderful experience that day. I was amazed by their stamina—almost without exception, they were galvanized because their experience with their children had been so different from what they had been described that day. I could see that when we have these parents strongly mobilized we will be on the way to end the persecution. As a young Church, we have many areas in which we need to reform; that is why we need the advice and experience of our parents.

Also to end this period of persecution we must demonstrate why we exist as a Church—always explaining that we exist to create a relationship between man and God and to create families to restore the world. In the face of persecution, we have to use our left hand to block the attacks, but we have to be preaching with our right

people will begin to see what is behind the movement. Judgment is falling on America. Satan is trying to create the impression that there is such a popular uproar against us. But when we bring the central issue of God's mission for America to the American people, they will be divided into two camps. Those who can understand God's purpose can accept Father and work with him. The camp that cannot live up to America's mission is the same camp persecuting Father now; they will clearly diminish as God continues to bless America and to go on to fulfill our role. This is an important work of separation in America. This year, when everything is happening, Satan is making one final effort. It would be nice if we could just make a decision to

bring the Kingdom of Heaven, but it doesn't happen that way. Judgment breeds jealousy and hatred, but it also brings admiration and respect.

As we prepare for the big Yankee Stadium celebration, the uproar against us may multiply but in the end there will be a huge conclusion—that when America needed someone to lead her back to a commitment in the world and make her understand her spiritual foundation, one person stood up to do something about it. The greater the price, the more glorious the victory. The fact that we accomplish in the face of so much opposition will make people understand that such a result can come because God's power is working through this movement.



their decision to make. If parents can accept and support their child's involvement in the Church, they can be happy and we can all be together. But if they attack, they are separating themselves from their children.

Also on Tuesday was the miracle that made this terrible week worthwhile. We received a call from a very brave brother, Richard Conrad, who said that he was at a motel in Ohio with Wendy Helander. It is good for all of us to realize that God is still working to protect all of our members. If we can just persevere in faith through the longest ordeal, there is absolutely no chance that we would ever be taken from this Church. The people who are taken away already had some problem in heart. So as you examine yourself, find the areas in your faith which need to be strengthened. It is so important to pray to understand our faith completely and to have a strong connection with our True Parents every day. If you are here for some superficial reason, you can also be taken away for some superficial reason. If your faith is strong, God can sustain you, even for years, so that in the end you will have a great story to tell.

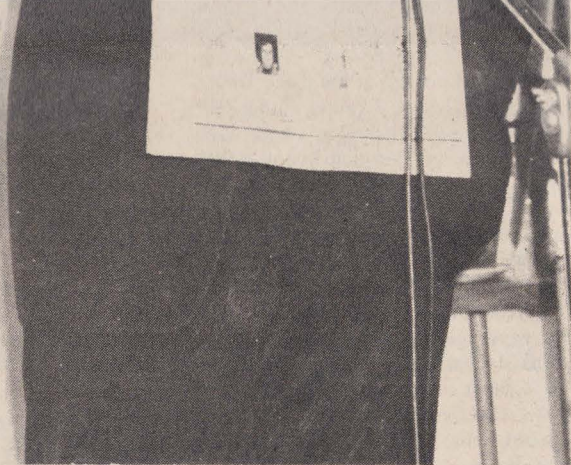
Many people wonder why we don't infiltrate Ted Patrick's movement. But our members who have been taken can really do something. Richard, for example, was kidnapped at the end of January, just a short time ago, but he felt that God could use him to bring out people and information if he could gain his deprogrammers' trust. On that basis he was assigned to help deprogram Wendy and so was able to bring her out. We had private investigators, lawyers, and court suits, but none of these freed Wendy. Because her faith was strong and someone else put himself in the position to be used by God, God could take care of the result.

As the parents met on Wednesday morning, we decided not to picket or demonstrate. Not losing our dignity, we were going to attend the meeting, maintaining a silent vigil of protest.

I was one of the first Unification Church members to enter the hall. It was the most amazing feeling. It seemed like the Roman Court—the room even looked like it. I wanted to look proud and calm,

God and to create families to restore the world. In the face of persecution, we have to use our left hand to block the attacks, but we have to be preaching with our right hand. We must make sure that people understand our positive values. We must build the image that we are a Church that prays, that receives direct revelation from God, that understands spiritual phenomena.

Also we must do something positive which makes the image of our Church recognized by the American people for what it really is. This is why the God Bless America Festival is so important. Nobody else is doing anything to help people give thanks for God's blessing on America. The main goal is to march right down the center and accomplish our task. If the movement continues to expand, criticism is inevitable, but it will die down because sensible



Mr. Salonen displays the New York Times ad at Belvedere on Sunday, February 15.



The Korean Folk Ballet gives farewell gifts to parents at our dinner.

Mrs. Choi

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I can so vividly recollect all that took place in those days. As you can well imagine, negative parents filed a court case. We were under government investigation; the established churches called us heretics out of sheer jealousy and the Education Ministry branded us as a dangerous religious cult. And Father was sought for arrest.

In our tribulation, we could see that God was working with us. So many miracles happened in those days. In prayers, members would prophesy, so we would know beforehand what was coming. . . .

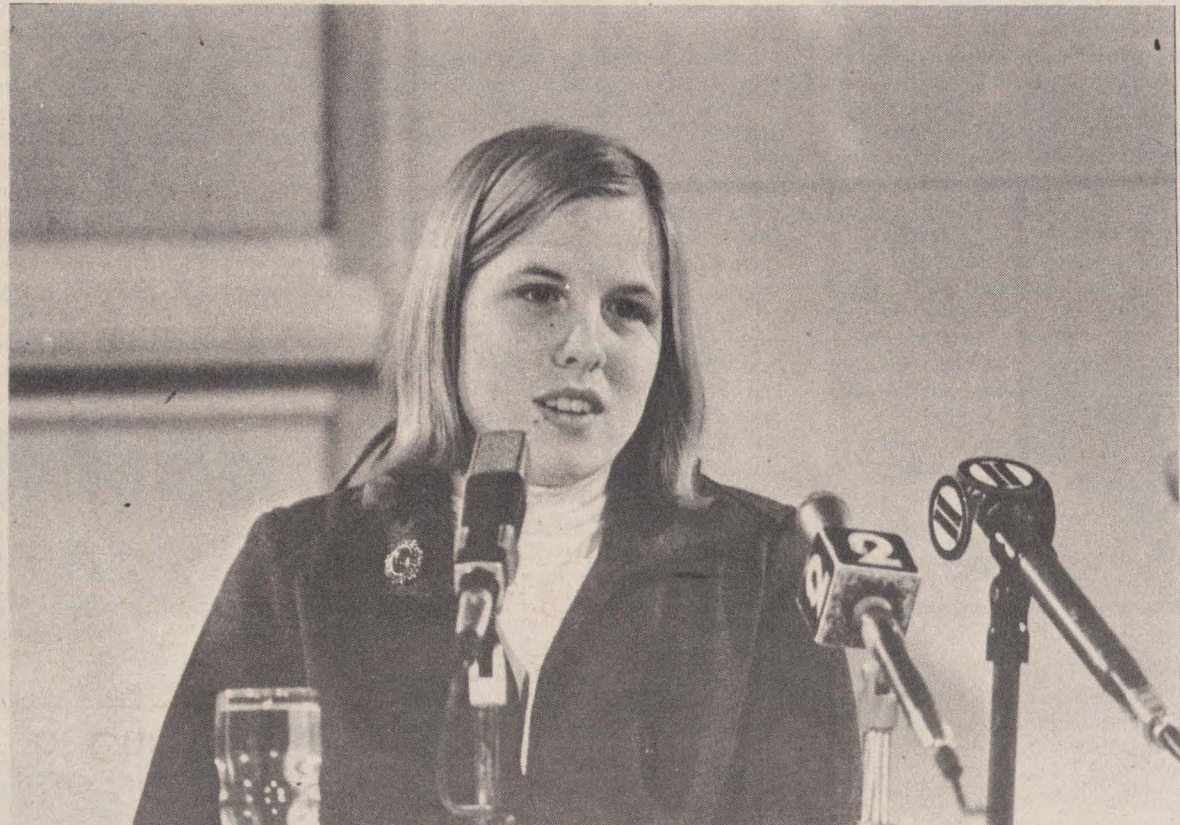
When Father was in jail, a man in a Silla dynasty costume would appear to us, knocking at the door. We asked what he was there for. He answered: "I was instructed by Heaven to go down and find a certain church which was under persecution." Never having read the newspapers, he had a hard time finding such a church. A small child told him: "Unification Church." He testified to Father before us.

I was a collected, reasonable woman. I never believed in anything until it came to me as my own personal experience. Having attended missionary schools, I took the sermons as words of discipline and moral teaching because I had no personal experience with God. And I never had meaningful dreams. But after joining the movement I had dream after dream. If I didn't understand it, it would come in succession until I did.

Because of persecution in my home, I could not pray openly. On one occasion I gazed at the ceiling, concentrating my mind in prayer to God. I had my eyes closed. A great sensation came over me. I saw sparks from my body and felt very light. I opened my eyes, but I was still there. I closed my eyes and all of a sudden I landed in a unknown land with beautiful rocks and purple flowers. I shouted: "Where am I?" A voice said: "This is the new world." Looking at the place where

Wendy Helander Returns

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Wendy: "It's a miracle. . ."

They walked casually out of the house until out of sight. Then they ran. At a gas station Richard called a cab so that they could leave the area quickly—he used money that his mother had given him to return home from his "rehabilitation" site. At the motel Richard called Headquarters and was immediately put into con-

tact with President Salonen in Washington, who was preparing for the next day's event. Arrangements were made, and Mr. Salonen told everyone: "Tomorrow I am going to announce a miracle!"

Mr. Salonen arranged for help to come from an MFT center in nearby Western Pennsylvania. Since travelling on a

commercial airline was too risky for Wendy, two MFT leaders chartered a private airplane and flew in it to Ohio. Meanwhile Richard and Wendy took a cab to a small air terminal. Richard made contact with Denny Jamison. They were on their way to Washington, where they received a hero's greeting at one a.m.

Wendy immediately referred all details in the case to federal authorities; for that reason no names are mentioned in the article.

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landed in an unknown land with beautiful rocks and purple flowers. I shouted: "Where am I?" A voice said: "This is the new world." Looking at the place where the voice was heard, I found Father. He was all by himself. There was a huge tree. When I asked, he said that it was 6,000 years old. It was a leafy tree with rich branches. The roots exposed themselves at a certain distance away, growing new trees everywhere. The big tree was in the center, with the small trees all around. There was also a great hall where all the animals, in pairs, were playing. But there were no humans except Father. Looking up, I found a huge flower. I asked him what flower it was. He said, "It is I." There was a blossom there. He said: "It is the symbol of the Bride." We looked around in ecstasy and joy. When I looked back to the old world, I saw that it had spider webs and dirt which I did not notice while I was there. . . .

Such experiences were very common among our members. Without these experiences, many of them would have fallen away while he was imprisoned and while we went through tribulations.

When we wanted more of such experiences, Father told us: "If you are too much intoxicated in that sort of thing, you cannot work. At the time of Jesus, how many people continued to follow him after seeing miracles?"

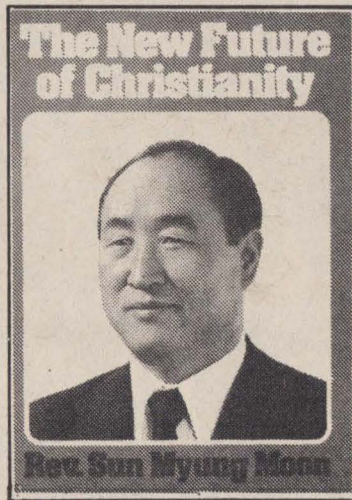
Do not be drawn by miracles. Everything happening around you is a miracle. You are directly hearing the words of God through Father. If you go like Paul, walking in the street thinking of things against God's will and a voice thunders from Heaven to scold you, wouldn't you apologize in repentance? But God's voice is coming through His instrument. As Father talks to us in a thundrous voice, with zeal, energy, and begging, we don't listen to him attentively and don't receive the voice as coming from God through him. How to receive what is coming in reality is more important than experiences from the spirit world. You must take everything happening to you as a revelation from God—every voice coming through your brothers and sisters with the sincerity of heart and love as the voice coming from God.

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article. The lawyer handling the case, Richard ben-Venniste, was formerly part of the government's task force prosecuting the Watergate defendants. At the press conference in New York announcing Wendy's return, he said, "Despite (the Belson decision), which allowed Wendy to exercise her first amendment freedoms, two months later she was again kidnapped and held for 90 days. If Wendy had decided to work in a massage parlor or enter a Catholic religious order, I don't think that this kind of action would be tolerated. Yet because of the attacks on the particular religious organization, we are now speculating if the First Amendment should apply or not! I think that this is outrageous!"

President Salonen told the press: "Wendy Helander has become a symbol of freedom in our Church, a symbol of someone who has endured what no human being should ever be subjected to. She still came back to say that what she found in this Church was worth enduring all of that. . . . The reason that Wendy will have to be careful (to avoid re-kidnapping) will not be because of anything within the doctrine or practices of the Unification Church but because of a very dangerous hysteria whipped up by mercenaries who are making their living off their persecution of our Church."

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