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June 1, 1976!



Contract Signed for Yankee Stadium

On March 8, the Yankee Stadium contract was signed for June 1, 1976. The signing concluded many months of negotiations with the New York City Economic Development Administration and the Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs Administration, city departments responsible for the scheduling and supervision of

the city-owned stadium. Announcing the victory, Mr. Salonen said, "We must all be grateful to Heavenly Father to have this opportunity to make our Bicentennial God Bless America Festival offering on behalf of all America. Your prayers and concern for the whole Crusade from this time on will be the key to Heaven's victory."

On March 10, the Bicentennial God Bless America Committee announced to the press that it would sponsor a festival at Yankee Stadium on June 1, with Reverend Moon as its principal speaker. The Committee said: "The festival will be a celebration of international scope with the citizens

of many other countries invited to participate in the celebration."

The committee is sponsoring a press luncheon on March 16 at the Headquarters building to give further details on the festival.

Mr. Salonen Gives U.S. Church History Lessons from Working with Father

On Sunday, March 7, Mr. Salonen gave a history of the American movement at Belvedere. He began with his testimony, continued by explaining events through 1974, gave his interpretation of the events' meanings, and concluded with answering questions. Excerpts follow.

Once at college we debated late into one night. I was so narrow at that point to make the statement that if I had been raised nothing and had to choose of all the world great religions, I would be a Missouri Synod Lutheran. But I found that I could not answer the questions of the skeptics. I couldn't answer what we believed about Jesus Christ. I could not explain the nature of the triune God. I felt betrayed because I identified myself but I could not defend the things I said I believed. In anger I tried to become an atheist, but that required too much faith. I became a defensive agnostic. . . .

Later I became a travelling salesman. As I went from place to place, I talked with

many people about their lives. What I found was depressing. I did not find anyone who was happy or even expected to be. They always felt that they could be happy if they changed their circumstances. But I did not have that hope because I had seen people in different circumstances who were not happy.

I was in Oklahoma in 1965; the very same time that Father was there. I always went to a place where the Family went witnessing, a folk bar. The owner, a Family member, was right then struggling with his commitment. One night I sat down next to him. He was talking about how he couldn't understand the meaning of life. If I had met him one week before or one week after, he might have witnessed to me. But he did not witness to me. I always remember that when I miss opportunities to witness to someone. I was really fortunate that there was another chance.

When I first joined in 1967, I was very unaware of the nature of God. When we
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Button design for Yankee Stadium Campaign.

February 8

Mrs. Choi Recounts Church History Until 1960

MEDITATION

Oh God, You are as bright as the light that brings out everything in the honest truth. And more than that, You are as hot as the heat that melts away every element into the sweet warmth of love. You are like the power of electricity. Yes, You are always there. Our job is just to plug in and switch on to have the light or heat or both according to the receptive capacity we are prepared with. If my light is not bright enough, the blame is on me; or my heat not hot enough, the blame is also on me. Like someone with sore eyes, we sometimes choose to have our light dim, where we feel more comfortable, not being able to stand the dazzling brightness.

Sometimes, we take the heat for granted and burn harmful ingredients within ourselves, only to puff out future pollution to affect others. We feel disconnected and turned off. We complain that it is dark and cold. Then we grope in the darkness for the light. We shiver in the cold in need of warmth. But we are apt to forget that with you turned on, everything is solved. In the broad daylight of truth, we find that your son is the sun. And in the dark of the night, he is the moon to shine out to the world, representing God during the welcome days, and still reflecting His light during the negative nights.

Oh God, how we wish to become your stars. We want to resemble You as Your son. Furthermore, the stars are small suns and together they complete the celestial beauty. We learn from You the light of truth and warmth of love that are the very essence of our lives. Truth incarnated, we will assume a perfect shape. And love infused, we shall never wear perfect beauty. Oh Father, we want to resemble You in such a degree that in any way, shape or form we resemble Your beautiful image. Then in our perfect resemblance to You, we want to truly represent You. Before anything else we want to be recreated by Your hands. Humble and obedient, we shall become the clay utterly at your disposal. If I exercise my stubborn will there, crush me again in a fast squeeze to undo the whole thing like you would a disobedient dog.

Make me a perfect image of yours, molded, conditioned and programmed by your hands. No other hand can ever "de-program" it. In the recreation process let me participate in assistance to You by destroying my old ways. I am more than willing to go back to the zero point to start over again. Even though we may have to go down to zero, it will leave something for you to work with because zero is not a blank nothingness but a possibility. Though smaller than zero, there is a dual invisible quality ever left there and never coming to naught. Don't say: "I'm impossible." Yes, I may be less possible but not impossible. Possibility is what created us. With that possibility left in us, You can recreate us.

I once tried to blow into the balloon of hope—empty dream of endless greed—to the maximum point where it was likely to explode. Now I want to become a ball with such flexible elasticity that the stronger it is hit and pounded on the ground, the higher it will bounce, even to the sky. I once surrendered to every adversity but now I want to be a tumbling doll standing

upright no matter how hard it is knocked down. I once yielded before every blast of wind, but now I want to sail faster, taking advantage of the strong wind.

Gone is the old jealousy, anger, grief, and resentments after the simmering vortex of chaos. On the verge of explosion, I breathe deep and all emotion, at the boiling point, evaporates. Emotions are evaporative, so why not wait a second until they do evaporate to leave you to be once again serene and tranquil? With challenging appetite, let us swallow the hardships and digest them. Emotion exploded, we feel defeated. But with emotions pressed, we feel victorious.

Ignored and rejected by the outside world, we are still Your proud children to live strongly as long as there is Satan. If the

as the prosecutor, You cannot but do the job. But you wish your son, the mediator, to play the role of good defender.

Oh God, once and for all, this time forgive us of our sins by remembering what we have done right and good. And chastize us, not to crush us to death, but to the point where we can survive and start again. With your forgiveness, we can lift the veil of obscurity and of oblivion so that we will shine forth with Your light and warmth, giving a surge of truth and love to spread among all Your creation. And we know that this will reflect back to you the echo of your goodness coming again, oh God, that we may rejoice in the eternal give-and-take. Our hearts sing in Your praise, drumming out a loud pledge to You. For all this, we turn to You.

so astonished! They were both happy and awestricken and fearful. He came out of the coffin and told stories of what he had seen in the trance.

There was a throne high up in the clouds. A man was seated there in a white robe almost reaching to the ground. The boy bowed down before him. Then he could hear a thunderous voice coming from above testifying to Father's mission and saying that he would see him in person. And he was told many other things by the spirit world, strange things that he could not interpret at that time. Father came out from one of the small rooms when the boy came to the center. The boy was so surprised to see Father, the identical face which he had seen in his vision.



1955 TO 1960

When Father was in prison, we were praying hard day after day, night after night. Many members would see visions and speak in tongues. Father was well-collected and poised in the courtroom. He wore divine dignity before the court, never losing balance or that awesome dignity. In the midst of the hardship he would glance at every member there. And his eyes would talk. Strangely enough, we would understand.

Later, we were visited by a young boy. According to his mother, he got sick all of a sudden. From the diagnosis, the disease was unknown. He died. In his parents' lamentation, they would not dare bury the boy. They cried and cried before the coffin. Something was heard inside and they opened it. The boy opened his eyes wide and stared at the strange looks of his parents. They were

In all my life in the Church ever since 1954 I never once heard Father say that he was the messiah. Only those receiving visions are guilty of having said that. And those people were not associated with us.

(Mrs. Choi went on to describe some of the people who were led by spirit world to Father in the early days. One of them was Anthony Brooke, the last White Raja of Sarawak. She also described Father's 1965 visit with Arthur Ford.) Spiritually attuned people would be sent to us in time of difficulties, to testify and to strengthen our faith. But after leaving they would never come back.

During the seven years prior to 1960, we had to go through much indemnity. We had to pay for the tree of our movement to grow, with indemnity as the fertilizer. Indemnity and grace would come alternatively. When indemnity was there, we were having happy anticipation of something good coming up. All these things were interwoven in our history—our mode of living was up and down. In our individual minds we had both hell

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Los Angeles Works in Community and with Students

Successful Reception, Banquet

February 25th and 26th, 1976, were great days for the Unification Church family of Los Angeles in our efforts to deepen our relationships to parents of our members and to local Christian churches. On the evening of the 25th, Dr. William Bergman, director of the Unification Church of Southern California and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Esselstyn, directors of the Parents Association, hosted a reception in honor of Mrs. Dennis Orme at our local parents' center near UCLA. Thirty parents gathered to hear Mrs. Orme speak of her experience with God and tell of her work in Europe.

The gathering was part of the ongoing effort in Southern California to bring positive parents to a receptivity of God's truth and to inform them of the global work of the Unification Church. We thank God for the relatively large group of positive parents in this area and for their willingness to help concerned or negative parents. The Parents Association is scheduling activities for April and May in preparation for the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival. We look forward to a contingent of parents from here coming to Yankee Stadium.

On the following evening our church hosted a dinner for ministers and their guests at the Los Angeles Hilton. Including our Family, about 95 people were present, among them 33 clergymen representing Roman Catholic, Baptist, Orthodox, Episcopalian, Presbyterian, and independent churches. Also present were two well-known community leaders and their guests.

Dr. Bergman warmly welcomed the guests, and a Baptist minister offered the invocation. Everybody immediately put on the Bicentennial flag pins which were placed on each table setting. During dinner a sister played the piano, and conversation between the guests and our family was going strong. Everybody seemed genuinely interested and open. After dinner Dr. Bergman introduced two family members who presented several songs to the audience, two of them from the musical 'Godspell'.

At this point Dr. Bergman made a statement about the Unification Church and the purpose of the meeting, introducing Mrs. Doris Orme as the guest of honor and the speaker of the evening. The testimony given by Mrs. Orme was very deep and moving—she talked about her personal experience with Christ and revelations she had received about Rev. Moon as a great prophet. Concluding her talk, she emphasized very strongly that this is the time of tribulation prophesied in Revelations, and that the churches must unite in order to save America. Dr. Bergman gave the closing remarks and asked everybody to join in singing "Amazing Grace." After this the atmosphere was really high. Many guests stayed longer to meet the Family and talk more.

Charts Draw Young People

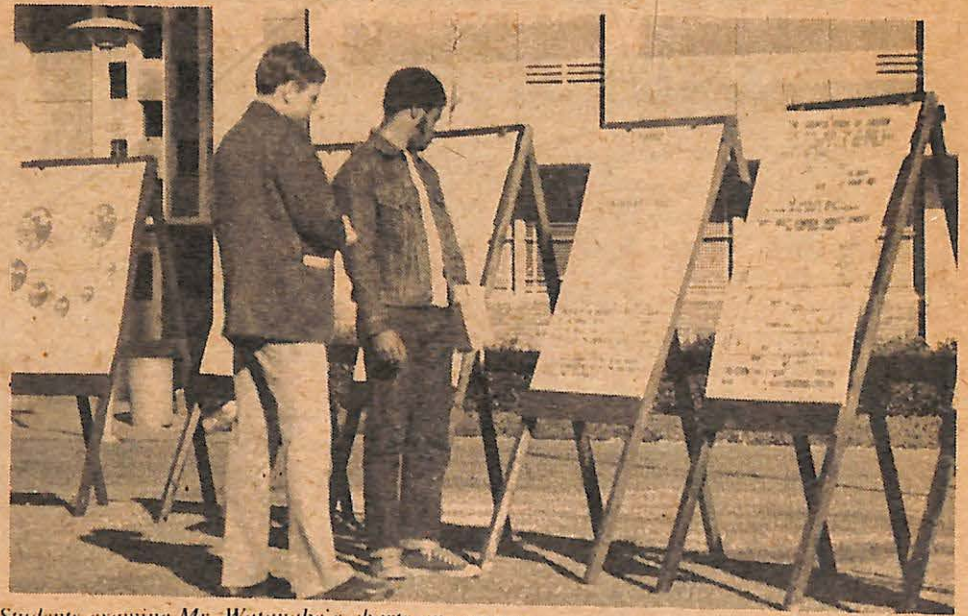
by Sallyann Goodall

In Los Angeles, even our newest members are successfully bringing guests to lectures and workshops. Much of this success is due to the training of our Educational Director, Mr. Soul Watanabe, who leads our 21-day workshops.

After the first phase, designed to help students internalize Divine Principle, begins a second phase, which includes fundraising, Bible study, and a new brand of witnessing. The witnessing group operates as a small, independent team, lead by Mr. John Kinney, living in a church center nearest their work-place.

For this experience, Mr. Watanabe has developed a dynamic set of 17 Divine Principle charts. While being involved in campus work in New England, he realized that a more philosophical explanation was necessary to approach students successfully. He became inspired to find a more joyful and meaningful method of presentation, so these charts emerged. Set up on easels like poster diagrams, they are displayed in a prominent place on the campus: "Creation vs. Evolution", "The Growth Period of Creation", "Time and Space", "The Last 400 Years of History".

The charts do their own witnessing. Wherever we are, even in a downtown



Students examine Mr. Watanabe's charts on campus.

area, people come over to look at them. Students can become effective witnesses in a few days; they bring guests to the center for introduction lectures and even to the weekend workshop in our camp. Some of these have even stayed for 7 days and 21 days. Even the weaker students gain confidence quickly, and all can soon teach the Divine Principle.

San Diego Plaza is the central downtown spot—a square beloved of street preachers for many causes. This is a typical scene. A couple of members set up the exhibition facing a bus stop line; immediately afterwards a singing group of young people appears and entertains the crowd. Then they break up, speaking to anyone who seems interested. Gradually, people congregate around the charts. Suddenly, there is a moment of tension. A fundamentalist Christian shouts, another onlooker tells him to be quiet; the bus comes and goes. God's word has become the center of attention and soon there is a stream of traffic between the Plaza and our Center!

On L.A.C.C. (Los Angeles City College) campus, we made a terrific sensation—at least 30 people were around the charts all the time. Mr. Watanabe himself gave talks to the students. After a couple of

days, our brother, who is a student there, was unable to handle all the follow-up because so many people were interested.

At U.C.L.A., we already have opposing factions. A group of fundamentalists once descended on us and began criticizing our teachings. Most our students do not have a strong Biblical background. But this time Dr. Bergman was there. United with him, our students overcame negative arguments. This attracted more people, drawn by the authority of his speaking.

Our activities here were reported very positively in the U.C.L.A. *Daily Bruin*. Headed "Prefers spiritual desires to physical ones," the article quoted many explanations of the charts given by CARP member, Ben Davis. The article concluded, "He will come and move all religions. The scriptures will be fulfilled," Davis said. "Be ready!"

Our students know already the sweet taste of victory because they have made many substantial ones. This unique method of witnessing has given them an opportunity for struggle, but on a level they can handle; the charts give them confidence, help and inspiration to cope with many usually overpowering situations.

From these victories, it is but a short step to center life, witnessing and fundraising in our Family here. And from Southern California, the next step is New York and Yankee Stadium!

Church History Until 1960

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and heaven. Those who were strong in faith were further strengthened. At that time Father said that he wanted those who could lead one thousand.

He would sometimes forget to eat. He would go without meals sometimes two, or three days. He would forget to sleep. He was so intoxicated in what he was doing. When he spoke, he spoke like a waterfall. Like water, his words would cleanse the whole environment. Sometimes on the mountain as he prayed he looked as though he was seeing a vision, gazing into space. A spiritually communicating woman would see Jesus Christ in all brightness coming to Father. . . .

In 1954 our movement was officially founded. Towards the end of that year, the five university professors came in. In 1954-1956 members of the 36 couples came in. The one person whom I cannot forget is the late president, Mr. Eu. When I first came to Church, there were two small rooms. He was there without a chair, a crippled man with shining eyes and a very piercing look. He would give lectures all through the

day. With just one person listening, he would talk at the top of his voice as if he were lecturing hundreds of people. He would be so overjoyed to see you! He enjoyed every sight, every food, every situation foreign to him. He was so energetic. He is so vividly alive in our hearts!

In 1955 the youth association was formed and the women's association organized. And then from that small coffin-like house we moved. There the members multiplied and we increased our departments. Right after his liberation from prison we purchased for the first time instead of renting, a small house which used to be a shabby old Japanese temple. It was so dirty. We would clean and clean and clean to welcome Father out of prison. That is the historical place where Father and Mother had their sacred wedding, so we can never tear it down. It is the Chungpadong Church, which we are still using.

In 1956 Father organized the student association and had the Divine Principle translated into English. On the first of July in 1957 he initiated the seven-day

fast. We knew for the first time in our lives that man could not live by bread alone but by the words coming from God. Right after that Father sent out young people two by two to the local provinces for a 40-day witnessing campaign.

We organized a choir. We donated used books to make a library. We had our first public meeting on a mountain with Mr. Eu as the speaker. In January, 1959, Dr. Young Oon Kim came to America and later that same year Mr. David Kim came.

In 1960, Father announced the first seven-year course, giving us the motto: "Let us make the year the most accomplished year in our whole life." On the 8th of February we had a great spiritual revival meeting with Col. Pak lecturing. On March 27, Father proclaimed the day of the True Parents.

In those days, every time when I was low and discouraged, Father and spiritually honored people would appear to me, encouraging me. I would feel lighthearted, warm, and elevated. Sometimes conflicts would come and I would say: "This is worse than the outside

world; they are jealous and angry." Then I would understand. In the outside world, however close people are with each other, their interests may become opposite and their love fade. They may persevere not to part from each other; they can stay nonchalant to each other. But it is like angled stones lying side by side, having nothing to do with each other. Before becoming one, the edged stones must rub against each other to become rounded into perfect character, under the will of God. So we are in the same boat. We are put into the same melting pot to melt away into oneness. We feel pain as we rub against each other but we must take it in gratitude.

Some just go the easy way and they seem to be loved by heaven. Another person may work hard but be put under difficult circumstances. Why? Without our knowing, we are standing on the top of the tower built by our ancestors. We must struggle to add more height for our future descendants. When the mountain peak is high, it is bathed in more sunshine. God is just for eternity, fair all throughout. Behind the clouds the sun is always shining.

Our Movement Around the World

Day of Hope Brings 1,000 in Paris; Tour Extended

After going through the trials of a bombing, kidnappings, and negative press coverage, the IOWC waged a victorious campaign in Paris, bringing over 1,000 people to the February 26 Day of Hope Festival in Paris's "Salle Gaveau." Upon hearing the success, Father asked the IOWC which had planned to leave the next day for another country, to extend its tour in France through March.

Henri Blanchard, president of the French movement (AUCM), spoke on "The Hope of God for the World Today." The program also included musical selections from choral groups and instrumentalists as well as a slide show. One more festival has been held recently in Lyon, and one more will be held in the future.

The controversy began when the 300-member IOWC team arrived in France. Their impact was readily felt in the small country, about the size of Texas. Controversy intensified after the January 21 bombing and the filmed abduction of Marie Christine Amadeo. (Marie Christine has been abducted three times and returned by the police each time.) It has been reported that deprogramme Cynthia Slaughter has been in France assisting the parents' groups organized against the Church. Within the last month, the French press has picked up and embellished the news coverage that American members have been growing accustomed to.

In the midst of this, director Henri Blanchard has been in the public eye, making many media appearances. Dozens of curious people—sensing the contradiction between the members they meet on the street and the news reports, are coming to the French centers daily.

Recently the IOWC has published a newsletter, giving insight to some of the recent events. Excerpts follow.

Lewis Rayapen, present in the Villa Aublet center at the time of the bombing, describes the event:

"By one o'clock in the morning most people were sound sleep. It was around ten to two when we smelled something burning. I thought it was a gas leak and went to investigate in the kitchen, leaving Miss Kommedall at the telephone table.

"I had time to check everything downstairs in the basement, and I walked back to the ground floor. The smell was still persistent when I reached the landing that led to the office. I meant to turn left and go back into the reception room. For some reason I decided to investigate another room on my right. I stood inside for two or three seconds. Then came a tremendous explosion that resounded in the whole building. The lights went out. After a few seconds came the shouts of Miss Kommedall. Had she stayed where I left her, she would not have stood a chance. As it was, she had been led to investigate the office, situated just in front of the reception room. (Ed. Apparently the reception room received the brunt of the blast.) She received severe injuries in the limbs, but it is clear that we both had been guided away from the main blast.

"Spiritual guidance requires an internal condition of availability for God. In this particular case, it came in the form of a thought. We both had investigated the reception room, so there was no need to stay there, or, in my case, to go back there. It was purely our desire to protect our brothers and sisters that led us to safety. In fact the last words Miss Kommedall spoke

to me before the explosion were: 'Tell me how I can serve you better.' I believe that it is this attitude of total devotion, of placing one's life in God's hands which will enable us to survive and win the decisive battle against Satan. Once we fulfill our share, the responsibility passes on to the spirit world to warn us of dangers."

Newsletter editor Mark Palmer reports on Anne Britt Kommedall, hospitalized after the bombing.

"After paying such a big sacrifice and

experiencing so much pain and difficulties, our dear sister Anna Britt Kommedall is having many wonderful experiences in the hospital. Many people are hearing about our Family through Miss Kommedall. She had not been in hospital long before she was witnessing and contacting many people.

"One night, however, she was feeling much pain and she was crying; her tears were not just due to her suffering but they were much deeper and much more sad than normal. One boy aged 22 or 23 had

heard a girl crying in the night. He asked the doctor the next morning who she was, and why she was crying. The doctor told the boy that she was a "Moonist"; so the boy took immediate interest since just that morning he had read about the bomb in Villa Aublet. Eager to find out the truth, he went and visited her. They began to speak deeply about the Principle. He is a wonderful person, a student in law and now hopes to join the family when he himself gets out of the hospital.

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News From International Representatives

New Hope News will again be carrying news from our international representatives. Following are several recent reports.

From Paraguay

We are now in the midst of the blazing hot tropical Paraguayan summer—weather much hotter than we know in the United States. Being Canadian-born and having grown up by the California coast, I am more comfortable in cold weather. But we are experiencing rebirth among the blood, sweat (mucho), and cockroaches.

Yesterday I had one of my most beautiful experiences. My student, Mateo, was ready for conclusion so he and I decided to go to Lake Ypacarai (ee-pak-ah-rah-ee), the largest lake in Paraguay and only an

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From Liberia

Perhaps you know about our 30 churches, 2 centers, and 10 schools as well as plans for clinics, a farm, a concrete block factory, and a university.

I have responsibility for the work in Grand Bassa County—one of the largest of 11 counties. I am writing from Gbuerohn District, which is deep in the jungle. From January 10-19 we participated as counselors and teachers in a Christian Youth Camp here in the area. We walked for a good part of 2 days through the bush to reach the camp.

There are few motor roads in the interior. We are becoming veterans at living and travelling in an "uncivilized" manner. However, as our plans become reality, the people will be encouraged to clear out the forest for motor roads and airstrips. When they know and see that the white missionaries are serious, then they can really "pull together to lift up the work" (President Tolbert's motto is "Total Involvement for Higher Heights"). The people are suspicious of broken promises and disappointment in the past. The last missionaries to promise developments here came in '68 and haven't been seen since that day.

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Scenes from Abroad



"Junkanoo" is an annual Caribbean New Year's festival. Pictured here are parts of a parade in the Bahamas honoring the U.S. Bicentennial.



Member of the Dominican Republic Family gazes at the Platano tree in the center's yard.



Preparation for God Bless America Festival

Hundreds Attend Banquets at Headquarters

The "God Bless America" banquets at the Headquarters building have been outstandingly successful, each attended by an average of one hundred and fifty guests. The guests, invited by the Community Relations office of the God Bless America Committee, are treated to excellent food, entertainment by the Korean Folk Ballet and the New Hope Singers, and a speech about the purposes of the God Bless America Festival by Mr. Salonen or Michael Warder.

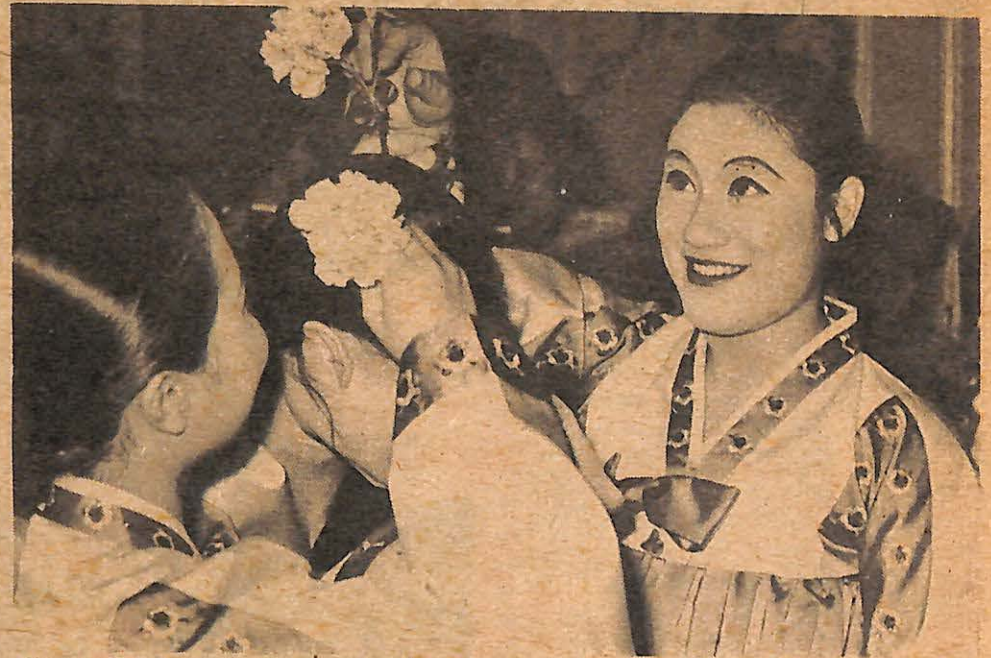
Each banquet had a special emphasis: for example, many Asians attended the February 26 banquet and many people from non-Asian ethnic groups came on March 4. The emphasis for the March 18 banquet will be business and on March 25 business and anti-Communist groups. On April 2, the God Bless America Committee will hold a Korean dinner for the Korean community in the New York area. The banquets have been so successful that special one-day "Bicentennial Seminars" are given each Saturday following banquets, with Michael Warder lecturing on "God's Ideal for Man" and "God's Plan for America."

The Community Relations office would like to be informed of any potential guests to the banquet whom our members may know. Information can be communicated to the Community Relations office at the Headquarters building.



Michael Warder addresses the March 4 banquet guests.

Guests at the March 4 banquet came from varying ethnic backgrounds.



Korean Folk Ballet members putting flower in guest's hair after February 26 banquet.

Mr. Salonen speaks to the international audience on February 26.



Pioneers Set Witnessing Condition for Yankee Stadium

On March 5, before leaving for a visit to Asia, Mr. Sudo initiated a 40-Day witnessing condition among the pioneers to bring the members needed for Yankee Stadium. Specific terms of the condition are set by each region depending on its needs.

In his report to the field explaining the condition, Mr. Sudo gave practical advice for strengthening the "heartbeat" system and helping the transition of guests between 2 and 5-day workshops. In addition, Mr. Sudo gave the following remarks concerning the importance of this pre-Yankee Stadium period:

"We need faith and devotion, faith and rededication. We must have 100% faith and 100% devotion. This means we must emphasize: 'Am I doing all that I can do?' Is it true that my eyes and ears, hands and legs, all belong to God? Through this 40-day period of devotion of faith, we will lay the foundation to separate from Satan. We cannot retreat even an inch. Don't budge an inch.

"We still have faith in bringing results. This will be our spirit. Therefore, we still have faith in bringing 5,000. Never retreat! If you retreat Satan will come.

"I feel that my mission is to have faith. In this crucial moment, no one can believe that we will bring 5,000 people to work at Yankee Stadium. I still believe. I was reassured last night in prayer. Therefore, this is the goal to be met. But at the same time, a minimum goal can be challenged and won also. The minimum goal is 3 people for each pioneer.

"We have an ideal goal and a practical goal. For success at this time, this must be the time of the greatest devotion in our lives. This means to forget everything but success in Yankee Stadium, as of right now. In this 40-day period, forget everything except to fulfill the mission.

"Think only one thing, day and night, night and day. Even in your dreams, think only one thing. To bring people to Yankee Stadium we should understand the real meaning of giving life. We should experience the true meaning of giving life to God, to mankind, and to America. This becomes the most patriotic period of our lives, the most faithful period of our lives, the most devotional period of our lives.

"The period when we feel about to be defeated is the time when we can show true faith and true devotion and true love. If we

lose this spirit, everything will be lost. And when there is a loss of faith, there is no hope. Where there is no hope, there is no confidence. Faith must be restored, or God cannot work. Some people are feeling almost defeated. But this is the moment when Satan is also feeling almost defeated. Satan is desperate. If we retreat now, Satan will win. This 40-day period is a battle of faith. If we penetrate with faith, Satan will retreat during this 40-day condition and the foundation to be successful in Yankee Stadium will be laid.

"This is a symbolic 40-day campaign for victory at Yankee Stadium. This internal attitude created here in this period will be the foundation for the spirit of Yankee Stadium. If we lose faith, everything will be lost. If we have faith, everything will be restored. We need faith now!

"When everything is going well, it is so nice and everyone can have faith. When everything is not going well, and the situation is crucial, then the value of faith can be exerted. When everyone can have faith, it is then natural for anyone to have faith, and it doesn't mean so much. But when almost everyone has lost faith, then is the time to have faith. At that moment, faith is

true faith. We need faith.

"For instance, at the time of Moses' exodus, the people lost faith at the Red Sea, with the army pursuing them and the sea in front of them. This is the same as our situation. And we can find the solution in Moses' attitude. He went to God again at the crucial moment, and he asked God for the solution.

"And God gave Moses an incredible solution. Moses had faith in the solution God gave him. When the sea was divided in two, he could then fulfill his mission, and Israel then could fulfill her mission.

"I think when we started this campaign we began the course of the Exodus. In January with the Pentecostal atmosphere, everything seemed so great. Also Moses and Israelites started their Exodus with great love. But soon they met difficulty at the Red Sea. And they began to cry.

"Like Moses, we need to break through a barrier. We need to renew our faith. We have to ask God again. Just like Moses. Without this foundation, we cannot subjugate Satan at this time. We are now living in the most crucial moment!"

Mr. Salonen Speaks on March 7

I Learned His Unlimited Faith, His Positive

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first join our movement, we feel confident to defend our belief that God exists. But all too often it stops there. Really it is just the beginning, because the purpose of our movement is to understand the nature of God so that we can become reflections of Him. For many members in these difficult times the time has come when they realize that there is still a big gap in their understanding of their relationship with God. And if they have not invested themselves in travelling that path, they had better do it quickly now. Otherwise they will be confronted with questions that they cannot answer. Many members are locked into ideas that they learned from a New Testament Christian experience with the Divine Principle without realizing it.

When I joined we were very small. If all of us went to demonstrate on a single issue, the newspapers never would have noticed it. It was impossible at that point to really believe that we were going to take responsibility for changing America or the world. All that we could believe was that God was doing it and we were witnessing it.

An important change took place in the group at Father's visit in 1969. Before 1969 there were no Blessed families in America. Therefore we were in the position of children; we had not faced the reality of becoming one with Father's mission. He was anxious to again come back to really begin the work in America. He had first blessed Holy Grounds to symbolize the restoration of the environment and then the first families symbolizing the restoration of man—the environment to welcome him.

Father again arrived on December 18, 1971, just in time to attend the Little Angels' performance at the Kennedy Center. Then Father began to speak. He spoke for twelve nights in a row in Washington—long hours every night. In those twelve days he was symbolically replanting the Word in America. On January 1, he gathered together the leaders of the existing centers and all of the Korean missionaries in America. We celebrated God's Day together, and over the next three days President Kim gave a training program.

On the fourth day, we had the first conference with him. At that time, he announced many things. He already had a vision of what he had to do in those three years, the last three years of the second seven-year course. It was the providence to choose America depending on the success or failure of that providence, he could either continue to work in America or chose another country.

The very first thing I learned through working with him was God's unlimited patience. We were such spiritual children then. For Father to express his frustrations would have only beaten us down. So he never said one word of chastisement, but rather he came down and lifted each one of us up. He desperately knew that in that three year period he had to have an event like Madison Square Garden but he never mentioned it. He began the simple way. He wanted to have a seven-city tour. Even then no one could really feel the success.

He began to personally retrain the American movement. He gathered 70 pioneers in New York to begin his seven-city tour. He spoke every day. Every day the members went out to sell tickets for Father's speech. In the beginning they came back with absolutely no results.



Father had set a high price on the tickets because he wanted people to understand the value of what he was doing. If he had not have spoken every morning, there would not have been any way for them to go out because each day seemed to take one hundred percent of the energy that they had. But every day Father renewed their faith. Gradually they began to have dramatic experiences—the kinds of things that we had heard from the early days in Japan and Korea.

That meeting in Lincoln Center, Father's first public speech, was not a great success in terms of the crowd, but it was a great success in that it was the first time that the American Family worked side by side with Father to reach the American people. We did it, and we were proud of it. It was at that point that the real faith in our ability to carry out Father's plan began.

When Father came to Washington for his third talk, another great even happened. The FLF staff had helped to host a number of Congressional aides in Japan. In gratitude, 8 Congressmen hosted a luncheon for Father right in the Capitol building. He spoke for about two hours. After he finished, some stayed behind and talked to Father more seriously. They spoke about what to do for the people whose countries had already come under Communist domination. Father could even answer, one said, "It can only happen when we send religious missionaries inside those countries and they crumple from within. As a Christian nation we can't attack those countries militarily, but we can break the power of evil from within by teaching the truth." He went on to say that it would have to be a movement like ours which would provide those missionaries. As our movement is recognized as the movement which can do that, people will again have

hope of helping to free the people who are already living in Communist societies.

Father continued to lead the pioneers across America. Finally they concluded in Berkeley. That was the city of complete victory. There was real rejoicing because the American Family, despite our lack of awareness, had accomplished a miracle by following Father. We learned our first lesson as a Family—that God is really working through Father in ways which we cannot always understand, but the part we are asked to do must be done to bring a great result. If we just fulfill our part, God is working through us to create miraculous results.

Father sent one pioneer to each state and divided the rest into two bus teams. He sent one mobile unit to the north under Dr. Kim and one unit to the south under Mr. David Kim. On March 15 he left America and said that he would be back soon.

While he was away, he approved the purchase of Belvedere. We went on our first fundraising campaign. It never seemed possible that we could raise the money necessary in such a short time! The first concept of an MFT was born—the beginning of a great experience. We had two MFT's; we wondered if people could really survive doing that for one month! When Father came back in November for the first Science Conference, for the first time there was a proper place to welcome him.

Father wasn't satisfied with the results of the state pioneers. I've never seen him lead through force or fear but with inspiration and love because the potential of someone to respond through love is so much greater. So he went to Washington and gathered together the pioneers for a one-week training session. Then he dramatically divided the country and the people into ten bus teams and gave them

their commission to go out. At that moment there were ten armies to go out and win America. This was the beginning of the real effort to evangelize America.

In the middle of January the next stage began for the restoration of America. 109 members and their leaders came from Europe for the IOWC. On February 10, ten teams went out to join the ten American teams.

The event marked one of my first failures as president. Father said that he wanted to film the teams going out. I became sick that day. I discussed it briefly and everyone forgot about it. After 5 a.m. service on the first, he asked me about the preparations for filming and became very silent when he heard that there were none. Then he said that we would wait for the cameras because this was a historical moment and we couldn't lose its meaning for history. I learned that every word from Father is important. There may not be time or occasion to hear a second word. One word has to be enough. I try to remember even the most casual things Father says. He is not expressing his personal desires but a standard. I also learned that while Father does not always reveal his emotions, he does not fail to notice anything. As he left, I said, "I'm sorry." And I meant it from the bottom of my heart. Later I found out that by my expressing it, Father's feeling of regret had left. Often if people express their feelings, it is easy to forgive them. But if they won't say that little word, the feeling remains, leaving you the prisoner of that feeling.

On March 1, 1973, Father called the first national conference of state representatives at Belvedere. It was the beginning of regular conferences for the next year and a half. They came feeling so heavy because they didn't feel that they had results to show. And yet Father would breathe life into them and put confidence and trust in them.

Father's responsibility is to set the heavenly standard. Even though he may try to inspire us to that standard, he cannot dilute it due to our weakness. But his faith that we can fulfill that standard is even greater than our faith. We have never fully demonstrated the fulfillment of even the 1-1-1 goal but he continues to inspire us, not because goals are not to be fulfilled but because he continues to have absolute faith that we can reach the heavenly standard. Father's faith in us is much greater than our faith in ourselves. Father is the perfect example of faith. Sometimes we think that a goal is not to be met. This is a wrong attitude because Father came to give us the example of unlimited faith. And he gives that example.

On April 30, he received his permanent residency visa. That was a great day. The same day four people resigned from the White House staff, marking the beginning of the Watergate crisis. Father said that the day that he symbolically came to America, the crooks are getting out. He came to clean up America. I wish many of the people who criticized us for our Watergate activities could have heard those words to know Father's real purpose.

On July 1, we gathered here for a conference. It was halfway through the three-year course. Therefore Father declared it the day of Resolution for Victory. Father, for the first time, expressed his frustration at having to begin from the beginning in America. But he said that the first half, that of preparing for battle, was

Leadership, His Unwillingness to Accept a Limit

over. It was the day upon which the future victory was decided. It was one of the most powerful speeches I ever heard him give.

(Mr. Salonen briefly described the formation of three IOWC teams and the beginning of the 21-city tour.)

In November Father announced the Watergate Declaration. After that, with all of the difficulties which it brought, it also brought tremendous public attention to our movement.

In December, Father's family came to live in America. We had a party for the children. Ye-jin sang a song about how much she missed her parents and she cried in the middle of her song. We had only been thinking of the sacrifices that Father had asked of us without thinking of the sacrifices which he had made. Once at a conference Father said that while the members worked hard and sacrificed their families, he had done the same thing. He had come here to America, leaving his children behind. As he talked, Mother began to cry. Even without our understanding and appreciation, they quietly made their sacrifice because it was necessary in order to set the foundation. It was only when Father's family came that I realized what a tremendous sacrifice it had been for them to be separated. If we ever expect to create families representing the heavenly tradition, it has to begin with his family. If there is one family that should never be separated, it should be his family.

On January 1, 1974 Father again stepped up the tempo of our campaign. He announced, just as we were finishing the 21-city tour, that we were going to cover

the rest of the states starting in three weeks. I learned that we are the ones who set the limit on ourselves by presupposing how much we can do. Every time he announces a new project, it seems bigger than what we can do. But after we do it, we realize that we are capable of even more. We have to become the people who know no limits. He has been teaching us to lift those limits; we have begun to realize how much can be created by one man who is determined to fulfill God's will.

Most of the rest of the history you know—because you helped to create it. . . . At the conclusion of the 8-city tour, that same little American family which three years later before could hardly make a demonstration had grown and learned through his example of faith how to throw off the limits and accomplish anything for God's purpose. On God's Day in Korea, Father said that victory in America had come just in time to make victory for this three-year period. Therefore America could be used. So the 7-city and 21-city tour were training us. They were not things that Father necessarily even wanted to do but had to have us do in order to build us up to success in the Madison Square Garden campaign. The former things were almost dangerously too small for his dignity, but he was willing to do raise us up.

What I learned by working with Father during these three years were his unlimited faith, his unwillingness to accept a limit, and his positive leadership under all circumstances. Those things completely changed my life. Before, I never understood how I could become like God because I had never seen an example of any-

one doing those things.

There is spirituality in our Church existing nowhere else because there is a living presence of God. I think that we may make many sacrifices, but it is a small price to pay for what we receive in return. If we are just content to be lifted up by our initial experience, it may not be worth it. But this is the first opportunity to really develop God's nature within ourselves. No matter the price, it is small.

How do we find ourselves in the situation we seem to be in now, facing so much persecution? Father has set a personal example in revealing God's standard for man. His standard in everything is beyond accusation. He has great expectation of us, and yet in following him, it has been hard for us to have the same faith in ourselves that he has had in us. How many times have we made a compromise to accept a lower standard than the one which Father is expecting?

Sometimes people see the shortcomings that we have allowed because of our inability to keep up with Father's standards. If our attitude is humble, then we can ask God to help us raise up to that standard. But if our faith is not completely with Father, then our attitude can become one of resentment.

It is important for us to see our self-image correctly. We have been accused of being anything from liars and cheats to mindless zombies. It has been affecting many of our members because they are not absolutely sure that it is not true. There has been some compromise within themselves making them accept part of that accusation.

We have to be exemplary in following laws and melt the hearts of the people who oppose us. I have received a number of letters from Congressmen since sending them a letter before the meeting with Senator Dole. Many of them said that our movement should have the constitutional right of free speech and that they would like to judge our movement by its fruits, which have been courteous, reverent young people.

Our responsibility is to resolve within ourselves whether or not we are living according to the right standard. If so, we must not accept persecution with no comment. We have to speak up so that the righteous standard is revealed, but only after we check to make sure that it didn't come because of some weakness within ourselves. We have had a tremendous wave of repentance in our movement, but if that repentance is not specific, it breeds a guilt feeling.

Look at the *corruption* in America and think about what impact our movement is going to have. As long as you are leading an honest life, now is not the time to be quiet but to speak out.

I am worried that recently some of our members have lost sight of their own spirituality because of the tremendous persecution. If we let that back us into a corner, then we will be forever there, fending off the charges. We came with a message to give to America. Let us correct ourselves if the attackers are right and ignore them if they are wrong. Let us remember that as representatives of our Parents, we are a spiritual movement reviving a dying country.

If we live a higher standard, that will be our message. Usually we do; sometimes we don't. When we don't the persecution is not religious but is based on our

shortcomings. When we do, we can express our righteous indignation.

I don't think any of us would have exchanged our experiences here. Nobody thinks that it will be any easier in the coming year. This year we have such a historic responsibility for the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument campaigns. After that, we will be living in a different world. There can be time for explanation then. Others may not understand the campaigns now. But if we fail, they will not understand later, either. If we succeed, we can always hope that they will understand later. This is the time for us to put our shoulders to the wheel and carry out our responsibility. Father is depending on us. Sometimes I wish that he had greater people to depend on. Other times I think that maybe we have the greatest people in America because our members have demonstrated faith. Faith is most important. I am always proud of the American Family.

Time is growing short. We should have a big movement in America. If we were big, we could speak the truth and not be criticized for it. Father should have the freedom at this point to speak freely. Why should he have to speak with an oversensitivity to whether people understand him or not? He may be preaching strong words, but he has never forced his beliefs on anyone. Did he ever force anyone to do anything? Why should we be embarrassed about having strong opinions? None of us would be here if we weren't led by a man of strong opinions. Those words gave life to us. What are we using to fight with? Words. What are people afraid of? In the end, the great tyrants of history have always been more afraid of words than anything else because nothing is stronger than words. And we have the strongest words.

(Mr. Salonen then received some questions from the members. He concluded:)

I don't think that it is good to refrain from bringing up questions because of fear of being accused of being unfaithful or disunited. It is not good for you to be negative or critical, either. It is good for you to resolve your questions. Otherwise you may find yourself tied to a chair by Ted Patrick, who will ask you questions that you cannot answer. If you have questions, you should bring them up. If no one else can answer them, I will be glad to because I have thought about all of them. I don't think that there are questions that cannot be answered in our Church; there may be times when you have not been exposed to the information to provide the answer.

It is not good not to question. That is not the Unification Church. If you have questions, write them to me. Why don't we have a questioning church? What would be more beautiful than for everyone to think that we are not the people who don't think but rather the people who think more than anyone else? We think a lot in coming to the Church. Why should we stop short? Actually our members don't stop thinking. They may get busy and stop talking, but that may not be good. The members who are rock-solid are not those who never discussed things or refused to answer questions. Those who are like that are sometimes those who have left the church. Questions are real and they have to be faced. If you don't have the confidence to face them, then you have a faith problem, not an information problem. Let's be confident!



Praying at Holy Ground after the talk.

Success in France

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"She has also been distributing pamphlets about our lectures and she created such an interest that Michel Beauvais came and gave a lecture in the hospital to some very positive nurses who are now even more positive!

FUNDRAISING

To become economically self-sufficient, the team also went fundraising. Following are two testimonies.

Elisabeth Heyen tells: "While fund raising we have so many experiences because we can have give and take with people of all different ages. I met one man who was about 60 years old and I asked him if he liked to buy a card. I spoke to him about building deeper relationships between people through loving God. He was just taking out his money when he asked me whether I was English.

"No, I said, I am German."

"German? Do you know what this is?" he asked and pointed at a red button on his jacket. He explained to me how he had been in a concentration camp during World War II and how he suffered terrible things. I did not understand him so well but I could feel the suffering and hatred still in his heart. I cannot put into words how moved I was when he said, 'Do you understand? I will give you the money although you are a German.'

"I felt immediately from Heavenly Father the depth of our mission in Europe, of how we are paving the way for unity between all nations. . . ."

From Lyon Jack Corley reports:

"For many days I had prayed that I could experience Father's heart. Then one day I was fundraising with newspapers in a block of apartments. In one block a woman bought one and she wished me well. I continued to the next block. As I was speaking to one man at his door I heard footsteps coming up the stairs and shouts of 'Moon sect! Moon sect!' It was the same woman and she was very angry; she spoke in French so I could not understand anything except one word 'La police! la police!'

"As I went with her to her apartment to await the police, I thought how Father would be in this position. When he was about to go to prison he always thought of how he could use the situation for God. In my mind I was wondering how I could change her and make her positive.

"In the apartment she began criticizing Father, saying how he was 'Pas bien' (no good). On the other hand I said that he was 'Très bien' (very good). Eventually she became more calm and we began to talk via a dictionary. I wanted to speak directly about Father's life and suffering. As I spoke she began to cry and she apologized

for having spoken badly about Father and our movement. After a while she telephoned the police and told them not to come, rebought the newspaper, gave me her address, and asked if she could come and hear a lecture.

"From this experience I learned that if we really love people and feel compassionate towards them, then we can really change them. If they are negative, it may be because they have many difficulties in their life. If we show them we really care then they will open their hearts and we can fill them with Father's love."

WITNESSING

Jean-Pierre Fassbind writes:

"In Lyon a Dominican Father held a lecture about the 'Moon sect,' so Marie-Carmen Martine and I decided to go. The church was full, about 300-400 people. They spoke about Father's life, the AUCM (French Family), and the Divine Principle, meaning to show the 'Single mindedness' and the deep contradiction with Catholic theology. Then there were testimonies—some positive and some negative. Among them was a testimony from a young man who had been at 'Manoir Fleuri' saying how he had never been brainwashed, never seen drugs and that he found the community warm and friendly.

"After a short conclusion the priest asked anyone had anything to add. I felt I had to say something. So I went in front and I wanted to speak from heart. I gave my testimony. I spoke about my united family, my studies, my spiritual search, my concern for the problems of the world, how I met the Family, my study of Divine Principle, my one year of military service outside the Family and so on. Someone replied that I had no theological education. I told them how the love from family members and the teaching of Sun Myung Moon had convinced me and how St. Peter had not studied theology but accepted Jesus because of his message of love. The people were moved and receptive but the priest concluded the discussion.

"As everyone was leaving, many young people asked questions and for our address. Many felt that we had been interrupted and wanted to continue the discussion. And so we met in a classroom, with 30 young people. They were all from different backgrounds, atheists, Jehovahs, Marxists but no Catholics. They asked many questions about Jesus and some of the usual journalist-type questions. I spoke about Heavenly Father, about His suffering, about the suffering of His son Jesus and the goals of our family.

During this meeting I realized that half of them did not want to hear any theology or ideology but rather wanted harmony and love. They saw that this existed among us and that it was missing in society. At 1:00 a.m. the meeting ended and we distributed 'The truth about Rev. Sun Myung Moon.' They went away with three main questions: 'Who can tell us the truth? How can we meet God with our heart? If trust and sacrifice are missing in our society and in our churches, does it really exist in the Unification Church?'

waiting. Goodman was to be locked in the room, subjected to verbal abuse, and forced to renounce his religious beliefs. This action by the grand jury can only be detrimental to one of our basic principles in this country—freedom of religion. Ted Patrick and his hired gang are clearly the criminals in this case. Our general counsel is studying the situation to see if any further actions are appropriate."

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Everywhere I go I take my pictures of Father, Mother and their family and explain all about our movement. Everyone has received it well because they are very pure-hearted people who judge the tree by its fruit.

Our experience at the Youth Camp was heavy. The other counselors were fundamentalist American missionaries from the Buchanan Christian College. When they got wind of what we were teaching about salvation and heaven they got upset and demanded that we stop teaching or they would go home. So God gave us the acid test of handling this touchy situation which could result in wide-spread persecution. We stopped teaching after the second day but had continuous give and take with the missionaries since we were sharing meals and rooms together. By the end of the camp we came to love and respect each other very deeply, but when it comes to doctrine it's like two bulls locking horns. . . . Each time they preached, it was directed to us, not the campers. The Liberian campers tended to side with us because of our actions. Tomorrow we will be back in Buchanan and the battle for truth will continue. They know of our rapid development, which really has them bewildered because God couldn't possibly give such blessings to a 'false prophet'! They have one school in Buchanan; we now have 3 schools in Buchanan. We have to prevent them from developing resentment, so I am praying for a strategy to bring closer unity and cooperation. . . .

The Kingdom of Heaven is truly at

Paraguay

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hour by bus from the capital, Asuncion, to study together. We went for a swim, ate lunch, and then rented a canoe.

After rowing into the middle of the lake, we stopped and I began to teach. I went through a review of the historical parallels and explained the significance of the world wars.

We then noticed that we had drifted several miles with the current and that it would be a major effort to row back against the current. So we had to stop; it took us an hour and a half to row back. By then it was time to go back to Asuncion. We were exhausted and absolutely roasted by the sun. (I could hardly sleep last night and today I am limping, my legs are so burned. A little indemnity never hurt anyone.)

But I was determined to teach him conclusion. We boarded the bus, which was jam-packed and sat in a corner, with our legs all scrunched up, on hot metal which scorched our burned thighs. I decided it was as good a place as any to teach, and I began to teach the best conclusion I've ever taught in any language. He was deeply moved.

That night I gave a lecture at the center to two staunch Catholics. As I am in the process of learning the language in which I'm teaching (Spanish), my lectures fall somewhat short when it comes to rattling off Bible quotes and sometimes I don't fully understand the point the student is making or I know what I want to say but I lack the fluency to express myself clearly. Last night Mateo defended me and explained the Divine Principle to the guests, quoting the Bible with clarity and confidence.

So, we have a new brother now, a deep, sensitive young man of quiet strength, the son of a Paraguayan farmer. He's worth the heat, the cockroaches, the struggle of teaching and witnessing in a foreign language, and everything else. Working in a foreign country has been a

hand. It is thrilling to enter each village along the way and be greeted by singing and rejoicing. "We give thanks to God" is often heard in the Bassa dialect. We reply with "I thank Jesus!" Then they become more excited to hear the whites speak to them directly.

We look forward to an IOWC visit after the Bicentennial victory. There will be many Liberian brothers and sisters anxiously awaiting their "relatives" from abroad.

"God is really Somebody" is the expression of our Bishop Moses Doe Weah—the Kru man who turned over his 20 churches and 6 schools. I feel like Moses or Abraham or Esther because God is communicating so directly to us. Everytime we discuss things, He pours out inspiration after inspiration. Our development is a testimony to Father's teaching. If you have the ability to carry out only 10 things out of 100 God will fill in the other 90 if you are determined to fulfill all 100 things. So the five of us are trying to train and supervise over 2,000 people (mostly children) whose lives are directly influenced by our projects.

Last night we had a celebration of life campfire especially for the 30 children in this village who will be our students. Kiyo, myself, and our Liberian missionary in training, Ben Duncan, provided vocal selections as well as harmonica and violin music. Ben was the MC and taught the children some wonderful games. We sang as we danced around the fire: "Gonna run, run, run to meet my Saviour when he comes, when he comes."

daily revelation and rebirth for me, and I very much see why Paraguay is often called "the heart of South America"—for its location in the center of the continent, but also for the beautiful heart of its people.

I pray for our members in America. I pray that they will realize that each one of them owes something to the poor but good people of Latin America, Africa, Asia and the Middle East. You, me, and every one of us owes a debt to the people of the world and to God. Because, brothers and sisters, the majority of the world is dirt poor. Most of the people are shedding blood, sweat, and tears every day. Their life is poverty, hunger, and hell! If it weren't for God. . . .

People are hungry: for bread, hungry for a chance, and hungry for love. Are we hungry to love them? Are we bleeding, sweating, and crying to love them as they are bleeding, sweating, crying, and dying to have one percent of what we have in the United States, free and easy. We've got to love them and give to them. I beg you, brothers and sisters, to love and pray for them and remember them. Let us, together, give something to the rest of the world.

I am only trying to hear the voice of God out here in the wilderness. And God is sending me the answer, "Love!" You are that, love in action.

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Charges Against Mark Goodman's Abductors Dropped

Charges against Mark Goodman's four abductors and his mother were dropped recently by a Tarrytown grand jury after his mother appeared before it. Michael Runyon, Director of Public Affairs, termed the dismissal "a shocking miscarriage of justice." He said: "Mark Goodman was physically abducted by four thugs off a public street, and transported to a motel where ex-convict Ted Patrick was