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Church Buys New Yorker Hotel

The Unification Church took New York by surprise with our May 13 purchase of the 42 story, 2,000 room New Yorker Hotel-- now the Unification Church World Mission Headquarters. At Eighth Avenue and 34th Street, the hotel overlooks Madison Square Garden. Each of the nearly 2,000 guest rooms has a private bath; many are furnished with beds, dresser, and TV set. The hotel has three levels of basements, three ballrooms, and several restaurants, now vacant. A branch of the Manufacturers' Hanover Trust Bank is at the 34th St. and Eighth Avenue corner. Twelve passenger and six service elevators run from the lobby; an escalator goes from the lobby to a lower level. The hotel has its own entrance into

the Eighth Avenue Subway. Near the top of the building are engineers' offices and upholstery and TV repair shops. We are to move into the building as soon as the insurance has been settled; witnessing teams will be the first tenants.

The location is strategic. 34th Street is a major east-west thoroughfare through Manhattan, running to the Lincoln Tunnel to the west and the Queens midtown tunnel to the east. Penn Station, a major Post Office, and Macy's department store are each about a block away. Eighth Avenue is a "transitional" area. Once thriving, it is being taken over by bars and pornographic activities, particularly between 42nd and 50th streets. The New Yorker is south of this zone.

The declining fortune of the area was a major factor of our purchase. Shortly after his return from Korea, Father expressed his desire that the Church purchase a large hotel in a declining midtown area. The New Yorker was turned up in the search. Built in 1929, it was forty years a prestigious hotel, "one of the city's most popular hotels for tourists and visiting garment district buyers," said the *New York Post*. It declared bankruptcy in 1972. But the hotel remained vacant, partly due to a complication about its name. It was sold for \$8.8 million to the French Polyclinic Medical School and Health center, which also declared bankruptcy in 1974. The New Yorker Corporation has been trying to sell it ever since. Due to the area's decline and the prolonged vacancy, we bought the hotel for about five million dollars; it would cost \$80 million to build a comparable building today, said Col. Pak.

Agreement for purchase was made on Monday, May 10 with Col. Pak as our chief negotiator. The contract was drawn up over May 11-12, with the signing on the evening of the 12th. Public announcement was made on Thursday morning, May 13.

On the evening of the 12th, Father, Col. Pak, and over 100 Church leaders anxiously awaited the outcome of the

spoke of the significance of the purchase. "Father has selected a gigantic building for us, a heavenly pyramid. This great building has been lying idle in the heart of New York City. This is where we can make a dramatic showcase of what Reverend Moon can do. We will rejuvenate the building both spiritually and physically. Soon the whole standard of the area will be upgraded. Here we can succeed in the resurrection, both physical and spiritual. In last year alone, New York lost over 600,000 residents. Reverend Moon will be the first one to spearhead confidence and trust in the city. He is putting faith in the city while everyone else is running away. This means a great deal to New York; the citizens will be very appreciative. Right now, all the religious people are trying to run away from the sins of the world. But instead of running away from sin, we are to conquer sin. This is the spirit of God and Jesus Christ. Unless you confront sin, how can you liquidate it?"

In explaining Father's intended purposes for the building, Col. Pak said, "We are going to use the building as an international headquarters. The word 'mission' is emphasized. We have purchased it for the mission of bringing down the Kingdom." In that connection,





anxiously awaited the outcome of the closing at Belvedere. Shortly after 8 pm, Mr. Salonen arrived with the final contract. After Father saw it, he signed various documents, including several large architectural renderings of the building. In commemoration of the occasion, he signed photographs of the hotel for those present.

At the Wednesday gathering, Col. Pak

down the Kingdom." In that connection, he said, the money for its purchase was from the international branches of the Unification Church. Secondly, Father wants to make the hotel a center for cultural activities. "Third, Father has a plan to set aside some areas for public service, especially to educate the world's young people. We will house young people

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Father Raises Expectations for Yankee Stadium, Washington Monument

"The atmosphere is so beautiful tonight. The wind has stopped, knowing that we are having a happy gathering here. Even the moon is smiling. We signed the New Yorker; we are here to celebrate a new beginning. Today is a great day!" said Father at the conclusion of a meeting with 120 Church leaders at Belvedere. Those at the May 12 meeting not only celebrated the purchase of the New Yorker but also were inspired by the new goals that Father announced at that meeting: working with greater determination for Yankee Stadium and holding the Washington Monument rally in early September rather than October.

The meeting convened before our purchase of the New Yorker had been finalized. Out in the tea garden behind the Main House, members, in keen anticipation of hearing the final word, listened to Col. Pak describe the significance of the purchase. (See article on New Yorker.) Mr. Salonen arrived with the good news shortly after 8. While Father signed 120 photographs of the New Yorker, the leaders watched portions of the hour-long special on the Unification Church on the UHF Italian-language TV station in Newark.

Father gave specific instructions for the

restoration of the New Yorker. Every member he said, was to clean the building after returning from witnessing in order that the building could be quickly readied. He suggested that members restore the room that they are living in, moving up to the next floor when the work is completed. "We'll see who gets to the top floor first!"

Father then went on to talk of the importance of victory at Yankee Stadium, especially in the context of the approaching Washington Monument rally. First he spoke of spirit world. "How many times have we spoken of 'Yankee Stadium, Yankee Stadium' in the last two years? There must be no one who does not know of Yankee Stadium. Even your cells and hair know. If everyone in spirit world knows of Yankee Stadium, how many would that be? If we desire victory in Yankee Stadium, God certainly does, too. Then how about spirit world? They would certainly cooperate. How many times do our minds digress? But spirit world is single-minded in its determination. It is easier for God to mobilize spirit world. But we are controlling spirit world. You are superior to any of those spirits. We are still subject. God needs us. He needs a

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Members Arrive from States; Campaign Progresses

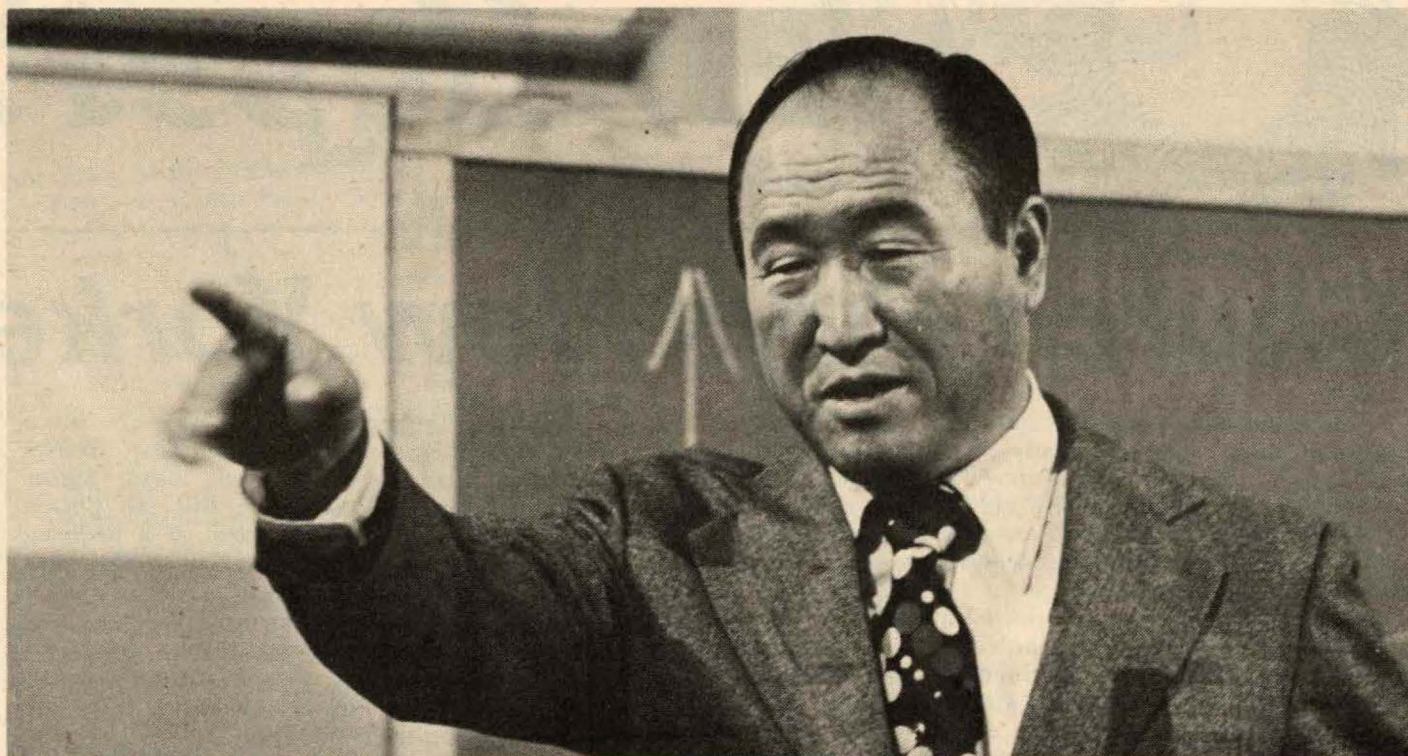
The Bicentennial God Bless America campaign gained new momentum as 800 members from all fifty states joined forces with New York members on May 8. After hearing Father's Sunday sermon at Belvedere, the state members spent the day in orientation at Belvedere, preparing for their first full day on the streets on Monday, May 10.

In greeting the new members, Father said: "The special meaning of today is seeing your faces. It makes me very happy to see all of you." His speech, "The Emergency of the World," was specifically directed towards encouraging the new arrivals. He urged them to be strong and persistent, like tigers. He compared their role to that of a physician, healing a sick nation. He concluded: "I spoke in parables, but they have absolute truth for America. If New York dies, all of America will eventually die. If America dies, the rest of the world will die. We must be serious about our patients."

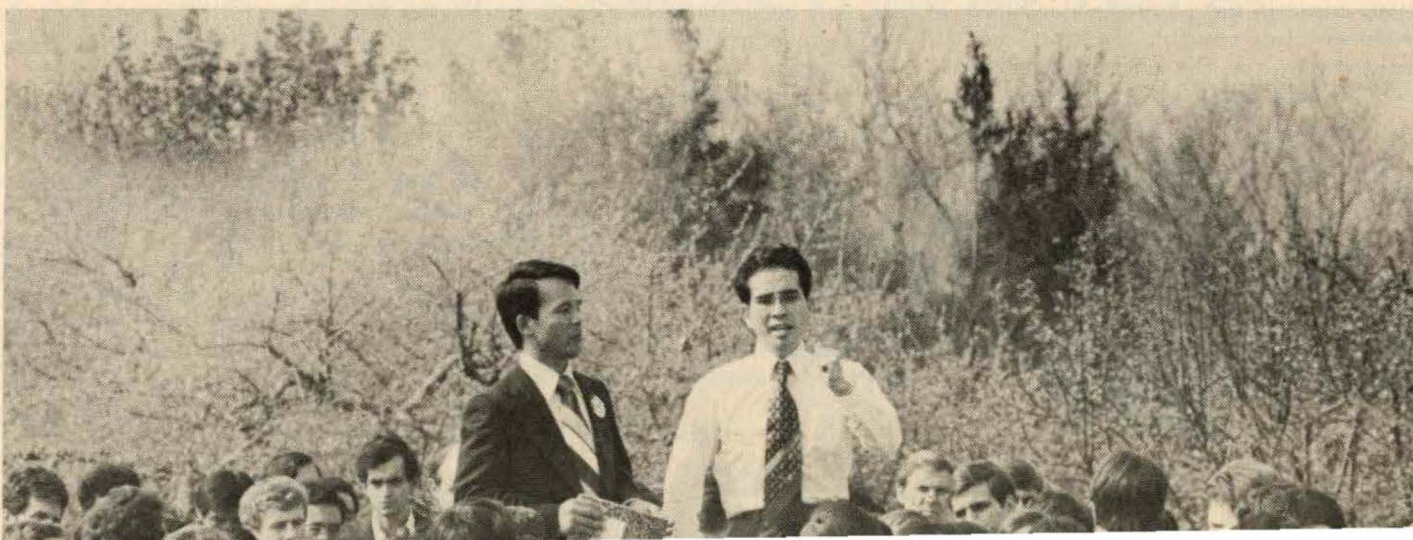
He continued: "When my work in America is complete, that will be a happy day for God. When I take off from Kennedy Airport, I will make a bow to you because you are the greatest of all under the sun. And tears will be flowing from my eyes...When I first came to America, I made a covenant with God. I promised God that by the end of the first three years of the third seven-year course I would bring a sign of resurrection in America. I did not do it; God did it. A miracle has been achieved."

"I want you to be proud of your health, both physical and spiritual," he told the members. "I want you to be thankful under any circumstances. And third, you must be courageous. Let us be proud of our victory. From the moment of victory, the eternal lasting peace of the world will begin. The peace of heaven and earth, the blessing of God, and the Kingdom of God on earth will reign. Amen."

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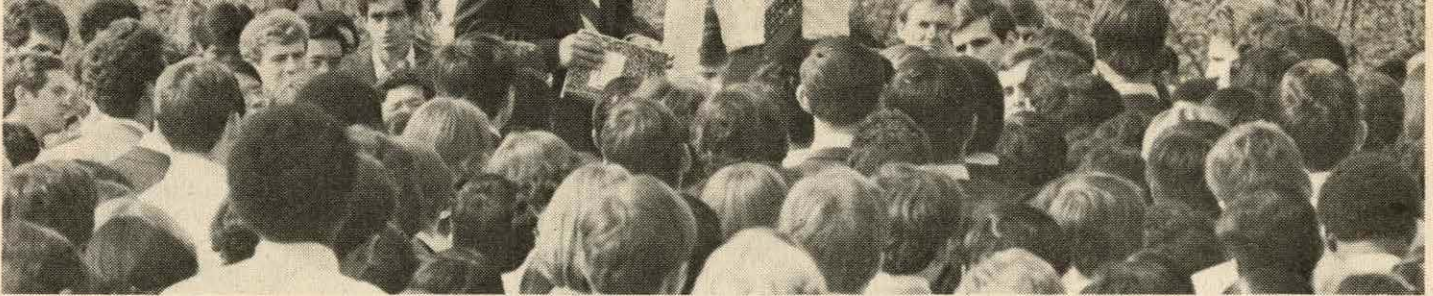


Father speaking to the members at the Headquarters building, May 2.



Mr. Kamiyama, Mr. Salonen, and Rev. Vincenz each greeted the members at the Belvedere Holy Ground after the sermon on May 9. "I know very deeply that we have been indemnifying the past 6,000 years of human history in these 60 days," said Mr. Kamiyama. "These next few days will be really important. Victory will not come on just one day, June 1. If we work furiously, we can make June 1 a glorious day for God."

Mr. Salonen explained: "In this campaign, we can honestly say that our goal is to bring the spirit of God into this country. People can relate to that. Through the America the Beautiful campaign, people have to recognize our goals, and they do....Don't think that



Mr. Kamiyama greets the newly arrived state members at Belvedere, May 9.

anyone else can carry out your responsibility," he continued. "Unless we go into the heart of New York and convince the people to come, Yankee

Stadium will not fill up...Our task is to be completely unified around Father and Mr. Kamiyama so that our spirit can forge through New York....Our mission is to go

directly to the people. Then we can prove that we filled up Yankee Stadium not because the churches or the media supported us but because we went to the people and the people responded. That is the meaning behind the power of our message. And that is the victory of Yankee Stadium."

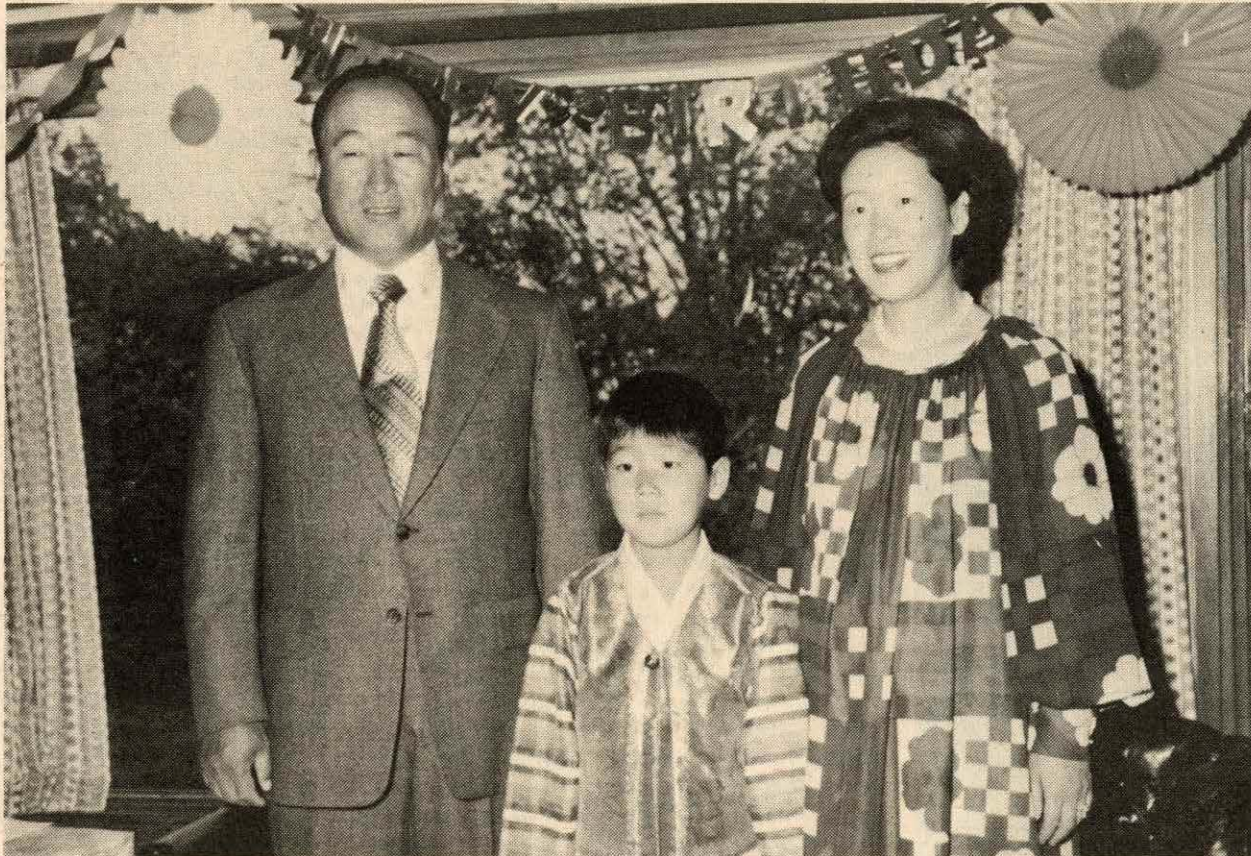
Reverend Vincenz encouraged all of the members: "When I look into Father's eyes, I can see that there is so much hope when he thinks about all of you. I can see how much Father loves each of you so deeply, especially those who arrived yesterday....Sometimes in the daily rush, you may forget your value, but Heavenly Father and our Parents hold you dearly in their hearts and minds...."

Most significant campaign development in the week of May 2 was the inauguration of the "America the Beautiful campaign," under the direction of Reverend Reiner Vincenz (see related stories). In his remarks to the members after Father's talk on May 2, Mr. Kamiyama stressed that the campaign was going to have three major strategies: on-test-street witnessing, the "America the Beautiful" campaign, and group mobilization for attendance at the Stadium.

In addition to the arrival of state members, the campaign was given a boost by advertising, begun in the week of May 9. At least eight radio stations and three television networks carried ads for Yankee Stadium while display advertising is going up in the city. For example, commuters at Grand Central Station are greeted by our stars and stripes design and Father's picture on a lighted TDI

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Happy Birthday, Hyun-jin!



Our Parents with Hyun-jin, their sixth child and third son, at his eighth birthday, May 8.

"America the Beautiful" Project Inaugurated

On Monday, May 3, the "America the Beautiful" project of the God Bless America Festival was officially inaugurated as over 1,000 members took up their brooms and dustpans to clean Manhattan and the Bronx. Dressed in white jumpsuits with the God Bless America Festival logo silkscreened in red and blue on the back, members cleaned by trinities in their witnessing areas from 7 to 8 a.m. From the beginning, a new spirit rushed through the Yankee Stadium campaign as members embarked on one of the most significant and well-received Church projects.

Col. Pak expressed Father's goals for the clean-up campaign after Father's Sunday speech at the Headquarters building on May 2. "Ever since he came to New York, Father's heart was broken because the beautiful city of New York was so dirty. He determined: 'One day, the Unification Church will clean up New York.' The time has come to respond and bring a glorious result. The people will be so puzzled! They will have an awful time trying to find a word to describe it. Father asked me to encourage you, telling you how important this campaign is. This is one of the most important things which is happening in 1976—a physical and internal clean-up.

"Let's let this campaign be a silent testimony of what we are doing for this nation and the world," continued Col. Pak.

"Let's live up to Father's desire to bring physical and spiritual resurrection. The America the Beautiful program is showing by dramatic example that we are really going to restore New York and all cities of America. Father would like to ask you to apply yourselves diligently to this project to bring physical victory."

The campaign was publicly opened by a kick-off ceremony in the South Bronx at noon on the 3rd. Michael Warder opened the rally which was attended by 100 members ready for cleaning, curious neighbors, the press, and two representatives from the city government. As President Salonen addressed the group, a sanitation truck driver shouted a cheer.

Mr. Salonen told the group: "This country prospered because people were willing to work with their hands to make their dreams come true and to make their hopes into a reality. But we see that for too many of our brothers and sisters, that hope has become dim and that dream a far too distant reality. We want to do something to rebuild the hope of America as we enter our third century so that we can bring God's blessing to America. The America the Beautiful campaign is to show how we are going to clean up America physically by cleaning up all the trash and garbage on the streets. But we are doing it with a new spirit because we want to clean up spiritually and morally, as well. Let's be determined to create a

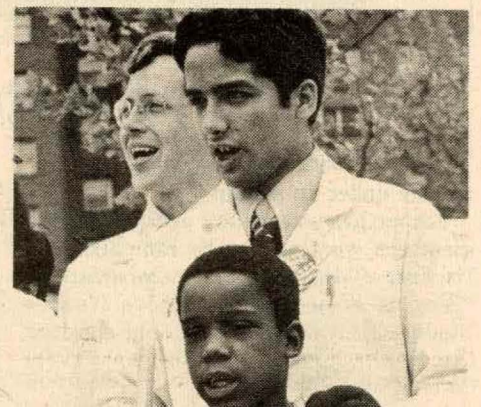
new spirit of cleanliness and righteousness. Don't just work with your hands alone. Carry your hearts to the streets of New York."

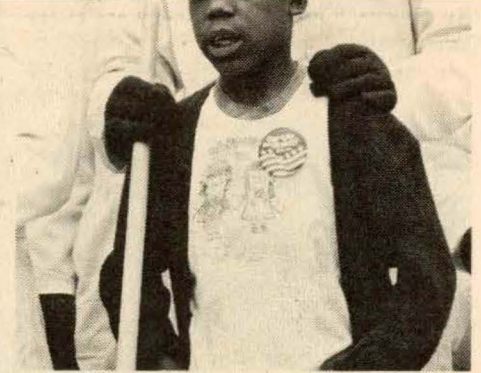
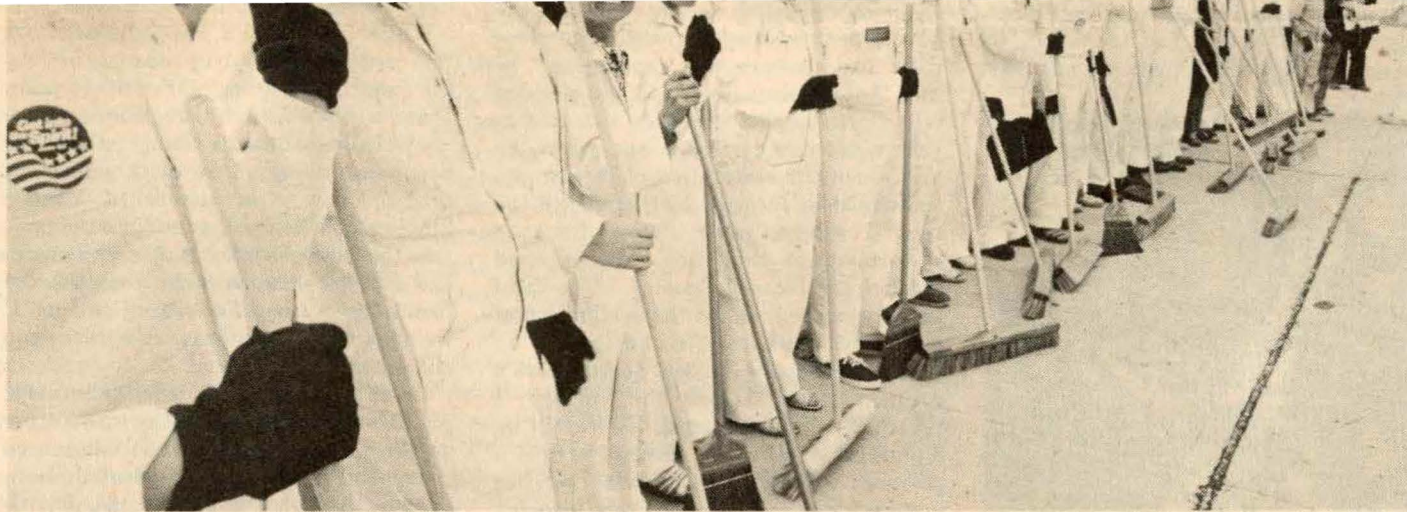
Since then, members leave for their cleaning areas every morning at 6:30, taking their breakfast with them to be eaten after cleaning. Using push-brooms, regular brooms and dustpans, cleaners bag the trash and leave it on the curb to be picked up by the city's Sanitation Department. Every day new streets are cleaned; since the campaign is worked in cooperation with the Sanitation Department, the cleaning has to be done on routes where the sanitation trucks will travel. Nothing is neglected. The brooms pass over sidewalks, steps, curbs, and gutters as they clean up papers, boxes, beer can, bottles, countless cigarette butts, junk, and just plain dirt.

Public response to the campaigns from the first day has been overwhelming, injecting new vitality into witnessing activities. New York's middle and upper classes, previously unattracted by the Yankee Stadium campaign watched the clean-up with surprise and support. "I couldn't have taken that many drugs last night!" said a shocked young man as a cleaning team was on its way to its area on the first day. "You deserve a commendation!" "More power to you." "Do you have a broom to give me?" "Our salvation is coming! Someone cares about us" are but a

few remarks heard by some members. It is not uncommon for passersby to have tears in their eyes. New Yorkers respond to more than just the cleaning—"You're the first people who have smiled at me in the morning since I have lived in New York." "I've been waiting years for something like this to happen," said the owner of a corner Blimpie's coffee shop in Greenwich Village, bringing out coffee and doughnuts to the team. Flyers explaining the project are easily distributed, and not just to pedestrians. A rich lady in a chauffeur-driven limousine rolled down her push-button window to ask for literature. A bus driver stopped his bus, took the literature, and passed it out to his passengers. (There are many, many more stories.)

The campaign has been covered by all three major networks and several local TV stations. Typical network coverage included shots of members at the kick-off rally singing "America the Beautiful," close-ups of a member sweeping up dirt, an explanation of the campaign by a Church official, and comments— invariably positive—from local merchants. One commentator said, "The rank and file couldn't be more enthusiastic about it." She then interviewed New York member Pat Hammer: "I don't think that New York has ever seen anything like it," said Pat. "I know that we are going to be the best."





At the opening rally, South Bronx.



America the Beautiful campaign gets underway, with plenty of dirt waiting for it.



Much public interest has been stirred by the campaign.

Rev. Vincenz, Director of "America the The Beautiful":

"We Have to Pour Out Our Love to the World"

God's desire is to have a world of order and cleanliness; Satan's desire is to have a world of disorder and dirtiness. Man is in the middle of these two worlds. Whether he chooses cleanliness or dirtiness makes him closer to God or Satan.

Through the fall, man became very insensitive to his world. If he were sensitive, he would be unhappy to see something unclean. Right away this would stimulate him to clean it up. In New York we see many dirty areas. This shows us that the people have lost their sensitivity. Otherwise they could not even walk through a dirty street. This is one reason why we have so many negative spirits in the city of New York. A dirty environment attracts very low spirits.

If we are to become lords of creation, then we have the creation in our hands. If we have God's spirit in us, the creation must respond to this feeling and become free. This is why, from the beginning, Father was so eager to clean the city.

Father wants to bring new life to New York; this is not done only with our

message or our way of living. We can never implant our message or way of life into a dirty city because it would not have any impact. For the people to be receptive to God's word, they have to live in a good environment. This is why Father said to clean the city physically and spiritually. We clean in the early morning and afterwards witness in the same area. We first clean our house where we will bring God's message. Through this cleaning we are stimulating very good people and opening the way for good spirits to work for us.

I remember when Father spoke to the members restoring the headquarters building, he said, "When you clean this building, you must love the stones and the floor because no one have loved then for a long time." The world has had no one to love it. Surely no one has loved the city of New York. We cannot merely love people, we also have to pour out our love to the world. Otherwise the people and environment will conflict.

Through this campaign I hope that we can create a new feeling in the people for their surroundings. I expect that the desire to have a clean city will snowball.



Reverend Vincenz, clean-up campaign director, speaks to the members at the outset of the campaign, Monday, May 3.

Many people will join in, responding to their newly discovered feeling that they want to have a clean city. Then God has

a better chance to come back. I hope that when we succeed in New York, we will go all over America.

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display under an arcade.

Father has continually encouraged the members working on the campaign. On the first of May, he spoke at Belvedere on "Why is it necessary to have Yankee Stadium?" On Sunday, May 2, he spoke at the Headquarters building on "Total Commitment."

the providential year and the 22nd anniversary of the founding of the Church, Father summarized Unification Church history since 1945. "From the beginning, it was God's intention for our movement to be united with the Korean churches and the rest of the world, but that was not done because of the failure of the churches. If that had happened, the

been established a long time ago." The failure of the underground Christian groups emerging from the Japanese persecution after the liberation of Korea caused him to leave South Korea for North Korea, where he was imprisoned. Upon his return to South Korea, he was again imprisoned due to attacks from the government and the churches. "Therefore

the new world..." Yankee Stadium, he continued, was not just for New York but for the world, since we are approaching the worldwide level. "This is the period of resurrection; we are bringing the world its resurrection in spirit and body....Our purpose is the restoration of three major items: family, the nation, and world."

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the Headquarters building on "Total Commitment."

In his talk on May 1, the beginning of

that was not done because of the failure of the churches. If that had happened, the foundation for the Kingdom could have

again imprisoned due to attacks from the government and the churches. "Therefore there had to be a new foundation," he said. Father then explained his work of restoration during the first two seven-year courses. The first seven years, he said, were for restoration of the family, accomplished through his marriage; the second seven years were for the restoration of the tribe, accomplished through the Blessed Couples. The third seven years will be for the restoration of the nation, and after that, for the world.

Madison Square Garden, he said, was a great victory. "Upon the victory, I returned to Korea to bring the victory on a physical level." Now, he said, he is in a position "to have the Christian churches unite with us....We have a new ideology by which we can construct a new church, a new nation, and a new world. This is our responsibility. You are the priests of this new church. You are the kings of those new nations. And you are the messiahs of

items: family, the nation, and world.

Father came to a strong conclusion: "We are bringing God's blessing for the third century of America. For thirty years I have worked hard to save America, save the world, and liberate God. And we have been succeeding. The most important time is now, the victory of Yankee Stadium....When you go out into the city, take the hand of a black man, a white man, and a yellow man just like you take the hand of our Father. For victory on June 1, we must renew our pledge. God bless you and be with you."

Later that afternoon three witnesses got a special treat when they met Father and Ye-jin on the street, who took them to the movies. Father had purposefully been driving through the city in the driving rain to reward the first witnesses whom he saw on the city streets.

Father told the members on May 2: "You must determine that wherever you go, you are the chosen champion of God for kingdom-building on the earth." The most important thing, he said, is "to be united with God's will no matter what people think....In order to become the son of God, you must inherit the tradition of God. Pursuing that goal steadfastly is the most sacred thing. Each one of you is a small walking God here on earth. That is the only way that God can fulfill His will,"

Unchanging loyalty is important, Father said, because that is the quality that God has exemplified in continuing the restoration. "God created all things for joy. The realization of the purpose of creation must be eternal, so the joy of God's kingdom must be eternal." But man, due to the fall, "never had the experience of the direct dominion of the love of God. God's sole desire is for man to reach perfection. Because of His hope to restore mankind, God can wait, God can be generous, and he can listen to the prayers of mankind...The most important characteristic of God is unchanging heart. Once we believe in God, we must determine that we will not change our loyalty under any circumstance...Your conviction is so important, your faith is so important; your love is so important" Father concluded.



Father speaks to hundreds of members in the Headquarters ballroom.



Father plans the campaign with the leaders at the Belvedere Holy Ground. Mr. Salonen is at left.



Col Pak addresses guests at the Korean banquet in the Grand Ballroom of the Washington Hilton Hotel.

Korean Banquet in DC Brings 1,200; International Banquets Continue

The God Bless America Committee is concluding its pre-Yankee Stadium banquets with a series of international programs. Most notably successful was the May 7 Korean Banquet in Washington.

Osami Kuboki, President of the Unification Church of Japan, spoke.

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world. He also sent Moses, Confucius, and Buddha. They did not come through luck. They came through some need. Because of the need, which God knew existed, He knew that He had to send a



banquets with a series of international programs. Most notably successful was the May 7 Korean Banquet in Washington, D.C. drawing 1,200 guests. Korean residents from all over the Washington D.C. and Baltimore areas came to the dinner in the gigantic Grand Ballroom of the Washington Hilton, site of the 1974 Day of Hope banquet in Washington. Included among the guests were leaders of several Korean associations. Like the guests at the Korean banquet in New York, they especially responded to the Korean songs of the New Hope Singers. Col. Pak spoke for an hour. Similar banquets are being planned for Chicago and Los Angeles, with one more in New York, at the Waldorf Astoria, just prior to Yankee Stadium.

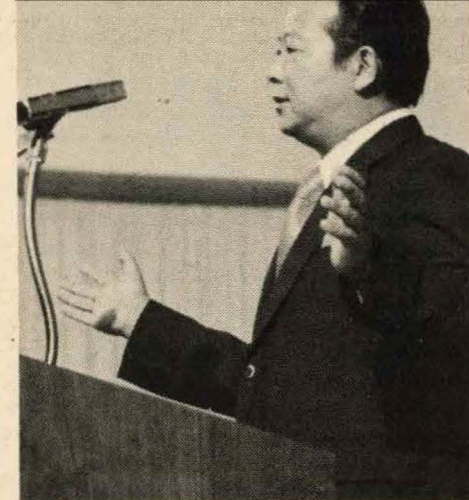
On May 5 a Japanese dinner was held at the New York Headquarters building. Mr.

A Hispanic banquet concluded the dinners given at the Headquarters building. The 400 guests included many leaders in the South Bronx area of Yankee Stadium. Mr. John E. Melendez, Executive Director of the Hunt's Point Community Corporation and Honorary Advisor to the God Bless America Committee, gave a stirring tribute in Spanish. Following is an excerpted translation.

"History tells us that throughout the years, God always sends us spiritual leaders depending on the needs of the world at that time. Long ago he sent Jesus of Nazareth, who was sent to the East because the East at that time was like America today. Before him, He sent us Abraham. He sent him to Asia because at that time, Asia was the America of the

luck. They came through some need. Because of the need, which God knew existed, He knew that He had to send a man to guide the world in the right way with love, through worldwide unity. All of these men were criticized.

"In the past 200 years in America, our youth have had a lack of faith. Today our youth has no faith, no direction. And God comes again, and sends us a man again. This time He sent him from Korea. His name is Reverend Moon. He sent him to America because this is where all of the world is united together. It is because of this that on June 1 we are all going to meet him, you and me, in the place chosen by this man of God. We will hear the message of love, the message of concern for you and me, to help your son and my son live in a better America."



Mr. Kuboki speaking at the Japanese banquet at the Headquarters building.

Manhattan Streets: The Front Line

Witnessers experience a daily confrontation with good and evil in New York City. Following is a representative testimony of witnessing for Yankee Stadium.

Delancey Street, main thoroughfare of Manhattan's Lower East Side, is a good witnessing area. Once the heart of the Jewish immigrant community, it has a large black and Spanish-speaking population—groups most receptive to the Festival—as well as a great variety of customers to its still Jewish-owned bargain stores. Most of the time the witnessing, like that all over New York, is talking to person after person and receiving a variety of responses: no response at all, "I've got one already," "Your're brainwashed!" and interest—"Free, huh? Sure, I'd like to come." Sometimes, though, unusual things happen.

He was a young, prosperous-looking black man on his way into the subway. He listened with no response. "Are you here again?" yelled an old white man. "Don't

you know..." (He recited a number of outlandish statements about our movement so strange that they have not yet been incorporated into the body of usual rumors about us.) He kept interrupting my responses with other assertions. Then the black man responded: "Your opinion is not fact, mister!" He turned to me, "Now, as you were saying...." Surprised, the white man went away. But when he saw that the young man was listening to me, he came back. "Don't listen to what she's saying. Don't go! He's a false prophet!" I thought, "Now it's over for sure with this guy." But he unexpectedly challenged the old man: "Judge not lest ye be judged" Snow the old man was screaming. "False Messiah!" "Judge not lest ye be judged!" "Brainwashed..." "Judge not lest ye be judged!" The young man took two tickets and promised to come.

After taking some tickets, the subway operator cautioned me about the neighborhood at night. "There was a body in the station when I got here this

morning. Probably murder, maybe suicide. Poor guy was thrown onto the tracks in front of an oncoming train. People jump in front of the trains alot. Favorite way to commit suicide here. "I've seen a lot of them myself. But it makes me sad every time." Later on we saw a downcast young man with a black eye. He was mugged in the subway, he said. (Same station as the murder.) Was robbed, too. By a kid smaller than him. Yes, he'd like to come, he said. "Maybe it will make me feel better."

The Bowery bums like Delancey Street, too. One was sitting inbetween piles of merchandise on the sidewalk. "You with that Korean guy? I think he's a good man. In fact, I wanted to hear what he had to say. But that was before I got drunk." He lapsed into a stupor.

Among the sea of people waiting to cross at Essex Street, I saw a middle-aged black lady looking at me. I didn't have to say a word. "Oh, I'm so glad that he is coming back. Wanted to

go to Madison Square Garden but couldn't make it. Do you have tickets? Bless you! My friend Mary told me that she had seen you all out, and I was so glad. He speaks the word of the Lord. You know, you probably won't believe this, but I had a dream about you last night. We were at Delancey Street, but it was much wider and full of people. You and her (pointing to the girl I was witnessing with) were leading a whole crowd of people down Delancey Street. You were right here. I saw *your* face. And I was standing on the side with a friend. She said, 'What's happening?' And I said, 'We've got to follow these girls, because they are going to the right place.' She wanted twenty tickets.

After lots of rejections you begin to seek people who have bright faces, hoping that they will respond. I was shocked when a radiant black woman said, "Tickets? No thanks." She quickly added, "My husband is giving out tickets today at 96th and Amsterdam!"

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Mr. Salonen Speaks to Campaigners

"We Have to Hold God's Hand"

When I look into the faces of each of you witnessing for the Yankee Stadium campaign, I see how deeply determined each one of you are. When I see the lines of fatigue in your faces and weight which you are carrying on your shoulders, I always think the same thing: how much God must love each one of our brothers and sisters because of the tremendous effort we are making. And also how much we realize that we cannot fulfill God's will through our own effort alone but by making our 100% effort a condition for God to fully bless America.

If God loves us so much and we dedicate ourselves so much, how is God going to add His blessing? Is it going to come in some mysterious way? Will God send his blessing with a crack of thunder on June 1? It is obvious that our relationship with God is not like that. If God is going to bring His blessing on the city of New York, it has to be through us. It can't be around us or behind us or on top of us. It has to come from within us.

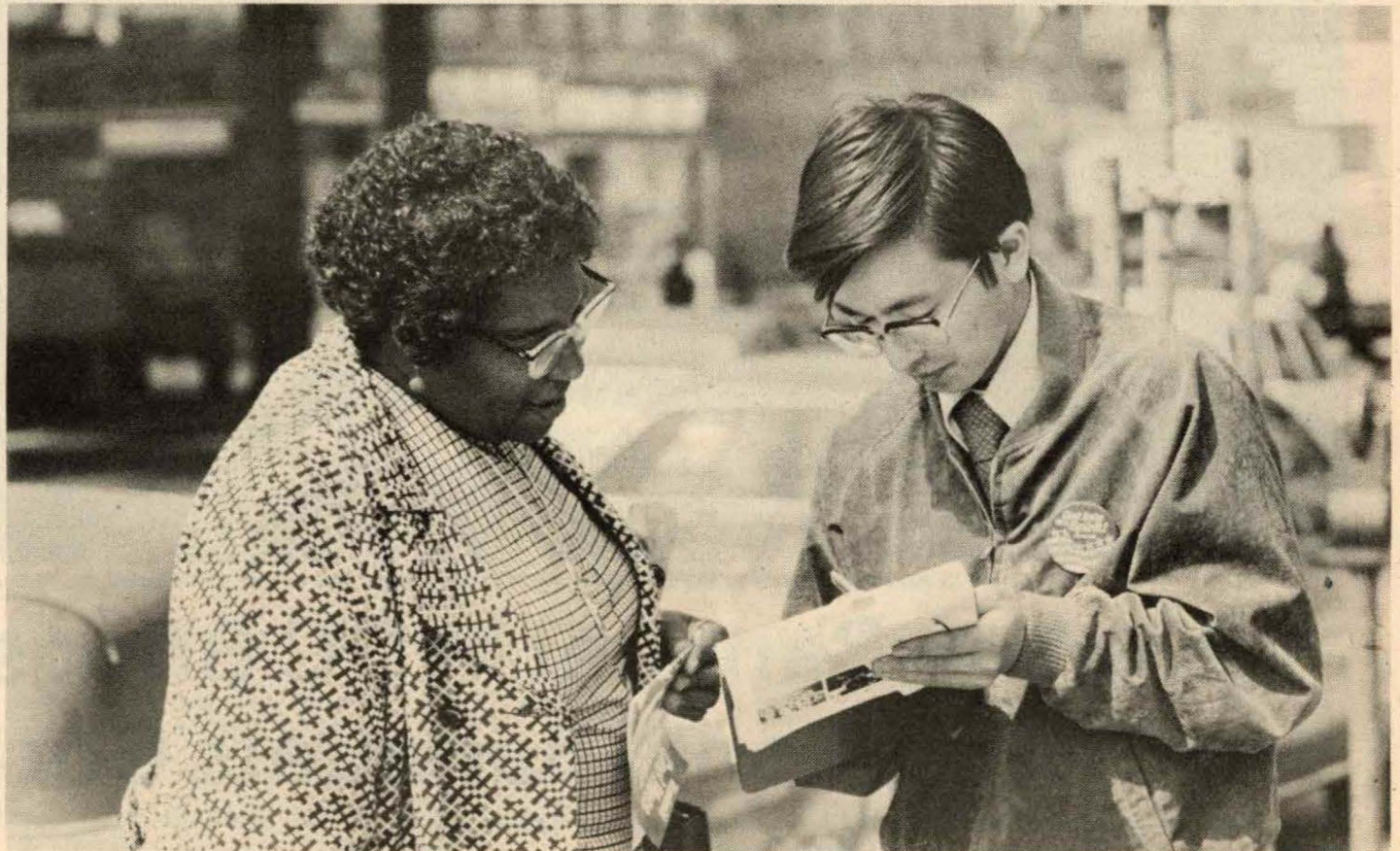
A dedicated Christian missionary to China came to a recent luncheon here. "Thank you for coming," I said. "Thank you," she responded. "In Isaiah 54 it says, 'In front of all His enemies, God will raise up his standard.' I've been praying for you for five years, praying for God to raise up his standard. Now I can see clearly that you are going to be God's standard. I am grateful to you." She, like many others in this city, have been beseeching God for something to change this city. She may have been expecting God to act in miraculous ways, but she is humble enough to recognize God acting before her very eyes just as He did 2,000 years ago. Because she can recognize God's action, she can receive His blessing. So she is rejoicing now in the midst of chaos

Everyday we go out to the tip of Manhattan, deep into the uncivilized world. First you break into your team and then you are standing all by yourself. Even though you are the same person and New York is the same city and God is the same God and Yankee Stadium is the same, you are now standing as a representative. If you feel that you are standing by yourself, it is a very terrible

give up your lunch or to push your voice out and keep smiling. What it really means is that we have to give some part of ourselves. We have to see the people as God sees them. We have to really push from within our hearts to give each person a taste of our own experience. No one can deny that. Nothing is stronger than the truth. Nothing is more powerful than the truth. And in the end, the people come not

And later the people may come and say, "That is exactly what I was thinking."

Most important in these crucial days is that we don't become separated in our feeling for how much God is working with us every day. God is inspired by the same things that we are inspired by. If God loves each one of our brothers and sisters so much, He also loves each one of us so much. In the end, the words of Jesus come



East meets West in a typical campaign scene in Manhattan.

she can receive His blessing. So she is rejoicing now in the midst of chaos because she sees the hand of God working.

God is in our situation. We are in God's situation. We have to hold God's hand and have our hand held by Him because we are both waiting to see the response. When we pray for Yankee Stadium, we have to realize that God wants to hear all of the prayers. God also has everything staked on the Yankee Stadium festival. If we coapse, not just our situation but God's situation will be imperilled. God is pounding the dust with us on the streets of New York, longing to bring people. We are praying to God for His help and inspiration. In a way, God is praying to us, comforting us.

Churches Increase Members, Vary Activities

Witnessing activities increased significantly during the month of April as the field prepared to send members to assist with the Yankee Stadium campaign. Sixty participants of one last workshop held in April became Church members; 80% of the participants in recent 5-day training programs have become members. The Northwest region (number 2) led by Evangelist Ron Pepper, had the greatest membership increase in April--67% (These and the following figures do not include Los Angeles, New York, Bay Area, or Detroit Churches.) Next was region 8, led by Marc Lee, with a 63% increase. The top state was Michigan, with a 117% increase. Individuals achieving outstanding records in bringing people were Kevin Christiansen and Mary Quirk, both from Region 2.

Bicentennial theme rallies have been held in a number of areas, including Texas, St. Louis, Maine, Wyoming, Colorado and New Mexico. 21-day workshop participants in both Connecticut and the Northwest region made significant contributions to God Bless America-related activities. Workshop guest in New Haven participated in anti-pornography

situation because the world is difficult, cynical, fallen, and jaded by disappointments. We are living in a world of a broken heart. When we try to talk to these people as an individual, it is difficult for them to see the answer to their prayers as did the missionary. But when you can feel God's presence in you, when your remember that all of the blessings which God has given you are the same that He will give to each one, you are in a position to touch them deep within their hearts as the answer to their prayers.

We have to go out every day and sacrifice ourselves. That doesn't just mean to work hard or to work long or to

just because of the logical construction of our arguments. If they feel something even though they can't understand it, they will be drawn. The people who are going out in the world everyday have often given up the search for God or the hope that God exists. And through us, God is trying to reach them. If we suffer rejection for ourselves alone, we have made a terrible mistake. If we share God's situation, we can see the cooperation of the spirit world around us. If we can build a righteous foundation, the spirit world will complete it. For example, when you go to street-speak, you may intend to say one thing but many other things come out.

to be the most important. He said that people would know his disciples if they loved one another. If God wants to embrace each person, He must certainly want to embrace our members. But He can't do it himself. Therefore He must depend on us to create a true family which generates that embracing love. Would it be possible that we could love all mankind and everyone on the streets so deeply every day but be closed to one another? Quite the opposite. By loving one another, we can generate an atmosphere of love which spills over all people of the human race.

This campaign gives us an opportunity to bring witness to the new spirit of our members. People are now aware of us in every part of the city. They are examining us very closely. They may have heard many things which will serve to heighten their curiosity. As we reach out above all the persecution, let us remember that God and we are in a common situation. Let us remember that God has been working side by side with us. How often we worry about our situation, making God come and comfort us before we take the next step! We have to lift the responsibility at least for ourselves off God's shoulders and finally for the people in our areas so that we can become the people that God can trust to share in His situation.

We have to know and to feel deeply that God loves each one of us. If we feel that, then we become the people with the magic key that no one else has. If you are a person of God's love, people will automatically react when you walk down the street. If you are just an instrument of God's judgment, people will run from you....

Let us pray to experience God more deeply and more closely than at any time in our principled life. This is a precious moment. Rather than think of ourselves as individuals, it is time to think that this is our greatest experience with God. Let us be determined to embrace and transform New York and fill up Yankee Stadium. It is so important!

rallies and a street-cleaning campaigns. Pioneers, members, and trainees in Northwest region conducted witnessing campaigns with a Bicentennial theme in Eugene, Oregon, and Seattle, Washington. They attracted attention in Eugene by a rally in a shopping mall, featuring the "Spirit of '76" singers, speeches, and even a bass drum with the God Bless America Festival logo. In Seattle, members marched through the downtown areas of the city. A substantial majority of guests at the workshop following the Seattle campaign became members.

Evangelist Ron Pepper concludes that using a Bicentennial theme in witnessing has several good points. "Members were really stimulated to think and speak deeply to go beyond the common cliches about the Bicentennial," observes Mr. Pepper. Also, he said, "Members who have been witnessing daily for some time in both Eugene and Seattle received new inspiration during the campaign. A more intense feeling was generated; many members, especially those in the 21-day program, looked upon our "God Bless America" rallies and workshop as preparation for Yankee Stadium work."



Ron Pepper speaks at Eugene, Oregon rally.

Excerpts from Father's April 25 Speech

"Take Up God's Worst Problem"

We all know that the world is looking for unity. When will that originate? It doesn't just happen automatically; we must create unity. Although we know that we are destined to become united someday, our world is divided. It is historical destiny that nations come together to make one world. But the internal situation in America doesn't look promising for that to occur. The United Nations is more divided than united. The Communists have a great ideology for workers and poor people, but they have many problems internally.

Let's look at ourselves. Are we one within ourselves? When my mind and my body are not united, my environment is strange. It is difficult for us to become one in ourselves and to become one with our environment. Either I must make myself become one, or an outside power makes me become one.

There must be a central point for unity. When two parties cannot become one, that means that they have no common ground to unite. Therefore we must have a common subject. We can go back to the originating point or advance towards one ultimate goal in which both can find a common ground.

Confrontation usually brings destructive results. If my mind and body confront each other, I come to ruin. United, we are prosperous; divided, we fall. Our goal is unification. But we cannot attain it unless we go through the route of victory.

For unity, we are looking for a subject which is good, truthful, and great. What is the truth? The world does not have a clear definition of the truth. It is important for the truth to be eternal, unchanging, and everlasting. But the most important quality of truth that it can maintain the subject role from the beginning to the

true religion or not. Are we responsible? We must take responsibility for others. From this criteria you can measure all religious philosophies and all events of history. You can measure your own leader. Am I a truthful leader? Why do young people seek me? It is most logical that young people seek the truth. We have an ideology that takes responsibility for the entire world—past, present, and future. It is not my ideology to take the comfortable way. If that were the case, no one would follow. Unification is not an easy goal.

Shall we become united? Your answer must be everlasting, even at the price of your life. Let's have the confidence that I am the subject, I will take the responsibility for the world. Are you going to save the world? The important thing is whether or not you can deliver. Are you responsible? The answer is easy, but the action is difficult.

The person of truth has the subject role and takes up the responsibility for all. The man standing on the truth is not bothered by the environment. I came to save America and the world. It is as simple as that. There is no way for me to be discouraged. I know God, pursue His principles, and take up the world's problems with enthusiasm.

Our ideology is so big. If we think even bigger than God, He would not condemn

us but rather be joyful. Our ideology is that we must liberate God. Is there any bigger thinking than that?

God is the central point of all and has taken on the worst responsibilities in the world. He is eternally our God. Jesus led a miserable life from an external viewpoint. When he was defeated on the cross, he asked God to forgive the people. From this we can also learn the definition of truth. Jesus took responsibility for all. He asked God to forgive the Roman Empire, the sinners and the world because he took responsibility for them. Jesus Christ lived as the subject of the world. Therefore his ideology is super-giant. No one can compete with it.

We are the movement to take responsibility for America. We take up the hard road. While being opposed, we continue to prosper. Our goal is unification, and we are looking for victory. How can we achieve that victory?

This morning I am teaching you the secret of becoming God's man. Take up the worst problem as your responsibility. Once we become the champions to solve the worst problems of God, we will become united with God and with the world. What is the worst problem of God and of mankind? It centers around love. Where can we find true love? This world, without true love, is running into immorality. Corrupted morality is the

sign of ruin. This is God's headache. Are you capable of wiping out the corruption in the world? We can truly regenerate the entire youth of the world through our own hands. You are responsible for the future of the world. God knows that already....I know your position so well. I am giving up my life for this cause. I know that there is no choice but to go this road. There is not one day that is easy for me. But I know that there must be no deviation because the goal is something greater than our lives. Any religious leader with the power to liberate young people from corruption can become truly united with this world.

The second greatest problem is the death of religion. America is declining because religion is dying. We have a philosophy to solve that problem. The third problem is Communism. If we have a solution to just one of these problems, we already have the power to unite the world. Can you do it? We see many proofs that we can. For example, who is opposing us? Morally degraded people, the declining Christian churches, and the Communists. Even though they may want to exterminate us, our goal is not to exterminate but to liberate them. We are going to save the Communists. We are going to liberate the prostitutes to a healthy way of life. And we want to save the decline of the churches. If we are motivated solely by an unselfish goal, we will never perish. I want you to be generous and work hard. Work harder than our enemies, and forgive them. They are anxious to see our destruction, and we are anxious to liberate them. The life of opposition is short; the life of construction is long.

Victory is ours. There is no way that we can be ruined. We cause unification. We have truth, which is



everlasting. But the most important quality of truth that it can maintain the subject role from the beginning to the end, from eternity to eternity. Truth is always the center, at the very core.

Why is the central point so essential? The central point always takes responsibility. The true nation, for example, becomes the central point to take responsibility for the rest of the world. For a nation to become a central point, it must have an idealistic goal.

Do you want to become truthful people? Everyone wants to be the subject but no one wants to take up the responsibility. If you are dwelling in the truth, then you take responsibility not only for yourself but also for others.

By this definition, we can judge whether or not the Unification Church is a



victory is ours. There is no way that we can be ruined. We cause unification. We have truth, which is subject and takes the responsibility for the world. That truth is also very unique, unchanging, and beautiful. No one else is happier than we are because we are on the track of truth and because we have a guarantee of victory. You are going to win that victory on the front line. When we have unity at the front line, everything will come automatically. Our path will get easier because we are picking up momentum. Have confidence. You need only yourselves. The originating point of victory is the truth. Those who take responsibility for the worst problems will be victorious. In history, we will be sons and daughters of God. We will inherit the love of God. Our ultimate victory is to become sons and daughters of God.

Our Movement Around the World

Learning the Hearts of the World's People

Many reports from our international representatives share reflections about the similarities and differences between Americans and other peoples. Following are some examples.

NORTH AFRICA

One major problem that took a long time to overcome was to realize that pioneering in America and starting a foreign mission would not be the same. In actuality, they are quite different; because we went through the same training session as that of the American pioneers, we had the idea that it would be similar. There are several basic differences. First of all, the people of Africa, or all under-developed countries, are quite different from Americans. You simply can't blitz someone with the Principle and expect him to sacrifice immediately. Because their education is not as substantial and their attitudes are shaped by a materialistic society, for people to

change is something really great.

We need patience, a caring heart, and parental love. You can't talk about the truth so much because they can't grasp it. It will take many years for the people to make internal changes.

CAMEROUN

The Cameroun are very much like children in their devotion and love. It is very innocent and pure. They have deep love for their brothers and sisters, watching out for them and taking care of them. Also their respect for elders or people in the parental position is very high. Life is so different here that many times I feel like I'm on the set of a movie or on a stage in a play. Externally, the life is different. Internally, Africans are Heavenly Father's beautiful children. They have big hearts and truly care for each other. Because they have suffered so much, being neglected by Europe and America, they are truly empathetic with their

brothers' suffering. Once we were at a soccer match which Cameroun lost by one point. One man who had tried to score a point but failed was so depressed as he walked down the field. His teammate had just scored point and his chest was swelled with pride. But he felt so bad when he saw his brother's suffering. He reached over and grabbed his brother, embraced him, and gave him so much love.

NORTH AFRICA

It is really interesting to see the racial situation from this side...One can see many of the roots of the blacks in America. I am learning the feeling of what it is like to be separated from the crowd and looked at as different. It is strange. Whenever I ride the bicycle through town there are always long looks and sometimes jeers and catcalls.

The people here feel somehow inferior to the whites. The whites live in big villas with cars and don't have the time of day

for most blacks except for officials. So the blacks rebound in the attempt to exert their authority whenever possible.

I am experiencing something that most Americans don't get the chance to—white Americans, at least. Even though there is not open persecution against whites, there is an underlying feeling. But even that underlying feeling cuts into a person. It either makes you defensive so your pride swells up and fights back or it makes you feel alone and hurt.

The racial struggle in America becomes so pitifully sad when seen from this point of view of being set apart and regarded as different. Then I think of how long this has been going on in America. If each American could just feel what it is like for a short time, how his heart would change? There are definite differences in races. But those differences are not of quality. We must overcome within ourselves and show others how to overcome. One thing that I always feel is the sadness of the separation.

Church Buys New Yorker Hotel

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from all over the world while they study in their fields at their respective schools in New York: Columbia, Juilliard, etc. This will be a true human resources development program."

Mr. Salonen made the public announcement of our purchase at a press conference on Thursday morning, May 13. "I am very proud to announce today that we have completed negotiations for the purchase of the New Yorker Hotel. The signing was the beginning of a very dramatic program on our part." He stressed our goal of moral regeneration: "We feel very strongly that what is needed in America is to rebuild the spirit of giving God thanks for the blessings that He has given to this country and also to rededicate ourselves to the spiritual values that have brought so much to this

nation. As part of that, we feel that since New York typifies the problems that our society is facing, we want to begin our clean-up here. That is why we started the America the Beautiful campaign..."

"We realize that New York is a city that needs a restoration in confidence. We want to help rebuild faith in the city of New York, particularly in the areas that have declined not only physically and economically but morally as well. Therefore our purchase of the New Yorker Hotel is not just an effort to bring the commitment of business and commerce back to the city, but also to begin cleaning up that area. From the programs that we intend to launch from that building, we expect the entire Eighth Avenue area to come back. We are going to do a moral clean-up as well. We are appalled to see the number of prostitutes

on the streets, the tremendous number of pornographic bookstores. We feel that what is needed is greater citizen participation. We intend to do this. We want to work together to help New York again become a symbol of prosperity and vitality here in America."

Mr. Salonen went on to outline the purposes of the building: "We plan to devote a number of our rooms to public service work; in particular, an education program of bringing men and women from around the world to study here in New York. We will provide them scholarships, room, board, and the best possible training for them in the field of their choice. We will also provide them with a strong moral background so that they can go back and become not just technically qualified leaders of the world but also morally excellent leaders. In this way we

are going to promote the ideals of international brotherhood and cooperation.

"It is our desire to restore the entire area. It will become not only a world mission center for Unification Church activities but it will also interface with many cultural programs. As you know, we believe that cultural exchange can help accomplish the goal of world peace and brotherhood... We will also seek to cooperate with other groups who are looking for a place for their programs."

"Reverend Moon has a great dream for reviving the spirit of New York and of America," said Mr. Salonen. "It is a great day for us to announce that a great step has been taken by securing this property. We desire to make this building a new temple of God in the city of New York. We want this to be one place which will really represent God's hope for New York."

Belvedere Meeting: Father Raises Goals

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physical victory. We are the major actors in God's history. No one can duplicate the work that you are doing.

"The entire world," continued Father, is watching our movement. Our friends are waiting for our victory and our enemies are waiting for our defeat. Yankee Stadium is a showdown battle on the worldwide scale....My own well-being is not even in sight. We are bringing an impact going far beyond our own lives. We have to stand on the Principle. It is most logical. If we are to sacrifice to bring a victory to Yankee Stadium, we must accept that sacrificial mission a thousand

spirit world is ours....The secret for victory is: are we united 100%? I will forgive you if you work hard enough to bring two or three million! The remaining days will be a test of how much we can do. How much can we make the impossible possible?"

After speaking, Father asked for reports. Among the points brought up were:

*A recent survey in Spanish Harlem indicates that 90% have tickets of Yankee Stadium. Among the reasons for going

were : Bicentennial celebration -- 7%. Entertainment -- 7%. Free -- 7%. To hear Reverend Moon -- 75%.

*Harlem has been another fruitful area, with 80% very positive.

*The TV ads have brought a good response: about 20 calls per ad, each with requests for four or five tickets. Among those calling have been people not readily reached through our street campaign -- residents of senior citizens' homes, for example.

*The clean-up campaign has stirred

interest among politicians, on campuses, and in police forces.

*The newly-created brass band has successfully drawn crowds to team rallies.

*An average of 100 people have attended each of the parents' conferences held across the country. Many of the parents were quite positive; most were open to learning more about the Unification Church. The national parents' conference will deal more directly with the Divine Principle than the local conferences.

most logical. If we are to sacrifice to bring a victory to Yankee Stadium, we must accept that sacrificial mission a thousand times willingly....

"The sun is the best teacher in the universe. When you see the sun, notice that it does not alter its schedule. Whether anyone sees it or not, it always comes the next day on the same route. You know that you can trust the sun. The earth is also a good teacher. You can trust the earth. When spring comes, you know without mistake that the earth will bring flowers. But the master of the universe is man. I should be better than the sun. I should be better than the earth. I must become a trustworthy person in the sight of God. With a loving heart, I want to be a source of joy to God....God is knocking at your heart, telling you that He wants you to undertake His responsibility. How great it is! How privileged we are to receive such special attention from Heavenly Father....

"I feel wonderful excitement as each day approaches. We will make Yankee Stadium a great event of the world which no one can duplicate. Soon we will be so famous that people will start addressing their letters: 'Reverend Moon, New York City.' Why do we have to achieve the goal? Yankee Stadium is important, but Washington Monument is even more important. We can have one more than 500,000 attend the Washington Monument, but not one less. But there are only one million people in Washington. How can we bring 50% of the population to the rally? This is an empty dream. The secret to success in Washington is to make Yankee Stadium a total victory. Then we can bring 200,000 people in 4,000 buses from New York to Washington. If we can mobilize 500,000 or a million for Yankee Stadium, then we know that we can be successful in Washington. Washington Monument is the main program; Yankee Stadium is the prelude...

"Have the conviction to bring 500,000 or one million. I want to have the Washington Monument in early September instead of October. This is nothing to laugh about. God is with us! The entire



Father signs photographs of the New Yorker Hotel.

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