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The Go-World Brass Band watches the entertainment at the beginning of the Yankee Stadium rally.

Father Speaks to the Membership: June 2

The Victory of Yankee Stadium

Did we win victory at Yankee Stadium? I'm sure that yesterday God shed invisible tears-not because of the rain but because of your commitment, your loyalty, and your enthusiasm. You moved God's heart yesterday. He is ready to pour many blessings upon you.

Was the rain good or bad? I felt that it was good. For the last several months, we put out every ounce of energy for Yankee Stadium. At the last moment, God gave us a big test. When I heard about the rain, I smiled. I was not even surprised. Next, I prayed, "Don't worry, Father," I said. "We'll make out. I am comforting you." I pledged God that if because of the rain we could not have the program, I would reconstruct the crusade within 15 days, promising that within 15 days I would bring an even greater result than we expected yesterday. I told God that whatever the circumstances, we would not be defeated and we would bring Him the promised victory.

Actually, I wanted a three-hour

downpour so that the event would be rained out. Why? Then we would have reason to do it again. If that had happened, we would have had a chance to become really close with New Yorkers. God already planned for three hours of rain. But you sang, "You are my Sunshine." And God's heart was melted. So He stopped the rain. If I say, "Let's put on Yankee Stadium again within one week!" would you do it? (YES) That means that we won't have to do it again, because you

have confidence and have passed the test.

Yesterday you were really demonstrating the spirit of God. When the rain came, instead of becoming discouraged, you were in high spirits, protesting to God and trying to push away the rain.

If there had been no rain, it would have been absolutely no problem to have an overflowing house. Even in the last several weeks my main concern has been how to gather people in Washington. I was really mulling this over. How can I train

our people to be able to mobilize such a giant crowd? That was my headache. Yankee Stadium is a dress rehearsal. If we gather a half million people, the entire world will tremble. What is the secret?

Yesterday everyone tasted the bottom of Hell. Yesterday, as the wind blew and the rain poured down, the rain and your tears mingled on your faces. You tasted something miserable. At that moment you

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On to Washington Monument!

As Father said farewell to the members on June 2, he said, "In Washington, I will give the most important message of all. Would you like to be just one nation under God or one world under God as America enters her third century? Your fire, your burning zeal will be unexcelled by anyone. While you are working on the street

corners with your sweat and blood, I will work harder than you. No matter what may come, as long as we are this serious, there are no obstacles.... We will see you at the victory site." Consequently, the campaign for the September rally at the Washington Monument, led by Mr. Kamiyama, is now on the move.

Father revealed the basic strategy at a meeting with all members on the morning of June 3 in the ballroom of the New Yorker. At least half of the pioneers, he said, would be concentrated in states near Washington to build up membership in preparation for the campaign and to work on the campaign itself. The campaign, since it is centering upon a small city, will reach into neighboring states, as the main strategy will be to bring people by bus. As leaders were planning strategy,

MFT's and state members enjoyed simultaneous workshops given by Dale Garrett and Mr. Sudo. By Sunday, plans were made and members went to their missions after Father's Sunday speech.

Each center has a new leader, appointed by Father. The eleven key states on the East coast received an additional quota of members proportionate to their population. To give strength to that area, former Barrytown evangelists have been assigned as state leaders and IW assignments have been limited to these states.

Area	Leader	IW
Washington, D.C.	Michael Leone	Betsy Jones
Maryland	Mr. Cha	Barbara ten Wolde

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Everyone has his own story of Yankee Stadium. The hopes and prayers from all over the country and the world for the three months preceding the event. The triumphs, failures, and growth experiences of witnessing in New York. And the excitement of June 1 itself. Everyone has the same story of Yankee Stadium starting from the moment it rained -- first discouragement and then

determination to go on, no matter what. As a record of the events of Yankee Stadium, this issue of New Hope News includes: Father's June 2 remarks on the significance of Yankee Stadium, Father's speech at Yankee Stadium, photographs and a summary of the Festival, and photos of the rallies immediately preceding the festival.

God's Hope For America

June 1 Speech at Yankee Stadium by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Distinguished Citizens of the United States and Honorable Delegates of the world, I would like to speak to you tonight on the subject: "God's Hope for America." But first of all, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you for coming today and being part of this record crowd.

Here in grand Yankee Stadium we have gathered to celebrate America's 200th birthday.

Among this year's many celebrations, our Festival at Yankee Stadium is unique for the following reasons: First, we have gathered together in the name of God, and second, we are having an international celebration. Representatives from all over the world are here for this joyous celebration.

Today we are living in an age when we must look at every individual and every nation as vital components of the world. In our world, there are basically two ways of life. One is the selfish way of life, and the other is the unselfish way of life where one thinks beyond himself and his family and lives for the greater purpose of the nation and the world. Throughout history, whether in the East or West, those who played important roles were public-minded or selfish persons.

The well-being of the family should come before that of the individual; the nation should come before the family; the world before the nation, and God before the world. This is the philosophy of the selfless way of life. The righteous men and women and saints in history were those people who selflessly sacrificed themselves for God and mankind. Jesus Christ was indeed the supreme example of such a righteous man.

It is truly God, however, who is supremely selfless, supremely public-

minded. When mankind rebelled against Him, God did not take revenge; He forgave. And God has been working tirelessly to raise sinful men up out of sin into salvation. To do this God sent His only Son Jesus Christ. Even at the cost of sacrificing His Son, God wanted to save the world. God erected Israel as the chosen nation. The purpose of the chosen nation is also to save the world. And God raised up Christianity for the same purpose—to save the world.

The Bible says in John 3:16, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Remember, the world is God's goal. And just as Jesus willingly gave his life so that the world might live, God wanted all Christians to be willing to give themselves for the salvation of the world. However, today Christians of the world are not even close to realizing this heart of God.

God seeks to build one family on man. Therefore, the family, church and nation which God desires transcend all barriers of race and nationality. The people who are a unified blending of all colors of skin, and who transcend race and nationality are most beautiful in the sight of God and most pleasing to Him.

Let us look at America. It is most important that we know whether the United States of America was conceived by God or not. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my firm belief that the United States of America was indeed conceived by God.

There were, however, two kinds of people among your forefathers. One kind came to this land seeking wealth. The others came to this land seeking God and freedom. They dreamed of building a new nation centered upon God. If the former had become the mainstream of America,

there would have been far greater strife, division and struggle between the different races and national groups. The United States would have been filled with unrighteousness and injustice. From the beginning, however, God intervened. Therefore, of all the immigrants, the righteous men of God were to find their proper place as leaders in America. All the different races and nationalities of the world harmonized upon this land to create God-centered families, churches and the nation of America. The beautiful tradition of America was set by your forefathers.

Look at your own families. Most families have the virtue of a distinct international character. If your lineage has been in America for some time, it probably unites many different nationalities. In your blood stream many kinds of blood are blended together. Nations who used to be enemies have united in your blood. When the individuals and the families which transcend racial and national barriers gather together to create a church, a society and a nation, that nation will become God's ideal nation for all peoples.

There is only one nation like this in all of history—The United States of America. It is apparent that this unique nation of America is the creation of God. The people of America have come from every corner of the world. To be an American does not depend upon what race you are, what belief you have, or what cultural background you are from. It is only in this nation that no matter where you are from, you can say this is my country. That is America!

America is a microcosm of the world. Transcending nationality and race, America has created a model for the ideal world. God Himself had purposely hidden this land of America from civilization until His time was full, and then upon her God raised up this model nation. In His Providence God anointed America with oil; He poured out abundant blessing upon this land. In a short 200 years, God raised this nation to be the mightiest nation of earth.

But blessing never comes alone; it comes with responsibility. If one forsakes the responsibility, one also forsakes God's blessing. Inevitably the blessing of God will leave, and the nation doing this will decline. Is it not true that the signs of such decline are already apparent in America today?

Beloved American people, the time has come that we must repent. We must fear the wrath of God. In the truest sense, who are the true Americans? True Americans are those who have a universal mind. True Americans are those who believe in the one family of man, transcendent of color, and nationality as willed by God. True Americans are those who are proud of such international families, churches and of the nation which consists of all peoples. In the sight of God, there is no black; there is no white; there is no yellow. We must look at the human race, as God sees it. America must return to the true founding spirit of the nation, to the ideals which her ancestors sought to establish with sweat and blood. America must return to Godism, an absolutely God-centered ideology.

God is the motivation, the cause and the foundation of the independence of America. America was born through the Providence of God. If we are centered upon God, we will remain united and enjoy prosperity. However, as soon as we turn away from God, we will be divided.

Ladies and gentlemen, if America wants to keep the blessing of God as the leading nation of the world, it must form a partnership with God. Do you have God in your homes? Do you truly have God in

your church? Do you have God in your society and nation? God is the cement. With God, America will stay together like concrete. But if God leaves, she will be like sand. When the flood comes, all will be washed away.

America's greatness and pride stem from God. With Him America deserves the blessing and can remain as the mightiest nation. With God, you can preserve your dignity and the leadership of the world. If you allow God to leave America, however, this nation will decline; it will be subjugated by satanic hands. When this happens, the future of America will be dismal, tragic. America will become a living hell.

When God's blessing is great, and one forsakes God's will, God's punishment is equally great. In the early 1960's, America seemed to be the hope of the world, and the symbol of America was the city of New York. Today, however, the world has lost faith in America, and New York has become a jungle of immorality and depravity. It has been transformed into a city under the attack of evil. Chicago is no different, nor Los Angeles. Throughout all of America, Satan is becoming the master. God has been forgotten in the country, and if forgotten, God can only leave America. Now is the very moment that this is taking place!

When the unifying force of God leaves America, nothing will be able to hold America together. The family will break down; churches will divide, and America will become mortally ill because the cells of her body are decaying. This will be the perfect opportunity for the evil of communism to overtake America. This state of emergency is here now. Someone must do something!

There are critics who say, "Why is Reverend Moon so involved in America's Bicentennial? It is none of his business." Ladies and gentlemen, if there is illness in your home, do you not need a doctor from outside? If your home catches on fire, do you not need fire fighters from outside? God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor, in the role of a fire fighter. That is why I have come to America. Good medicine may taste bitter, and an operation may involve some pain, but the treatment must begin at once. Should a patient complain and push away the doctor's hand when he touches the infected part?

For the last three years, with my entire heart and soul I have been teaching American youth a new revelation from God. They now have a clear concept of what the God-centered family, church, and nation should be like. They also know the dark reality of America. Thus they have become determined fighters to bring new life and salvation to America before it is too late. They know the critical state of the nation. They know the grieving heart of God. And they are absolutely determined to turn the tide back to God. Their enthusiasm is beautiful to behold.

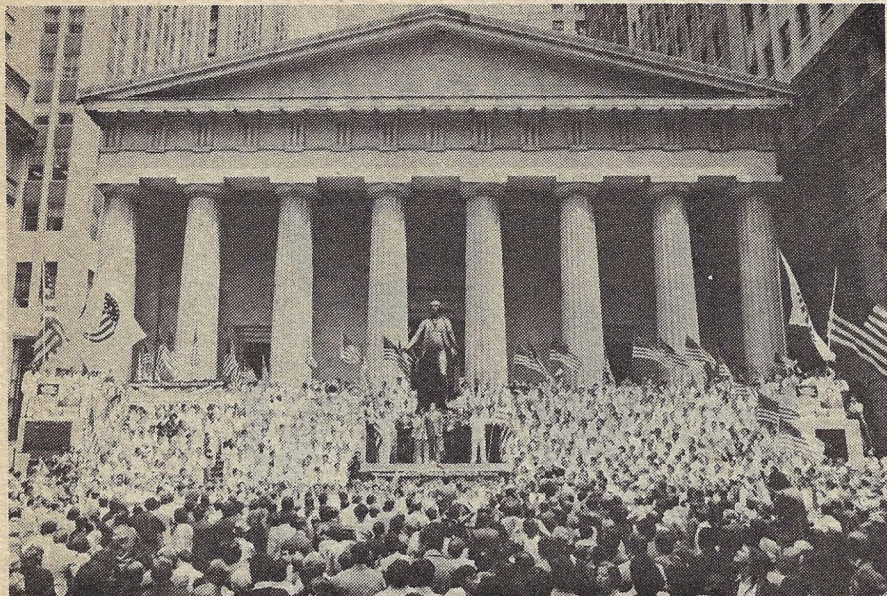
Your dedicated sons and daughters are champions of God crusading for the victory of God's will. As God's front line, they are declaring war against evil. They are courageously fighting this noble battle. We must overcome evil. It is our mission to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. Therefore, we must build a model of the Kingdom of God right here in America, which God loves and has prepared the most.

Ladies and gentlemen, remember, these young people are working tirelessly. Their hearts are filled with tears and sighs in order to create a world free of tears and sighs. These young people are struggling, agonizing over their mission to create a world free of struggle and agony. Our battle is God's battle against Satan. For



INSIDE: World Economic Forecast

Cover of the June 14 issue of Newsweek's international edition, going to 153 countries. The accompanying coverage was fuller and more balanced than that appearing in the domestic issue, with a lengthy interview with Father.



Before June 1 New Yorkers saw our activities in many parts of the City. [Left] May 26 Wall Street rally attracts a large lunchtime crowd. [Above] [Right] Members clean in Harlem in the day-long clean-up and rally. [Left] Three thousand members in white jumpsuits line the streets of Harlem on the Saturday, May 29 parade.

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the sake of God, we will never retreat, but will win, whatever the sacrifice may be.

It is not important whether I am persecuted or not. I am only concerned with the will of God and the mission God gave me. I am concerned that your rejection of me could result in the rejection of God. I am concerned that without knowing the situation clearly, you may be found opposing God's will. If what I am doing is not the will of God, it will not go too far, anyway. If, however, what I am doing is the will of God, then no matter how much some people reject and persecute us and try to block the way, this mission will succeed.

Why has Reverend Moon come to America where he has encountered such tribulation? Am I pursuing my own honor? Is money my goal, or power? No! Never! I came to America because this is my country which God, our Heavenly Father, has chosen. I came to America because I know the heart of God. I know that in spite of America's rebellion against Him, God will not abandon this country. His will is to make America an example of a Godly nation that the nations of the world can follow. I know God's will is to save the world, and to do this America must lead the way. This is why I came to America. With God you can win; with Satan you will fall.

Ladies and gentlemen, 200 years ago your brave ancestors in the Continental Army fought the Revolution, the war of independence, with faith in God. George Washington knelt down at Valley Forge asking divine intervention, and he and his army were able to win over the invincible British Army. Only through divine

intervention could he win the war and America's independence. At that moment, God laid the "Foundation of Land" for America.

Approximately 100 years later when, contrary to God's will, slavery and segregation were rampant here in America, God raised up Abraham Lincoln as His champion, and brought about the victory of the Civil War, liberating the slaves, and affirming equality for all people. By doing so, God laid the "Foundation of People" for America, transcending race and nationality. Yet this was an external test.

Today, 200 years later, America is undergoing another test. This time the test is an internal or spiritual one. It is a religious test, an historical, ideological test. On the other side of the world, the God-denying ideology of communism has risen up and is ready to undertake an all-out offensive against the free world. Destroying America is the communists' final and ultimate goal. They know America is God's final bulwark on earth. More than anything else, this is a test of whether America will stand as God's nation or fall.

America can not win this battle alone. She needs God. In this test you can not win without God who is the foundation of all truth, and all true ideology. A confrontation is inevitable between the two worlds—the God-affirming world and the God-denying world. This is a confrontation of ideology. Therefore, as a champion of God, America must win ideologically over atheistic communism on the world wide scale, with the unity of all races and nationalities. Our faith in God

must be stronger than their faith in communism. America must win in the name of God. Thus God would establish the "Foundation of the New World Ideology" in a higher dimension.

The American forefathers fled from religious persecution in Europe, came to the new world, and in the spirit of building "one nation under God" they brought about a new nation here in America which is now at the threshold of her third century. In a similar way, today people are fleeing from the communist world of slavery to the free world. Many were persecuted for their religious beliefs and ideological differences. The time has come to unite them to build a new world centered upon God. United, the free world must liberate the enslaved communist world. This time our task is to build "One World under God."

To do this, Christianity of the world must unite. The church must liberate herself from sectarianism. She must undergo a drastic reform, and achieve an ecumenical and an inter-religious unity. For this, we need a spiritual revolution. We need a new ideology, and this new ideology must incorporate Oriental philosophy, uniting the cultures of the East and the West.

This new ideology will also be capable of unifying all the existing religions and ideologies of the world. Therefore, it has come in the form of a new religious or spiritual movement. The Unification Church Movement has been created by God to fulfill that mission. This spiritual movement must first succeed here in America in order to spread throughout the world. The new ideology that the

Unification Church brings is "Godism," an absolutely God-centered ideology. It has the power to awaken America, and it has the power to raise up the model of the ideal nation of God upon this land.

With that done, the rest of the world will follow America's example and will build the Kingdom of God upon their respective lands. Then we shall all truly become brothers and sisters under one Father, God. This will be a world of love, a world of happiness. Our planet will be one home, and mankind will be one family. God's will, His long cherished desire from the beginning of time, will finally be fulfilled. This will be the eternal, ideal world of God. Indeed, it will be the Kingdom of God on earth. We will build it with our hands.

This is our supreme mission. It is truly our God-given, sacred mission. God is crying out to the world, and we are His instruments. The world must respond to His call. Listen to God's commandment. Initiate a courageous march towards the Kingdom of God on earth. Whatever the difficulty, let it not stop us. Our march is God's, and it will go on to the end.

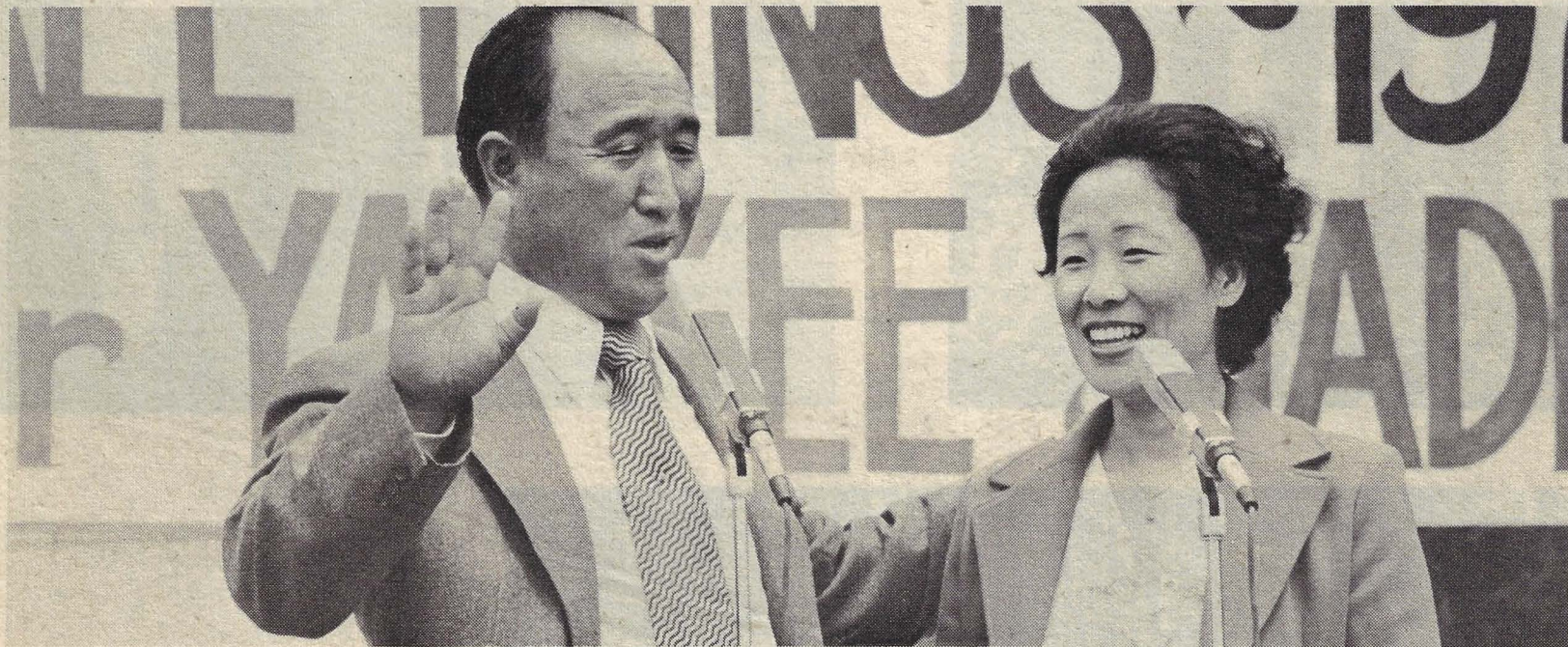
My beloved citizens of America, today let us pledge to God Almighty our loyalty and dedication to the fulfillment of this divine mission. Ladies and gentlemen, in the name of God, let us unite, and together build the Kingdom of God on earth!

Let us together give our united thanks to God. In the name of the people of the world, may I congratulate you on the 200th birthday of the great nation of America. May God bless you, and may God bless America and her third century.

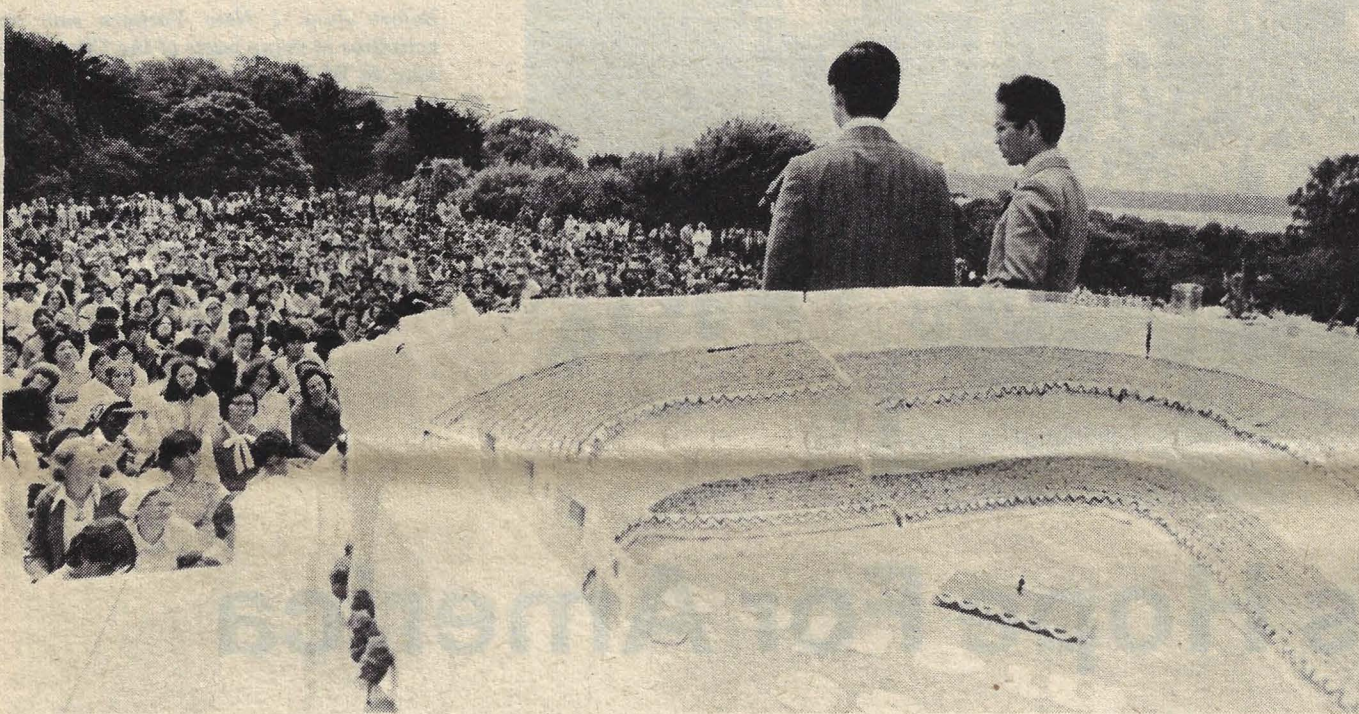
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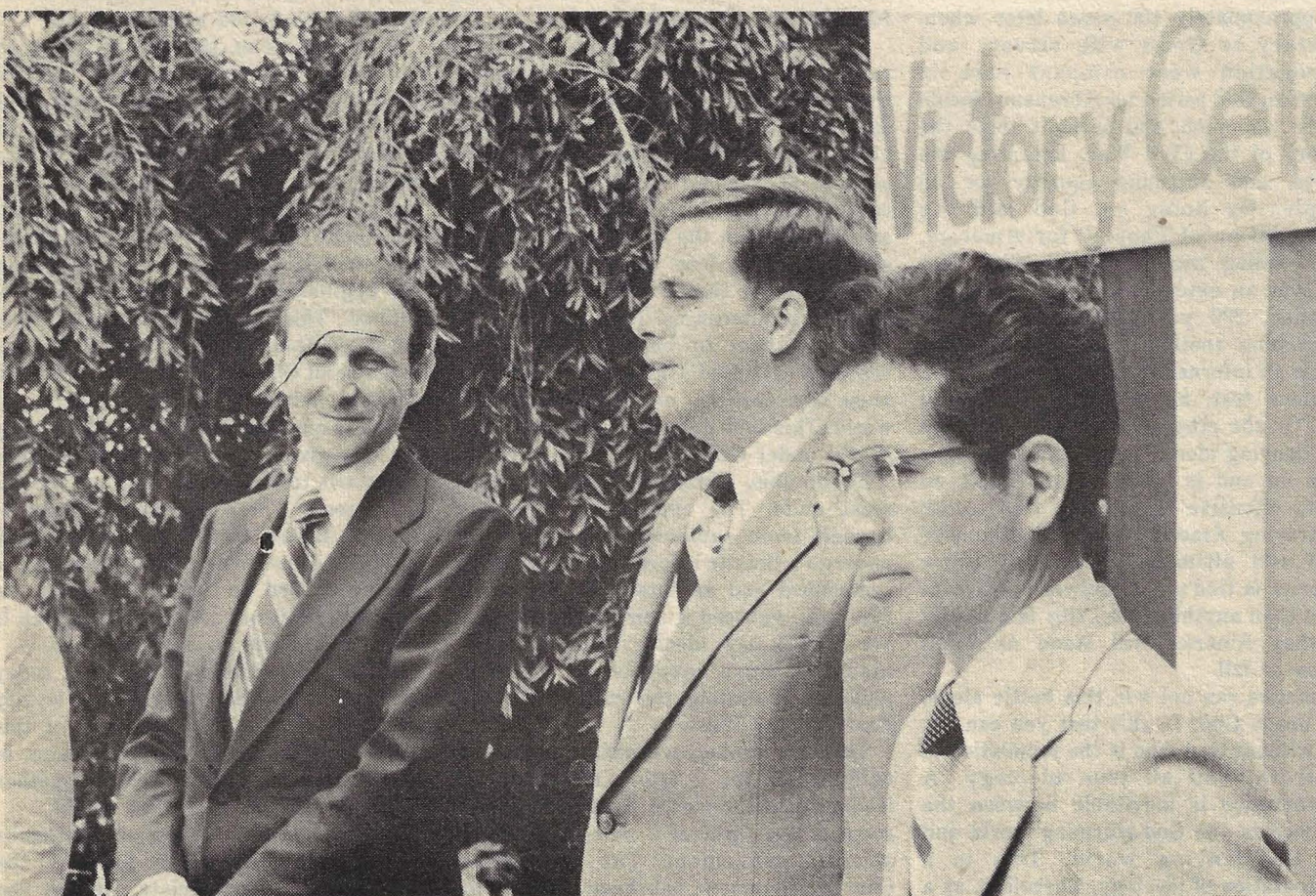
Celebration of Victory and World Day



Father and Mother singing "Um Maya."



Mr. Kamiyama speaking to members, with Yankee Stadium cake in the foreground.



Mr. Kamiyama, Mr. Salonen and Rev. Vincenz at World Day celebration. United together to accomplish the Washington Monument campaign, they will represent Japan, America, and Europe.

On June 2 all members who had participated in the Yankee Stadium crusade gathered at Belvedere to hear Father speak in commemoration of Yankee Stadium and World Day, 1976. At the beginning, the Go-World Brass Band entertained the audience. Then Father spoke, first on the significance of World Day and then on Yankee Stadium. (His remarks on each topic are in separate articles in this issue.) As he spoke, the clouds, remaining from the storms of the night before, gradually disappeared. Similarly, the hearts of those listening to him were warmed, comforted, and lightened by his message. At the end of his speech he announced that Mr. Kamiyama would continue as leader of the Washington Monument crusade. With Mr. Kamiyama, Col. Pak, Mr. Salonen, and Reverend Vincenz, the crowd gave a hearty monsei for victory at Washington Monument.

To celebrate the occasion, Father and Mother cut a huge Yankee Stadium cake, which everyone shared later. The cake, made by Nancy Aune with the assistance of members of the kitchen staff, weighed over 500 pounds and took several weeks to complete. It was a detailed replica of the stadium, including interior decorations and figurines to represent performers.

Father and Mother brought the conclusion to the first part of the celebration by each singing a song and leading the whole assembly in Um Maya.

Then Mr. Kamiyama spoke informally to the members. "During this campaign I knew that we had to pay indemnity. It is the way of restoration that even God might abandon us. I thought about that when I saw the big letters go to pieces...I also thought, when I saw the balloon destroy the letters, about how sad God was when man fell." He praised the high spirit of the members: "The members who cleaned up the field did a very good job in a short time. God must be very pleased with out brothers and sisters...Our future in very wonderful." By this time, the parents who could remain in New York beyond Yankee Stadium had arrived at Belvedere to share the rest of the day. They joined their sons and daughters for a large celebration dinner. The remainder of the day saw many moods of celebration expressed at Belvedere. Members and their families enjoyed reunions with other members, strolls along the paths, spontaneous singing and folk dancing in small groups, and stretching out in the sun or shade. David Hose led informal entertainment behind the main house, including the Go-World Brass Band, Sunburst, and the Hallelujah Chorus from Guyana, and many other group and individual performances. Not wanting the day to end, many lingered until the last call for the last vans to the city.

World Day, 1976

Restoring God as the Master of All Things

From Father's speech.

The world does not know anything about the meaning of World Day. Only the Unification Church has a celebration of the fullest meaning of World Day. Even though others do not know it, the significance is so great. Today we are celebrating the 16th anniversary of World Day.

If the fall of man had not taken place, we would not have the tragedies that we witness every day. All men desire love, freedom, and happiness. Love, freedom, and happiness centered around God would have become true love, freedom, and happiness. It is God's ideal that all men experience joy and freedom centered upon Him. So the fall was a separation from the original concept. Mankind today is seeking love and happiness without God. This is impossible without the master of all things. Today our love is a temporal thing; there is no eternal impact.

If we had united with God initially, then all things of creation would have been united with man, so that the entire universe would have been harmonized into one entity. If love had united God, man, and the creation, nothing could have separated them. Nothing can separate the power of love.

In the Divine Principle, the meaning of salvation is restoration -- bringing the deviated position into the original concept. God has never changed; the changed one is man. Man fell. Therefore, man needs to be restored into the original position, into oneness with God. Religions can be called God's training centers. He has used religions to bring man back to the original position. The central religion is Christianity, in which the central figure is the Messiah. The Messiah has the mission of bringing mankind back to God.

Today, mankind does not know the true purpose of life. Our job is to liberate the grieving heart of God, the grieving heart of man, and the grieving heart of all things of creation. It is our mission to undertake the age-old God-given task of restoration. We are not just men and women of the twentieth century. We are historical men and women, going back to the root of the sin of mankind, which we are going to restore.

However, we are not really free to go back to the original concept of Adam and Eve. There are so many things hanging around us, so many shackles. As a fallen generation, it is our job to get out of our shackles. We liberate ourselves so that we come to the original concept of love.

So no truth can begin in compromising, in accepting the circumstances of the world. True religions have been teaching denial first. There alone can you start your journey of new truth. That is the beginning point. Then how can we recognize if we have denied our circumstances? By the reaction of the outside world. Let the world be in a position to oppose you. When you deny the world, the world will deny you. You must rise above the opposition to become victors. For those who are pursuing religious perfection, the worst temptation is always that which they love the most. So the denial is very difficult. The dearest thing is always the greatest obstacle in your journey for the truth. So the real religion is an absolute, uncompromising one. If there were such a religion, there would be rampant persecution and opposition. Yet you must know that is the religion of God.

You must have the confidence to be the most perfect men and women under the sun. I have been working for the last 33 years. The entire world has been trying to knock me out. But I will rise above the world. Nothing under the sun can deter our movement. Why? No one is stronger than the power of God. As long as there is a living God, nothing can deter this movement. As long as my shining eyes are

alive, I am going to create the reality of the society, nation, and world of righteousness here upon the earth. You must have the kind of confidence and conviction. Become a dynamo of power. You can create heat; you can create energy. The only way that I can trust you is to let you be seasoned.

A long time ago I liquidated the fear of death. If I die, will you become another Sun Myung Moon? We will liberate God. God is in the prison of a broken heart. He had an ideal of love, but it was frozen. No one can untie God but the sons and daughters of God. We have to become better than Adam and Eve, because they failed. No sin will govern you; the love of God will govern you.

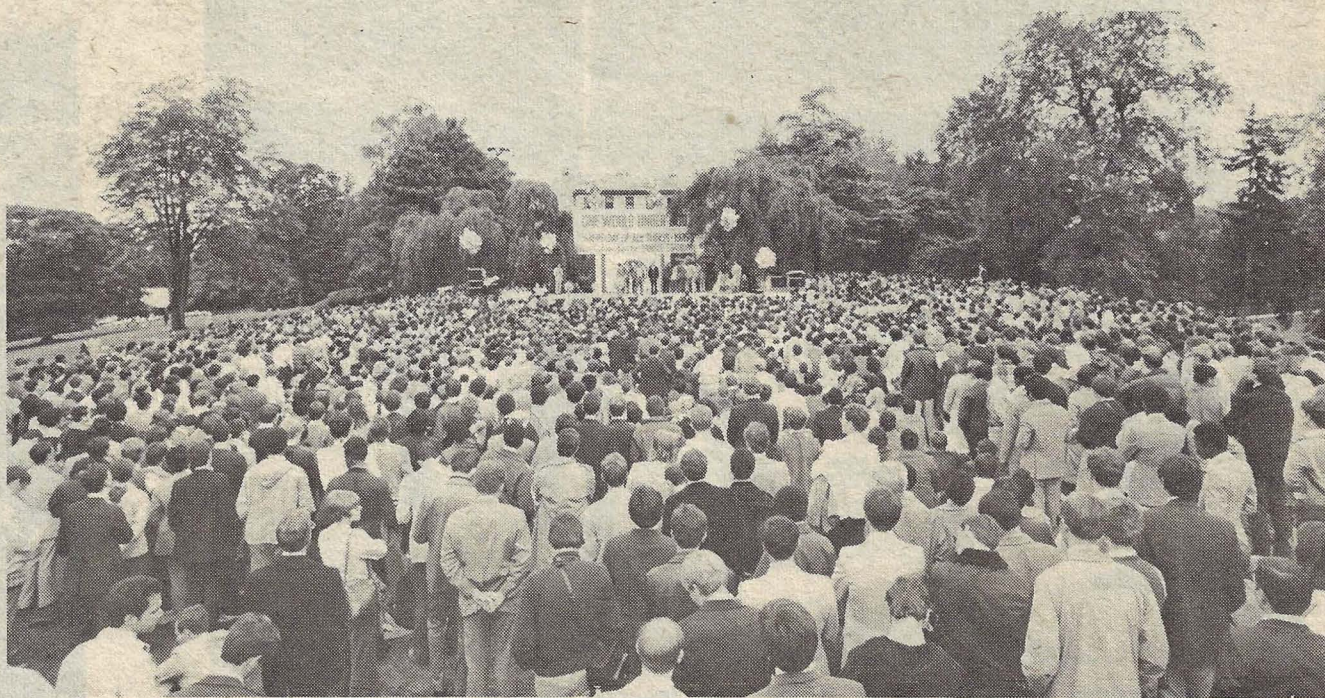
It is our righteous path to liberate the grieving heart of God, the grieving heart of parents, the grieving heart of children so that the entire universe will rejoice in the true love of God. For that purpose the Unification Church was born, and we are doing most beautifully now.

Before you discovered the truth, your heart was a frozen land. God poured down heat to melt it and has planted the seed of true love.

You listen to me because you have tasted the love of God, and you want to get more. The love of God is tasted on the front line, fighting Satan. That is why we have volunteered to go out into the misery of the world. New York City, the heart of prostitution, depravity, and injustice, is where God is working.

Unless you can make an impact on this nation so that it can become more God-centered, there will be no hope for America. I need ten years' time. Within ten years, we can truly shake the direction of America from the secular, ungodly side to the godly direction. There is only one opportunity -- now. God gave me the mission to let the world know about this emergency.

Today is World Day. The entirety of the world's resources should belong to God. God wants to use them for His purpose... We must reassure our position in relationship to God. God is in center; all things of creation are supposed to be one with Him. Because of the separation, the grieving heart of God is everywhere. We are here to liberate His grieving heart by bringing back the unity of mankind and all things with God. We must pledge ourselves further for the fulfillment of the mission of God. This is the meaning of World Day. We must not just celebrate but also recommit ourselves. Yesterday was a hard day, a day of testing. But we won the test. So today is a day of renewal to refresh ourselves for the mission ahead of us. This is the meaning of the gathering here this morning. Can you do it?



Father speaks to 3,000 members at Belvedere on June 2.



Father signs photographs for top MFT members at East Garden.

Father Honors MFT Winners

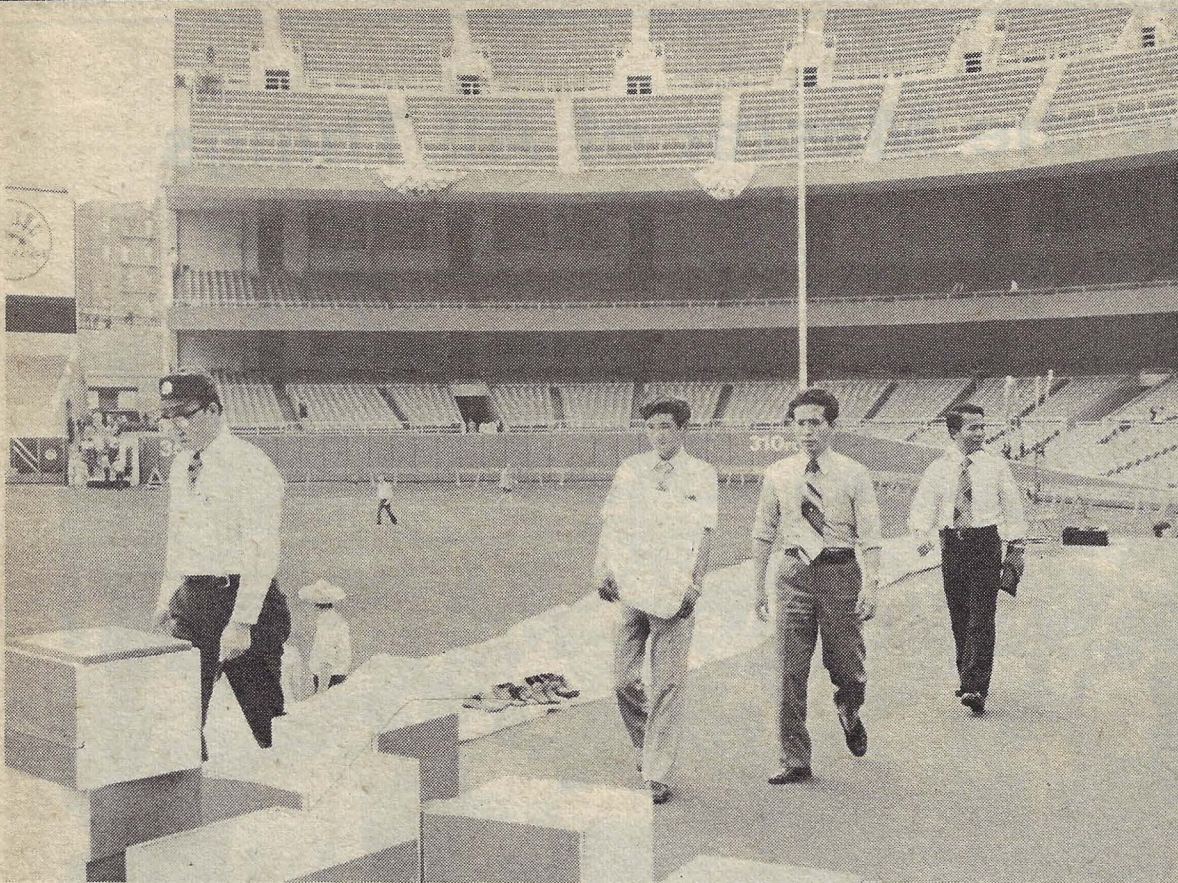
On Sunday, June 6, Father honored twenty-nine winners of a recent MFT contest by inviting them to breakfast at East Garden, where he signed photographs for them, a movie and dinner. The winners of the contest, from September 1975-January 1976, were:

Member	Region
Debbie Koerner	Great Lakes
Dennis Sturko	Great Lakes
Richard Panzer	South
Marty Wheeler	Great Lakes
Libby Mitchell	Southeast
Lori Gagne	West
Peggy Parker	Southeast
Susan Herrman	Mid-Atlantic
Julie Abeln	New England
Kass Erickson	Great Lakes
Chris Perry	Great Lakes
Eileen Boegel	Great Lakes
Tom Fuller	Great Lakes

Liz Joglowski	Midwest
Marcia Held	Midwest
Melissa Pharris	Great Lakes
William Taylor	Great Lakes
J.C. Matalon	Great Lakes
Marcia Murphy	Great Lakes
Celeste Cohen	Great Lakes
Dorrie Walker	Midwest
Mary Makonezny	Great Lakes
Jerry Wade	Great Lakes
Linda Roberts	Midwest
Sharon Chromisky	Midwest
Kathy Stanley	West
Marty Baker	Great Lakes
Stephen Tidwell	Great Lakes
David Konn	Midwest
Kathy Brown	New England

About forty winners of contests with a smaller goal have been honored with signed diaries from Father from February-May.

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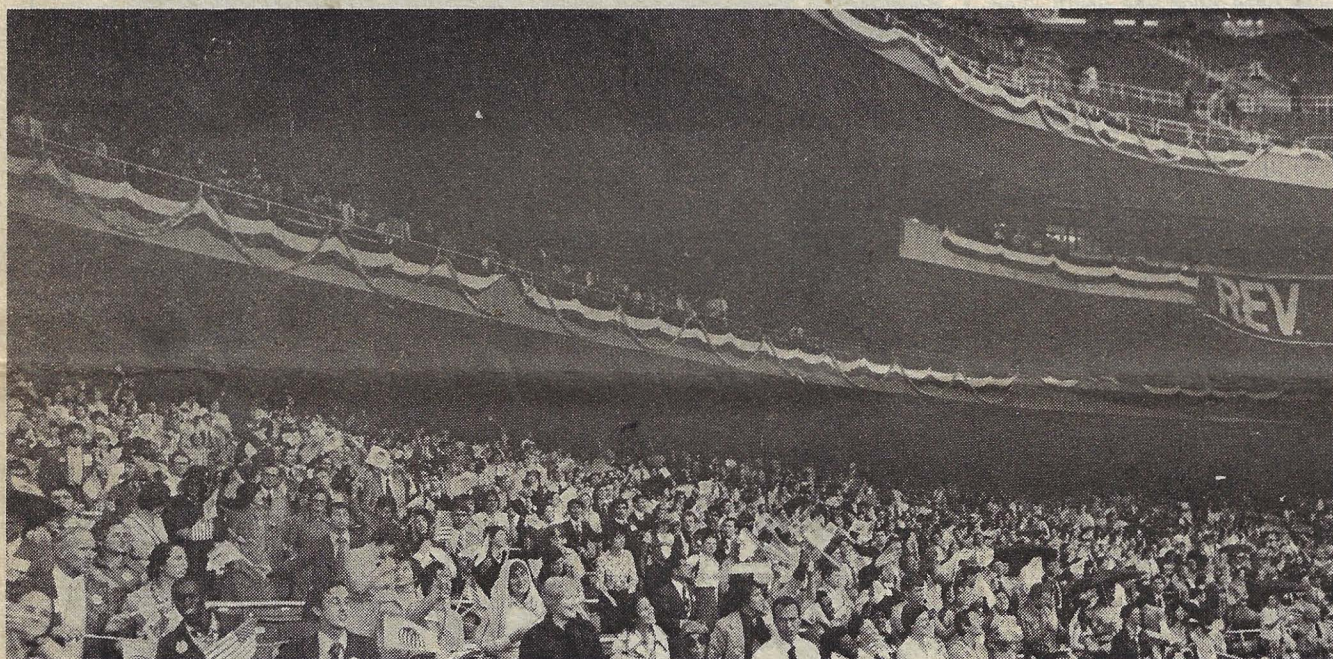


Preparation for the Festival began early on June 1, with setting up the stage, the lighting and sound systems, and putting up the decorations. Here Col Pak, Mr. Kamiyama and Mr. Matsuzaki check on

the progress. Early in the afternoon the ushers took their positions. The parents arrived at about four o'clock and other members took their seats shortly afterwards.



First came the winds...Huge gusts of wind, a precursor of the coming rains, foiled the inflation of a seventy-foot hot air balloon which was to have sailed above the Stadium. The ripcord of the balloon gave way, causing it to expell its air. Like a deflating rubber balloon, it travelled



The parents stood steadfast in the rain. Many remained on the front lines with the cheering section, singing You Are My

Sunshine and waving their American and God Bless America flags.



Outside a number of fringe groups took advantage of the audience to draw attention to their causes, as they did at Madison Square Garden. The Communist Cadre, pictured, is related to the communist Youth Against War and Fascism. Other groups protesting the Church were CERF, Citizens United for Jesus as Lord, New Life Ministries, and

some Lutheran churches in the Bronx. Out to promote their own causes were the Bible Baptist Church, the Community Gospel Church, "Higher Consciousness," Hare Krishna, and the Lincoln Park Jewish congregation, who had brought their "Torah-mobile," a mobile unit to inspire re-conversions among wayward Jews.

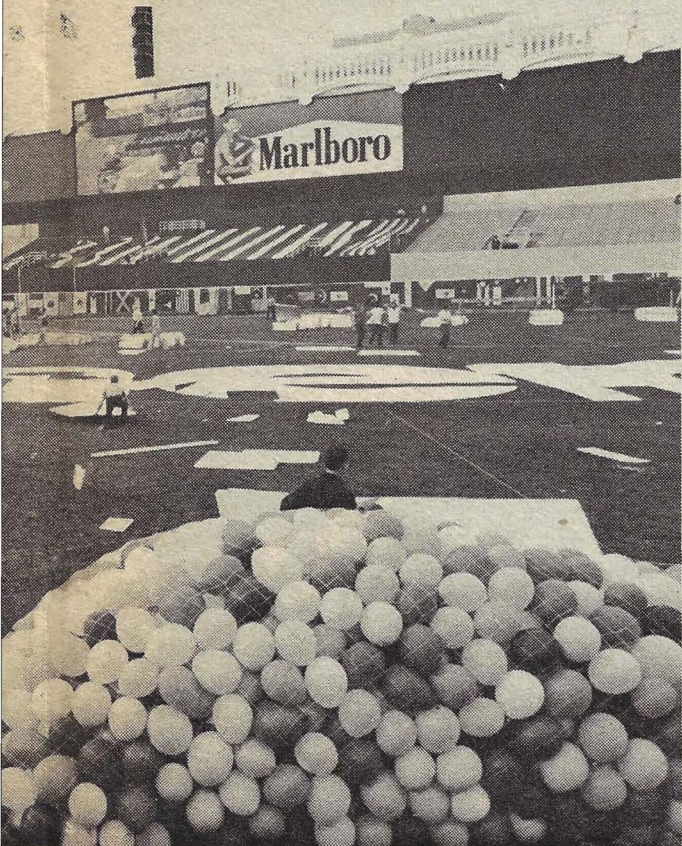
As the rain subsided, the Go-World Brass Band played to raise the spirit -- here joined by Mr. Kamiyama. All of their music was lost under several inches of mud, so they miraculously performed their music from memory. As the band played, the Technical Missionary Corps cleared the remains of the styrofoam letters and used the music stands like snow shovels to sweep the water from the stage's carpet. They were able to put back in a half an hour what had taken two hours to assemble earlier. "The sound system suffered the most from the rain," said Production Coordinator Michael Leone. "We ran a sound check on the equipment just before the rain and had to quickly unplug it in the rain. After the rain there was almost an inch of water inside the system. We had to turn it back on again without having enough time to do another sound check. The blinking lights surrounding the stage were also filled with water. The employees of the sound system company wanted to quit when the rain came, but when they saw that we were determined to continue, they changed their mind. They were also affected by the contagious spirit of everyone singing and the stage crew."

The show outside did not stop anyone from enjoying the bigger one inside. The Stadium turnstyle count was 40,000. About 5,000 people came in before the count, so about 45,000 people came to the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival. The audience enjoyed America the Beautiful and the Battle Hymn of the Republic by the New Hope Singers and the New York City Symphony, Beethoven's fifth Symphony by the orchestra, and the Fan Dance by the Korean Folk Ballet.

A variety of people attended Yankee Stadium. The Unification Church of Canada brought over 800 people by bus, including a Canadian television network. Over 600 came by bus from Washington, D.C. The Unification Church was represented by their top leaders and a group of parents, including Mr. Kamiyama's father. Leaders and members from Korean associations across the country also came. From the New York area ethnic groups came in scores. Several hundred people came from Eastern European ethnic groups,

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erratically across the field, its wind destroying many decorations. Forty-foot styrofoam letters spelling "God Bless America Festival" were uprooted from the ground and blown across the field in 8-foot pieces.



Thousands of hearts sank as a driving thunderstorm then ripped across the Stadium at 5 o'clock, pounding the remainder of the decorations and soaking

the stage. Then came the memorable moment when members joined in singing "You Are My Sunshine."



As seven o'clock approached, a crowd had gathered at the Stadium. Meanwhile some of the field decorations had been replaced. At 7:30, after preliminary performances by the Go-World Brass Band and Sunburst, the National Anthem opened the program.



including Poles, Ukrainians, Bulgarians, etc. Black organizations included the Community Parents' Association [500 people] Teen World [110 people], the Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Association. Spanish-speaking groups included the Hunt's Point Athletic Federation

[250], the Hunt's Point Community corporation, the Neighborhood Youth Corps, and the El Barrio Chamber of Commerce. Asian groups included the Chinese Benevolent Association, the Chinatown Service Center, and the Association of Free Chinese.

Mr. Salonen welcomed the guests and introduced Father. "Here at the door of our third century as a nation, we are challenged to a vital task. We are facing not a military or government crisis but a crisis of the spirit -- a crisis which calls upon us to live up to the ideals that made this nation under God and extend it to our brothers and sisters around the world, to create one world under God.... The example shown in America of nations working together side by side should be a model for nations working together around the world. We believe that with the blessing of God we can do that.... this evening I would like to share with you the source of our enthusiasm. Reverend Moon has come to America because he feels God's love for this land so deeply...."

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Father delivering "God's Hope For America."



Father's image is transmitted by thousands of tiny light bulbs on the Yankee's instant replay screen.



The program was concluded by the grand finale -- "God Bless America" -- by the New Hope Singers and the New York City Symphony with a dazzling solo by Rayford Perry. Thousands of multicolored helium balloons mixing in mid-sky with white God Bless America balloons brought the event to a spectacular climax.



Yankee Stadium was a major event for the world's media. At least 200 different media were represented by over 250 people. Among them were 38 US newspapers and 11 magazines and 30 international print media, including press and wire services. 9 U.S. and 6 international photographic agencies were present. 22 national and international radio stations came, and 18 US and 6 international TV crews were represented. Among the more famous media present were: AP, UPI, Time, Newsweek, Agence France Presse, Expressen, Paris Match, the Korea Times, and BBC.

...Followed by the all-night depostering mobilization. This picture shows that our posters covered up many an ugly area.



Parents Hear from the Church, Attend Stadium

700 Parents Attend First National Parents Conference

The first National Parents Conference, May 29-June 1, 1976, was one of the highlights of the Yankee Stadium crusade. From a guest list of about one hundred the week before, the conference grew into a gathering of over seven hundred parents who concluded their stay with attendance at the Yankee Stadium rally.

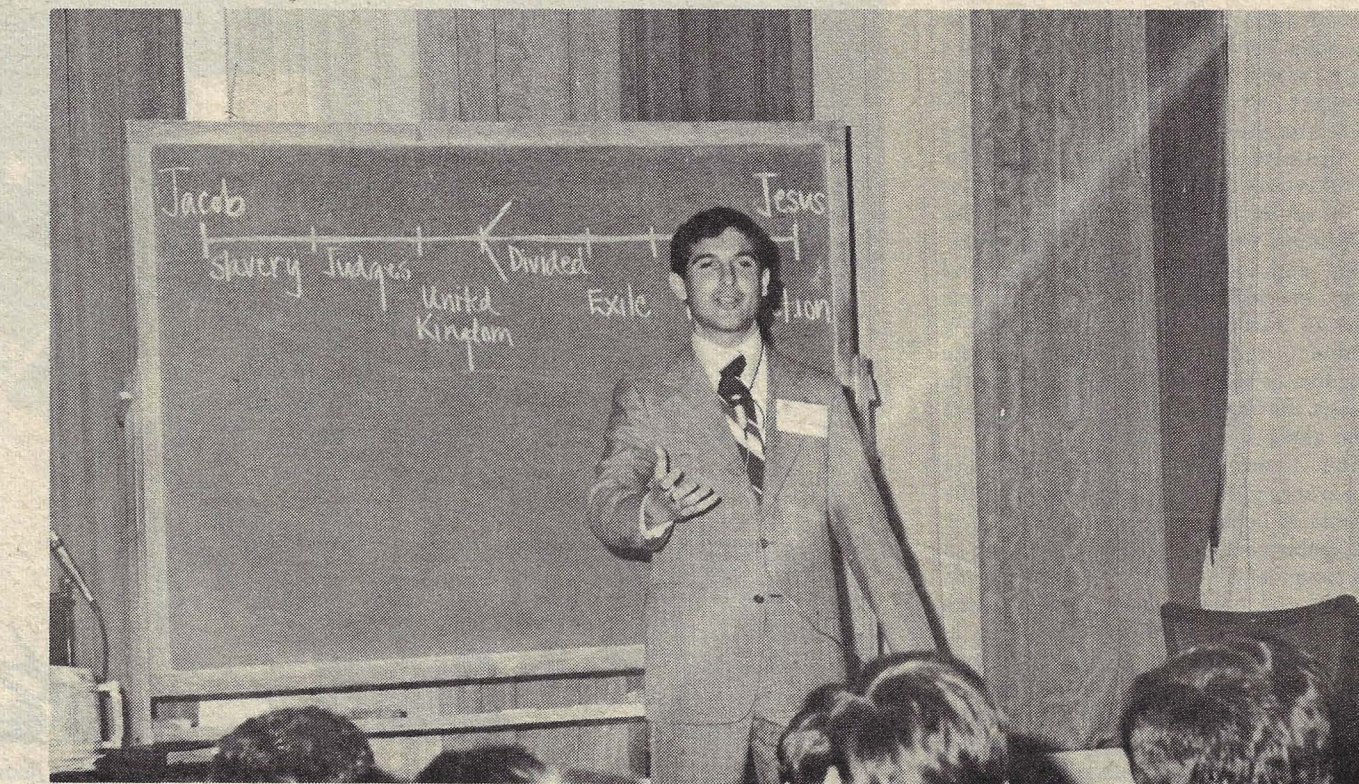
The national conference, with the theme The Unification Church in America, '76--was the culmination of a series of Parents Conferences held across the country this spring. During the two days of lectures and discussions the parents met a variety of church leaders and were exposed to many facets of Church life. Parents joined by their children for the Sunday and Monday night programs. Guest ranged from parents whose children had joined several weeks before to associate members, from parents who were having their first contact with the Church to veterans of parents conferences and Church functions, from parents who were sincerely confused and questioning to parents who were very supportive. Parents came from Alabama, Vancouver, Louisiana, Turkey, Monaco, Texas, and many other places.

As registration progressed on Saturday evening, May 29, the once huge New Yorker Hotel was filled up; the Church acquired rooms for the rest of the parents at the nearby Statler Hilton. "It's like doing a rain dance and getting a flood," remarked Conference Coordinator Mr. Hillie Edwards to the parents that night. Most meetings were held in the Terrace room; meals were served in the North Ballroom and the Mezzanine. The Skyline Suite on the 39th floor and a former bar on the first floor, serving coffee and soft drinks round the clock to the parents, were favorite spots for discussions between the parents and their children and among new-found friends at the conference. A number of Church members hosted the parents during the conference. Mrs. Betsy Jones took care of room hospitality, Mrs. Fernsler ran the two lounges; Mrs. Pepper, Mrs. Hose and Mrs. Burley supervised the meals; Bonnie Blair took charge of registration and accommodations; Mrs. Nora Spurgin, with the assistance of Dr. Bergman, coordinated the programs.

After a warm greeting by Mrs. Edwards at the conference's opening reception on Saturday night, Mr. Salonen spoke to the parents. "We really want to create a one-family feeling. We want to embrace all the people who come here. We want to have an experience that will become an important memory for all of us. This is an epoch-making weekend, the beginning of a real national dialogue between the members of the Church, their parents, and the community....Parents who want to feel that their children are doing something worthwhile are confused by the things that they read. We are taking the opportunity to give you a better understanding of the greatness of our work. This is our chance to help you see the heart of the Church."

Sunday was devoted to giving parents a general understanding of the Church. The day opened with an informal worship service. Hugh Spurgin, of the Unification Theological Seminary, spoke of the central role of self sacrifice in the religious life.

Also that morning, Mr. Farley Jones gave an introduction to the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival, focusing on the benefits that Reverend Moon can bring to American young people. Specifically, he cited Reverend Moon's international concern, his emphasis on the family unit, and his contribution to personal religious life. "The Divine Principle does not lead to blind belief that God is going to do everything for us. Reverend Moon emphasizes our own responsibility. Also, he stresses that perfection is the destiny and potential of



Dr. William Berman lecturing at the Parents' Conference.

every person, not just the saints...."

In the afternoon session--Unification Church, Perspectives and Values--Mrs. Nora Spurgin spoke on "Concepts of Individual Maturity and the Role of Religious Commitment." To support her main point that Unification Church members are psychologically healthy, Mrs. Spurgin, a former social worker, discussed the constructive roles of faith, commitment, sacrifice, and belief in a higher purpose. Mrs. Spurgin said, for example, "People are afraid to commit themselves to God because they are afraid that He will exploit them. But if God loves us, He will never exploit us. Actually, it takes a healthy, mature person to make a commitment."

In his talk "A View of the Problems of Student Life Today and our Hope for the Future," Dr. Mose Durst shared with the parents the frustrations and aimlessness of many of today's students. He described the mechanistic attitude prevalent in Western education from the nineteenth century until the present and the reaction to it typified by the "beat" generation. He then pointed out the dilemma of students in confronting the competitiveness of contemporary society. The most constructive alternative, as he explained it, was education based on the Unification Principle. Fundamental in this system of education is the premise that God exists, that we have a relationship to him, and we can grow in that relationship. "The purpose of education is to create children of God," he concluded. "The hardest thing in the world is to make one trusting, loving human being who has God's sensibility. But that is the task that we have chosen in this corrupt age."

Mrs. Hillie Edwards concluded the afternoon's sessions with "Attitudes, Values, and Family Life," dealing primarily with the patterns of our relationships and our marriage customs. She approached the subject by giving a detailed testimony of her early years in the Church and her Blessing in 1970.

The main feature of the evening's program was a short speech by Dr. Thomas Boslooper, Professor of Biblical Studies at the Unification Theological Seminary. Dr. Boslooper based his speech on his answers to a reporter's questions in a recent interview with *Time* magazine. Dr. Boslooper described, among other things, his answer to the question "Why does the Unification Church appeal so much to young people?" He said: "It gives the youth of America today a world view and a sense of citizenship in all of human society. The Unification Theology repre-

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Our Parents Act

Over 200 parents signed each of these statements: a letter to the New York Times and a proclamation.

Dear Editor:

We, the undersigned parents of members of The Unification Church, are appalled by the blatant lies and distortions presented by the press and television concerning its teachings, practices and purpose.

Allegations against the movement include detaining by force, brainwashing, deliberate separation of families, permissive sexual behavior, drug use, exploitation of members for personal gain and satanic religious training.

More than 600 parents from all over the United States and many other countries had the opportunity to attend an open and honest three day meeting with their sons and daughters. At this meeting we discussed the teachings and practices of this movement with its leaders. Many of these parents had previously explored this movement through work-shops, training sessions and visits to the various living centers. We found these foregoing allegations completely false.

To the contrary the young people were found to be exceptionally mature, emotionally stable and capable of intelligent decisions and responsible conduct. One of the basic teachings is the unity of personal families on which the foundation of a good society is built and members are encouraged to develop and maintain strong ties with their families. It was very evident that their deep spiritual qualities and high moral values had been retained. We found God centered religious training with world unity and peace as its ultimate goal.

In conclusion, parents have experienced much pain and anguish as a result of the distorted facts and we as responsible citizens want the truth printed.

PROCLAMATION

We, the undersigned parents of members of the UNIFICATION CHURCH, founded by Reverend Sun Myung Moon, do hereby express our support and declare the following:

We support any God-directed activity and we are especially proud of our sons and daughter's participation in the UNIFICATION CHURCH with its basic Judeo-Christian teachings and high moral standards.

Each person has the right to worship God as he pleases, as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Our sons and daughters, through the teachings of the UNIFICATION CHURCH, have developed a deep love for God for their fellow men and we are proud that they have decided to dedicate this time in their lives to help their communities and countries. They have found a direction for their lives and new hope for the future with a possibility of peace for this nation and the world.

Participation in the UNIFICATION CHURCH has developed the following character traits which we feel are entirely positive and desirable:

- * Increased consideration and awareness toward the value, uniqueness and feelings of others and especially of their personal families
- * A strong sense of right coupled with a high moral code of ethics
- * The self discipline to accomplish any task set before them

As the Bible states we must judge everything by its fruits. These fruits are young people who have dedicated their lives for betterment of man, fulfilling God's will for world unity and peace, accomplishing this seemingly impossible task through love and caring with the heart of God rather than with guns and violence.

In conclusion, we are in full support of our sons and daughters of the teachings of the UNIFICATION CHURCH for its inspiration and new hope revitalizing the spirit of these precious young people. We believe that this group should be supported by all Americans if we want democracy to win over atheism, solid family unity to prevail over broken families, and strong courageous youth to prosper over corrupt and immoral youth.

Parents

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sents a universal theology in which Eastern and Western traditions can come together. The Unification Church offers youth today a sense of the sacred, both in the earth in which they live and of life itself. And the Unification Church touches the instincts of young people today for devotion to country, for regard for family, for respect for sexual morality. The Unification Church is intensely humanitarian and is God-centered." Reverend Moon, he said, "is a man called to our times to transform our world so that the prospect and the possibility of the Kingdom of God can come to this earth. That is the most exciting thing that has come along in my lifetime."

The evening's surprise was the appearance of Col. Pak, who welcomed the parents on behalf of Reverend Moon. Col. Pak spoke from his personal experience in the movement, stressing its value in his life and the opportunities that it offers young people. "I am living every day in sheer astonishment as I watch you sons and daughters carry on....Yankee Stadium is one step to our goal. We will take many more. In taking these steps, your sons and daughters will become more courageous, more committed, more respected, and more loved by God."

On Monday morning, Dr. William Bergman lectured on the principle of creation, the fall of man, the history of restoration. Several of the Churches programs were covered in the afternoon. Tom McDevitt discussed the history and purposes of the pioneer program. In her selections from letters of overseas missionaries, Nancy Neiland conveyed the triumphs that the missionaries are having in their spiritual lives and in relating to other cultures as well as the problems caused by the international spread of Communism. Before showing the newly produced film on the Fourth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, Michael Warder said: "Reverend Moon's view of reality encompasses the subjective and the objective, religion and science, and the realms of value and behavior."

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to questions from the parents. Practical question centered around the parent's concern to see their children more often and their desire for more tangible symbols of long-term security in the Unification Church. For the most part, however, their questions centered on the theology of the



Parents and members take a break in the first floor lounge.

Divine Principle.

The evening's program, the last formal session of the conference, included entertainment by Guyana's Hallelujah Chorus and Sunburst, introductions of European leaders, and brief remarks by Rev. Paul Werner. Mr. Sudo told the parents of the importance their children's role in cleansing the world of its sin and building the Kingdom of Heaven. Mr. Kamiyama described to the parents the depravity of drug addiction and venereal disease, so prevalent in New York City, in emphasizing the need for our work for future generations. Mr. Kamiyama's father, visiting from Japan, got a special hand from the audience when he told them that he had joined in the morning's clean-up campaign in Chinatown.

Tuesday morning's programs, although optional, were well-attended. A question and answer session with Mr. Salonen was followed by a meeting of those parents interested in sending an expression of their support of the Church to the media and/or forming a parents' association.

Right after lunch the parents left for Yankee Stadium, where they sat in a special section just behind home plate. There they had their first taste of the

front line as they waited in anticipation, sang "You are my Sunshine" in the rain, felt the excitement of the crowd in the program, and wended their way back to the bus among the Bronx street gangs near the Stadium.

After their taste of the reality of the Unification Church at Yankee Stadium, they were further enlightened when they read the morning newspaper. They saw that the event which they had enjoyed so much was viewed with the jaundiced eye which the media casts upon the Unification Church. Consequently, they were convinced that the media reports in their home towns, which they were not sure whether or not to believe, were not to be believed. A number of parents expressed their shock at the media at Wednesday's wrap-up meeting, prior to their trip to Belvedere. In response, many wrote letters to the New York Times. (see excerpts).

Many parents have written to express their feeling about the conference. "There is no way that anyone can tell us about the

Church members being brainwashed," said one. "The public is being brainwashed by the press." "I could have cried when it started raining," commented another. "And then when you took it with such good spirit and made it fun, I did shed some tears. I think that that is what God wanted to show us parents with the rain." "You are all wonderful folk and full of grace, love, and compassion. Our days there were most enjoyable and enlightening." As for the parents who were initially on the fence, one mother said at the close of the conference: "I'm going back home with a lot of answers."

In reflecting on the conference, Mrs. Edwards comments: "I was very moved to see such a friendly supportive spirit. I was also encouraged to see interest expressed at all levels in a parents' association. In light of so much negative publicity, their vote of confidence in the Church is a tremendous morale booster and a testimony that many more parents are supportive than the media would have the American public believe."

"Dear Editor: I Was There!"

Letters from parents to the New York Times after the Parents' Conference and Yankee Stadium included the following remarks.

I was there. I was in the parents' section, next to the press section. I saw incredible human drama -- heartwarming, dedicated, heroic, and real. I saw beautiful professional entertainment. I heard a message needed desperately and urgently by the world. I wish fervently that your paper had shared those things with the world.

We are the parents of a son in the Unification Church. We are very positive that this is a very wonderful organization. We have attended all the meetings and met with many parents and lovely young people. They all have very high standards. We also attended the God Bless America celebration and are really disappointed how the newspapers have really distorted the true facts about these wonderful people.

To discredit the motives and leadership of idealistic young men and women borders on the act of committing the unpardonable sin Jesus mentioned when the Pharisees accused him of casting out devils by the power of Satan. I think the 700 parents at the convention are waiting to see a constructive write-up.

We have learned a great many facts about the attitudes, values and methods of this Church from our young adult sons and daughters, as well as teachers. You know better -- the facts are available to you also. We have been interviewed by the press, yet only the sick fringe of a few negative parents are allowed space by you. Shame on you for all your hostile prejudice against this fine religious group.

On June 1, 1976, I was inside Yankee Stadium. I listened to Reverend Sun Myung Moon in an excellently planned and ordered meeting. May I please have my American rights to read the facts printed as they happened?

I have been able to witness first hand their determination and untiring effort for God and country. Since our forefathers came to this country and brought freedom of religion, why does it not apply to the Unification Church? They are misrepresented in all the news media. Since I have been to the Parents Conference in New York and Yankee Stadium I am more determined than ever that they have the highest standard of morals and only want others to experience the love of God that they have. I can truly say that I am very proud of having sons in the Unification Church. It has been a joy being with them all.



Parents getting into the spirit at Yankee Stadium

The Victory of Yankee Stadium

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would have done anything to make the rain stop. At that moment there was complete oneness and unification inside Yankee Stadium. That is the very thing that God wanted to see. So we are going to receive a greater blessing. That is the victory of Washington Monument. We learned the secret yesterday-unification! If you fight in the next three months with that spirit, victory at Washington is assured. It is a beautiful secret. There is no chance to lose.

I thanked God for His almighty wisdom. No one else could train so many young people such a precious lesson in twenty minutes. That is the place where God's heart was moving. There was no other way to teach the heart of God to the young people of America. For the sake of God, you were praying and singing for the rain to stop. In that moment you tasted the heart of God in His anxiety to bring His Kingdom here. This is a great gift. If you keep that spirit and apply yourself in your life, nothing will be impossible. We must thank God for this precious gift for the sake of our education. No money, no training session could have provided it. We received a priceless gift; God's blessing was supposed to go to the New Yorkers who were going to come there but God gave it to ourselves instead. Today is indeed a victory celebration and day of thanksgiving for the blessing of God.

I told you on Sunday that we would go through a three-day period prior to Yankee Stadium when we were going to go through the dungeon of hell and rise above it. This three-day period was consummated by the rain. This symbolized the three-day period after the crucifixion. Because of the crucifixion, Jesus' spirit and physical body were separated. The physical world lost salvation; only the spiritual world gained salvation. Yankee Stadium was the symbolic expression of the cross. I expected that we would have to pay some physical indemnity in order to restore the physical salvation. The moment of rain was the moment of crucifixion for the Unification Church. God was nailing us down to the cross. Two thousand years ago Jesus shouted: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?" I'm sure that you felt the same thing. Jesus did not disobey God. He went with God, which brought spiritual salvation. By the same

token, you, at this moment of crucifixion, united together to thank God. This brought our love to unity. That was the victory. After the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, there were three dark days before the resurrection. But after our crucifixion, the sunshine of resurrection came after thirty minutes. So indeed the resurrection came to the Unification Church in a most beautiful way.

After the resurrection, the Unification Church will march on to Washington, where we will win an extraordinary victory. That is the plan of God. We learn over and over in the Divine Principle that the vertical history God has to be indemnified on the horizontal level. That was most beautifully manifested yesterday. We are indemnifying the past wrongdoings so that we can restore the entire history.

Another benefit was that over 700 parents attended. Also, many distinguished leaders of the Korean community in America came from across the country. In that very moment of the crucifixion in the rain, all of us joined together in anxiety to pray to God to stop the rain. That unity was the most beautiful victory of yesterday. The restoration of the family and the restoration of the nation were represented in that unity. Upon that victory, a further foundation of worldwide victory can be laid.

I declare to the universe that a most beautiful condition was obtained by the victory of Yankee Stadium yesterday. We have a condition for the unity of the family, the unity of the people, the unity of the nation, and the unity of the world upon which Washington is going to be on the worldwide scale. There we are going to win a greater victory for the universal unity of the nations and peoples of the world. All we have to do is expand our spirit from Yankee Stadium to the Washington crusade. Let us go to Washington with that very spirit that we demonstrated at Yankee Stadium. With that spirit, we cannot fail. We will achieve a greater victory at Washington Monument rally. Go on with this single-minded heart and devotion day and night, morning and evening, no matter what people say. Washington then will be no problem. We, with the pledge of our loyalty and complete dedication and yesterday's God-given secret, resolve ourselves today at this celebration for our victorious march to Washington, D.C. Amen.



Father inspiring members for a renewed determination on June 2.

In Memoriam

Two tragedies recently claimed the lives of Masaru Watanabe and Alan Staggs. Both members were in the New York to work for the Yankee Stadium campaign.

Masaru Watanabe, 22, died on the morning of June 1. On Thursday, May 27, Masaru was giving out tickets in Brooklyn for the Yankee Stadium festival when he was attacked and beaten by three youths intending to rob him. Masaru, an IOWC member in Japan, came to the United States in April especially to work for the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument campaigns. He joined the Church in 1972, after studying and working in the field of electrical engineering. In New York he was the assistant captain of his witnessing team. He is remembered as a very dedicated member -- one who consistently inspired his team members and who was sought out by others for his wise counselling.

His funeral was conducted by the Unification Church at the Fox Funeral Home in New York on June 3. His parents, who had come from Japan, were present. The ceremony included

messages from President Salonen and Mr. Hideo Oyamada, Acting President of the Unification Church of Japan, a sermon by Father Shawn Byrne, and short eulogies by his fellow members.

Alan Kent Staggs, 21, died on Sunday, June 6th. Originally from Beaufort, South Carolina, he came to New York with other members from South Carolina to work for the Yankee Stadium campaign. His death was caused by an accidental fall into an elevator shaft at the World Mission Headquarters, where he was serving on the house staff.

Alan had been an active member of the South Carolina Church since November, 1975. Before joining, he was a physics student at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. His funeral was a graveside ceremony on June 9 at the Beaufort Memorial Gardens. The Church sent messages and flowers to Alan's family. Representing the Church at this funeral were Mrs. Betsy Jones, Regional Advisor, and Mr. Keniki Hirose, South Carolina State Advisor. To those who knew him, Alan was a loving and loyal brother.



Thousands of state and MFT members listen to Father's June 6 Sunday sermon just before returning to their regions.

Top Witnesses

The 12 members most successful in bringing guests to Yankee Stadium were announced by Mr. Kamiyama on Sunday, June 13. In honor of their achievement, they will receive a watch. They are:

Name	Number of Guests	Tribe
Toshio Asai	592	Blessed Couples
Kazuyoshi Ikeno	383	CARP

Don Palm	298	CARP
Toshimi Umezu	236	CARP
Lynn Robinson	209	CARP
Jack Hettema	199	CARP
Takashi Saito	188	Mr. Kiyoshi Nishi
Munihito Tsuji	180	CARP
Takashi Tanaka	162	CARP
Machiko Ozaki	162	CARP
Rosa Monterry	161	CARP
Noriko Tsukazawa	157	CARP



Miss Albertina Liestke-Clarke, member who represented Surinam at the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival, speaks to a crowd in Harlem about the goals of the Festival.

National Leaders in attendance at the Yankee Stadium rally:

Andorra	England	Iceland	Malta	Sweden
Austria	Finland	Ireland	Monaco	Switzerland
Belgium	France	Italy	Norway	Trinidad
Brazil	Germany	Japan	Peru	Turkey
Canada	Guyana	Korea	Portugal	U.S.A.
Denmark	Holland	Luxembourg	Spain	Venezuela

Representatives from the following nations were in attendance at the Yankee Stadium Rally:

Bahamas	El Salvador	Liberia
Bolivia	Ethiopia	Mexico
Dominican Republic	Jamaica	Surinam

The People Respond

After Father's June 13 Sunday speech, Col. Pak read from some letters received in response to the Bicentennial God Bless America festival. Excerpts of two letters follow.

Dear Reverend Moon:

I read the text of your address at Yankee Stadium in the June 3 *New York Times*. And I was moved to thank God that there are still people in our world like yourself. With the threat of Communism stretching out and the perverse atheistic attitude corrupting young people and the foundation of our own government, it is time that we turn our attention back to God. I am now convinced that only you can lead us in that direction. I believe in the old refrain that it is always darkest before the dawn. And we in this country have certainly hit the darkest period in our history. The darkness of fear pervades the land: fear of the night, fear of the streets in our own hometown. I no longer feel safe walking in my town for fear of being attacked by muggers or the depraved drug-induced zombies who will kill their own mothers for the money to buy a few more marijuana cigarettes.

I will now thank God every night before I go to sleep for sending you on your Bicentennial mission to America. I love

my country and want to see my country remain strong as the beacon of hope and the salvation for the whole world. With your leadership, Reverend Moon, I think we can get back on the right track. Please send me more information on your gallant crusade as I am willing to dedicate myself to re-establishing the traditional tie between God and America. May God keep and bless you.

Dear Reverend Moon:

I attended your God Bless America Festival at Yankee Stadium on June 1. It was a thrilling experience for me. Reverend Moon is a great man and a religious leader who can only be described as a modern Christ. I love Reverend Moon and the Unification Church. In my life, I have felt so much emptiness inside. I finally found a goal and purpose for my existence on that night at Yankee Stadium. I could not sleep because I was thinking and struggling with my conscience on whether or not to transform my feeling into a constructive reality and crusade with you to fulfill your cherished goals. And I decided on the path that could be the most meaningful and fulfilling to me -- to join with your struggle for God and America.



Father outlines strategy for Washington Monument to the members, June 3.

Washington

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Virginia	Maxine Pearson
Michael Beard	
Delaware	Barbara ten Wolde
Steve Sell	
Pennsylvania	Darlene Pepper
Marc Lee	
New Jersey	Darlene Pepper
Perry Cordill	
New York	Diane Fernsler
Ron Pepper	
Connecticut	Diane Fernsler
Jim Baughman	
West Virginia	Maxine Pearson
Andy Compton	
North Carolina	Patty Pumphrey
Kevin McCarthy	
South Carolina	Patty Pumphrey
Carl Hagen	

Members going to the Washington area attended a two-day workshop in Barrytown where they had Divine Principle training by David Hose. A number of MFT members have joined the members in the D.C. mobilization area as the result of a trade of about 75 members between the states and MFT's.

Plans are already underway for a Washington office for Mr. Sudo and his staff; Barrytown training during the campaign will be suspended. Twenty-one day workshops will continue in Los Angeles, Oklahoma, and the Washington area.

Father has set the goal of doubling Church membership in preparation for the campaign and has asked each member in the states near Washington to be personally responsible for bringing at least 150 people to the rally.

On Friday, June 11, at the end of an evaluation session for New York leaders, Father stressed the importance of leaving behind any regrets about Yankee

Stadium, translating that desire for victory into action for the Washington Monument. He also emphasized the importance of each member feeling personally responsible for victory.

In a recent meeting with some members at the Headquarters building, Mr. Salonen said, "Father's words about the significance of Yankee Stadium are very important. It is clear that the unity is the absolute key. To achieve a higher standard of unity, we should start from Father's desire. As you prepare for the Washington campaign, study carefully Father's words at Yankee Stadium. They are a remarkable synthesis about the necessity of renewing our relationship with God and taking up our responsibility in the world...You must feel that any disunity on your part will affect the future of the country. If we are to be ten times more successful in Washington, the key is not in working ten times harder or in being ten times more clever but in being ten times more united."

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