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God's Day, 1977

Motto for Year: "The Kingdom of God on Earth and the Ideal Family"



A chorus of "Um Maya" brings God's Day, 1977, to a joyous close.

Reverend Moon opened God's Day, 1977 in the beginning hours of January 1 with the declaration of the new year's motto: "The Kingdom of God on Earth and the Ideal Family."

The January 1 holiday, most important of the Unification Church holidays set up by Reverend Moon, was celebrated by Reverend and Mrs. Moon with over 2,000 members in Manhattan.

MIDNIGHT SERMON

Reverend Moon greeted the new year by explaining that 1977 brings marked differences in God's dispensation. "1977," he said "is the year of deep success and great glory." Reverend Moon explained that the past history of the Unification Church was the story of laying and sometimes relaying a proper God-centered foundation. But, he said, by the end of 1976 God laid a firm foundation. "Upon that invincible foundation," he said, "we can only create a victorious horizontal expansion throughout the world."

The reason for the 1977 motto -- The Kingdom of Heaven and the Ideal Family -- is that throughout history, God has been seeking one ideal family, "the one family could claim victory on the worldwide level. If there had been no fall, Adam and

Eve would have formed the first family of heaven."

"It is my great pleasure," said Reverend Moon, "to proclaim that the Unification Church has achieved here on earth that cornerstone of the ideal family so that no matter what the Satanic world will do, the ideal family will be expanded into the worldwide level. The cornerstone of the Kingdom of God here on earth is the family. Each Unification Church member should dedicate himself to be a cornerstone of that family. Each one of you must be able to create one family on earth which comes under the complete dominion of God."

To do this, he said, we must realize three things. First, he explained, "you must feel to the bone that you are born again as true sons and daughters of God." Why? "We will never create the true, heavenly family on earth unless God intervenes. God must become the binding force of the family." Second, we must become proud citizens of the Kingdom of God, and third, we must look at the world as an inheritance from God. "The person with these realizations is headed for the center of the ideal family."

Reverend Moon explained why God chose the family for the manifestation of

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IOWC's Begin Nationwide Evangelism

Four new International One World Crusade (IOWC) teams, formed on December 31, are now travelling throughout the United States. The teams and their designated cities are:

Team A

Leader: Reverend Reiner Vincenz

Western region: Seattle, Denver, Phoenix, Los Angeles

Team B

Leader: Ron Pepper

Southern Region: Dallas, Houston, New Orleans, Atlanta

Team C

Leader: Ken Sudo

Midwestern Region: Chicago, Minneapolis, Detroit, Columbus

Team, D

Leader: Mr. Kamiyama

Eastern region: Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C.

Just after God's Day the four new teams left for Los Angeles, Dallas,

Columbus, and Boston, where each of them have found downtown quarters where the Divine Principle is lectured hourly. (Los Angeles is using a trailer for

its lecture room, which is moved throughout the vast area of downtown Los Angeles.) Each IOWC has instituted

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Reverend Moon meets with IOWC volunteers to discuss their plans.

Correction

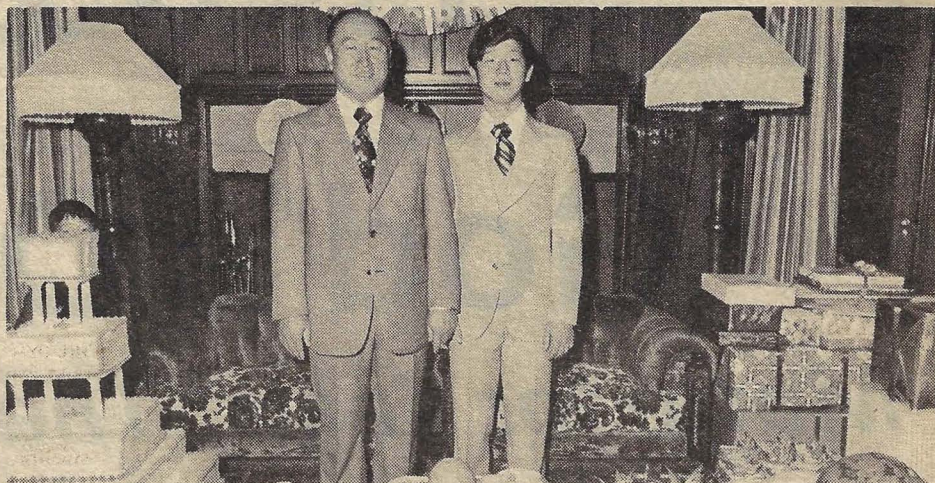
The December 23 issue of New Hope News incorrectly gave November 26 as the date of Reverend Moon's address to the 5th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences. The correct date is November 27. The sequence of events at the Conference was, November 26: reception; November 27: Opening session and Founder's Address; November 27-29: Group and plenary meetings; and November 29: Farewell Banquet.

Happy Birthday!

Ye-jin, Hyo-jin and Un-jin Moon each had birthdays in January, 1977. Un-jin's birthday was on January 12, Hyo-jin's on January 21, and Ye-jin's on January 29.



Reverend Moon, Kook-jins and Heung-jin watch as Ye-jin blows out her birthday candles.



Reverend Moon and Hyo-jin on Hyo-jin's birthday.



In-jin and Un-jin on Un-jin's birthday.

December 31 Conference

Rev. Moon Inspires Leaders to Meet '77 Goals

At the monthly state leader's meeting on December 31, Reverend Moon inspired the Church leaders in their mission. "I am creating a leadership which can be prosperous in a headwind and under persecution," he said. "Become a new person and a new leader in 1977."

He asked, "Can we transfer New York City from a living hell?...Yes, through a new ideology, a new truth, and a new teaching. If you want to catch a tiger,

you must do into the tiger's den...You should be in the position to go anywhere reach every level," he told the leaders. "Become the friend of the suffering, weeping, lonely people. If you can comfort them, you are indeed a saviour."

Reverend Moon encouraged the leaders to take a fresh outlook to the new year. "1976 was well done, but it is now behind you. Let us now look forward." Specifically, he advised that members challenge the criticism of our

movement, asking if the critic has any first-hand knowledge and fully explaining Reverend Moon's purpose. "1977 is the year to respond boldly," he said. "Be proud of our ideology of Messianism." He also told them that he

foundation was the third top priority, with both fundraising and commercial work utilized. The fourth area of concentration, he said, will be cultural activities and public information. Reverend Moon talked in terms of the



Michael Warder giving a report to state leaders on December 31.

Parents' Conferences: A New Round

The Unification Church National Parents' Conference, directed by Mrs. George Edwards, is conducting conferences for parents and relatives of Church members in Boston, Houston, and Seattle. The Boston conference was on Saturday, January 22, the Houston conference on January 29, and the Seattle conference will be on February 6.

In Boston, the seventy guests attending the day-long conference were introduced to the Church's work in the Boston area by Boston director Aidan Barry and heard a report from Mrs. Edwards on national Church activities and the work of other organizations founded by Reverend Moon. After seeing the film on the fourth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, the parents asked Mrs. Edwards their questions about the Church, which ranged from practical matters to ideological concepts.

Mr. Salonen spoke to the parents, describing his own relations with his parents and explaining the need for

young Americans to find direction in their lives. He then took questions, giving detailed answers about how the Church functions as an organization.

The Go-World Jazz Band gave the conference a real lift with their music of the thirties and forties. Although the program then officially closed, most of the parents and relatives stayed to watch the Washington Monument film.

"The parents at the Boston conference came from all religious backgrounds and many viewpoints. They were sincere in their concern and genuinely seeking answers. There was much interaction between them, as, in many cases, they helped each other answer their questions," commented Mrs. Edwards on the conference.

The conference in Houston was organized with a similar format, as will be the one in Seattle.

The National Parents' Conference at the National Headquarters office at 4 West 43rd St. will provide information about the church to interested parents as well as answer their questions.

will be travelling throughout the country to visit them in the first part of 1977.

More generally, Reverend Moon said, "You are the prime actors of 1977. Your actions will be imprinted in history. ...In 1977, if we meet one criteria, all will be solved. Serve God with all your heart, mind, and soul." The result, he said, will be that "America will rise like the sunrise in the morning."

At the close of the meeting Reverend Moon gave four commissions to the Church leaders. The first was to "act and live the tradition." The second, "education of the public." Reverend Moon said that Church evangelism should have the goal of educating the people to God's ideal. "We should teach the people how to love again, especially blacks and whites," he said.

Creating an autonomous economic

Unification movement becoming a catalyst for artistic exchange. In the field of public education, Reverend Moon said, "1977 is the year of true image-building." Towards that, he announced his gift of Church films and a projector to each state. He especially emphasized showing the Washington Monument movie as many times and places as possible. He also encouraged the state leaders to take an active interest in *The News World*.

Reverend Moon closed the December 31 meeting by again stressing the importance of the Church's work in America during the next two years. He encouraged each center to create a countdown board for the 730 days in 1977-1978. "The most urgent things," he concluded, "are life with God and the fulfillment of victory."

The News World Begins Daily Publication

On December 31, the end of the old year was heralded by New York's newest and only full-color newspaper, *The News World*. Mr. Dennis Orme, publisher of *The News World*, introduced the first issue to New York: "We regret that so many of the other newspapers are old-fashioned black and white. Further, we are sorry that so many of them carry such a distorted view of society. We would like to salute you the honest, hardworking law-abiding citizens of New York. We recognize that America and the continued greatness of America results from the values that are exhibited by you. We would like you to know that we regard the professionalism, the business experience on New York City as fine examples of America. Thank you."

The front page carried a color picture of the Statue of Liberty at sunset, with Emma Lazarus' famous poem -- "Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses..." Articles focused on summaries of 1976.

The creation of a daily newspaper has for several years been one of Reverend Moon's strong desires. The first step was the publication, beginning in January, 1975, of the *World Daily News* in Tokyo. The New York *News World* is an intermediate step on the way to a newspaper in every state and at least one in Europe. The *News World's* goal is to become a high-quality paper with a national distribution, similar to the *Christian Science Monitor* but with a larger format.

The News World is published by News World Communications, Incorporated and is organizationally distinct from the Unification Church. Unification

Church members from the bulk of its 200-member staff. *The News World's* day begins with planning meetings within each department and an overall meeting of the department heads with the managing editor. Reporters and photographers go out on assignment while editors pore over copy and wire dispatches. Deadlines for features and entertainment are in the afternoon, while news writing continues into the evening. Copy is set with the assistance of up-to-date computerized phototypesetting equipment. With the set copy, page editors work with graphic artists to create the paste-up of each page. The pages are then photographed, with special attention paid to the color photographs. At about 11 pm the page negatives are rushed to the Patent Trader company in Mount Kisco, New York, where the paper is printed on huge offset presses.

The end of the day for one portion of the staff marks the beginning for another, as the circulation department starts its rounds to newstands at 3 a.m. Then, as New Yorkers are buying the morning's edition, planning for the next edition is already beginning in offices at the World Mission Center.

Each edition regularly carries news in the following fields: international, national, local, sports, business, and science. Features cover human interest stories, a section on the family, and another on culture and entertainment, including theater and TV listings. Like other papers, it also carries an Op-Ed (editorial, columnist, and letter) section.

In the first twelve-page section, the reader comes across new dispatched from

UPI, Reuters, and Agence France Presse, as well as reports from *News World* writers and correspondents. Columnists in the Op-Ed section include conservative spokesman James J. Kilpatrick and liberal black Congresswoman Yvonne Braithwaite Burke. Consumer complaints, indoor gardening, jazz, a human column by popular author Erma Bombeck and a comic page carrying "Little Orphan Annie" and a daily horoscope are regularly included in the 12-page "Profile" feature section. Ads are tastefully confined to the bottom half of each page. Advertisers have included a variety of specialty stores in the New York area. *The News World* also regularly prints public service advertisements on a humanitarian or environmental theme created by the U.S. Ad Council.

Color and bold design give *The News World* a distinctive look. One appealing color photograph is featured each morning on the front page. Color also highlights *News World's* two mottos: "New York's oldest color daily newspaper," and "Lasting success depends on truth, beauty, and love." The appearance of each page is clean and sharp, reflecting careful design, skilled use of white space and good printing and production skills. Articles are short and very infrequently continued from one page to another, making the paper easy to read. Photographs and designs are run untraditionally large and often include original art by *The News World* staff.

Michael Trulson, 27, *News World's* general manager, comments on the appearance of the paper: "I think that we are accomplishing a quality newspaper. We have gotten good feedback. For example, one experienced man told me that *News World* is twenty years ahead of its time. In creating the design of the paper, we studied various theories but also drew from our own opinions and tried to find out what other people like and what they want to read."

The News World's articles also give it a distinguishing style. The front page is not determined by sensational stories or the latest-breaking or "hardest" news. Instead it may appear a story about a taxi driver who routinely rushes life-saving supplies to areas hospitals, or part of a special series on the efforts of Times Square citizens to upgrade the area. The paper has provided in-depth coverage of life in foreign countries from representatives - from well-known areas such as India to obscure and turbulent Benin. Greater than average attention is also paid to stories of interest to black and hispanic people.

"The style of *The News World* is not just the result of a quest for innovation but also related to the philosophy of publisher Dennis Orme, formerly director of the Unification Church of Great Britain. Among his ten-point statement of editorial policy published in his first edition, Mr. Orme stated these goals: "To pursue the truth and to check the validity of news, and to report such news with accuracy, love and understanding...To seek the better values of our societies and to enhance them...To pursue an educational aim towards reducing racial and religious hatreds, bringing about a deeper love and respect between people and societies...To represent the desire of God in restoring his Kingdom on the earth, eliminating poverty, famine, plague, tyranny and injustice."

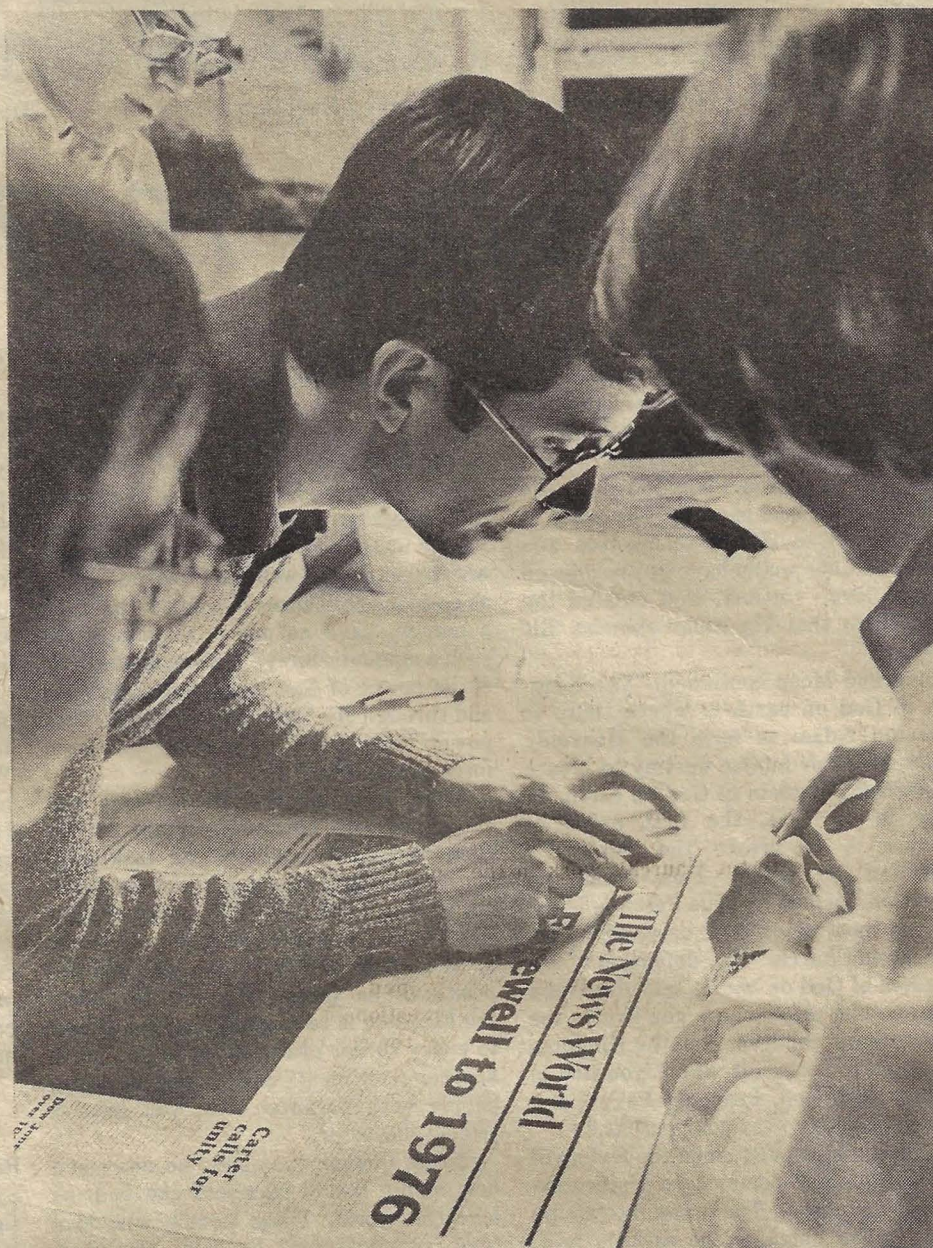
Mr. Orme concisely summed up *The News World's* uniqueness in material made available to the press at the January 4 conference announcing *The New World*: "We believe that what you seek in life is what you find. If you look for beauty, you find beauty; if you look for ugliness, ugliness abounds. In *The News World* we are looking for beauty -- for what is good and helpful and inspiring. We want to promote New York as the cultural, intellectual and business capital of the world."



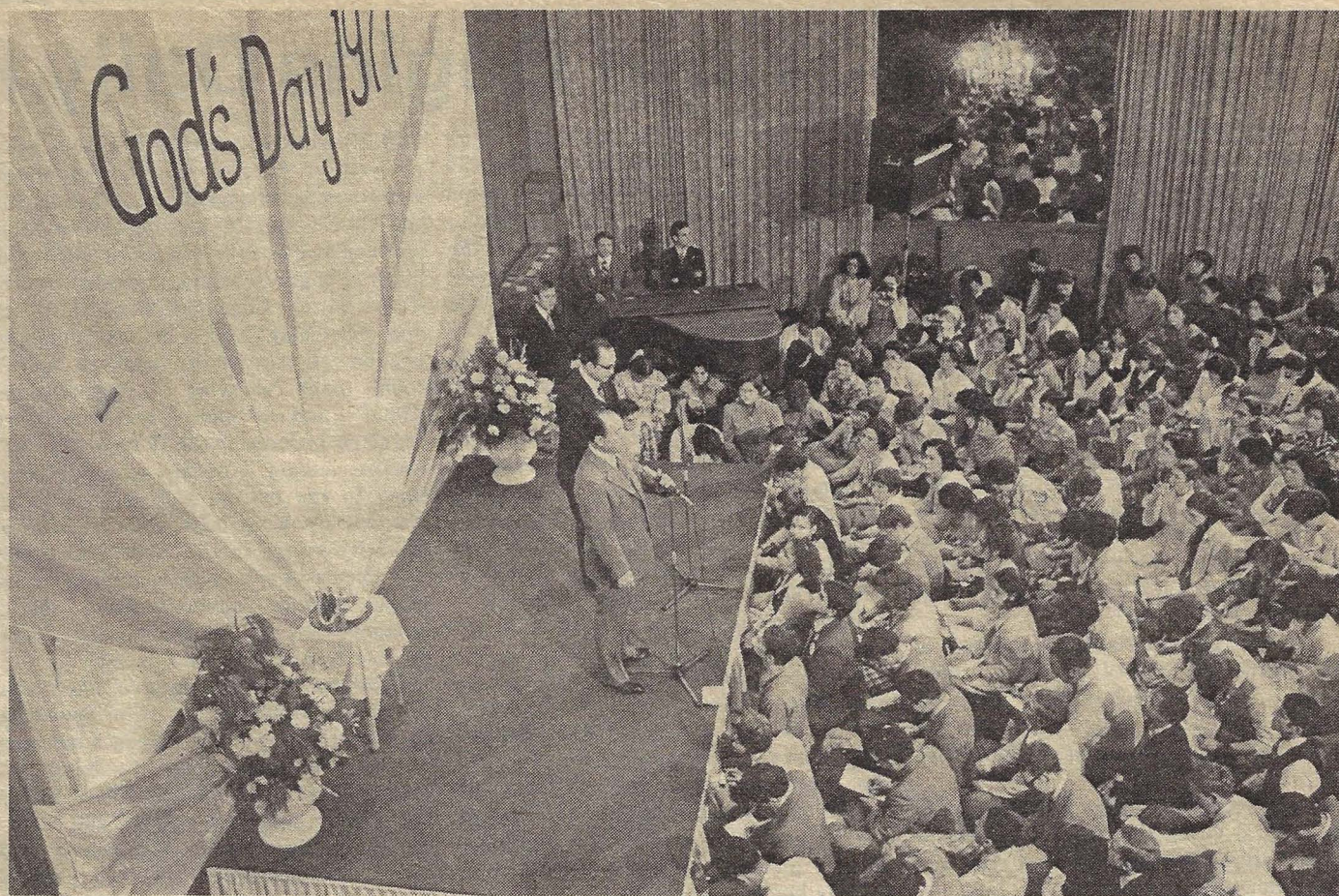
Publisher Dennis Orme checks color separations for the first issue with the printer.



Felice Hart, Joachim Becker and Elizabeth Mikesell try out a terminal of *The News World's* photo typesetting system.



News World staff watches as David Jensen puts the finishing touches on the first issue's paste-up.



Reverend Moon speaks to members at the World Mission Center on God's Day, 1977.



Two thousand members gather at the Manhattan Center for God's Day entertainment.



Members inspect the exhibit of the Technical Mission for God's Day.

God's Day 1977 Brings Inspiration,

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His love. "Invisible, spiritual God wanted to manifest himself into the visible beings of Adam and Eve." The spirits of Adam and Eve were supposed to be in the position of God, and their bodies in the position of physical parents. The unity of Adam and Eve within themselves and with each other would have been achieved through love -- in fact, God created the universe so that He could exercise His own love.

Reverend Moon continued: "The Kingdom of God on earth is where there is perfected Adam to form the Heavenly family. It is our human destiny to create the perfect Kingdom of God on earth. In order to do that, the first order of business is to create the family of perfection on earth. This family of perfection, formed by True Parents, is the thing of most significant meaning in the Unification Church." The definition of the Kingdom of God on earth, said Reverend Moon, is "the place where you live as the True Parents' children. And the Kingdom of Heaven in heaven is where you live in eternity with God, heavenly Father and heavenly Mother -- as your parent."

Reverend Moon described the feeling of love and support common to Unification Church members. The most attracting power in the universe, he said, is love. "The master of love is God...The person coming to resemble God is pulled by the

power of love." It is this power, he said, which unites Unification Church members. Those not understanding this may attribute sinister motives or tactics to Reverend Moon, but, he said, "none of them are true." He continued to explain the attraction of the Unification Church. People want to go to the source of life and are therefore attracted to Reverend Moon as he acts as a channel of God's love. "I, as a person, have no power to manipulate such a magnetic force," he commented. "It is the power of God working through me and through the Unification Church. That power has no limit. No other universal force can do that."

After referring to the national and racial divisions abounding in the world, Reverend Moon said that our task is to transcend these barriers with universal, cosmic love. God, he said, is our Father and Mother, who loves all races. "How can I, as a child of God, take an opposite position?" he asked. "Our key to unlock the kingdom is to expand the love of God to every corner of the earth. If you go to another continent and embrace those people with parental love, you have a cosmic character."

Giving further examples, he described how loving family members can help us love the world. These people who love their grandparents, he said, can most easily love elderly people. Those loving their brothers and sisters can have a

closer relationship with their neighbors.

"This year we are going to concentrate of the construction of the ideal family -- the love of parents," he continued. "When you see poor people, look at them with parental love. Before anyone else go and embrace them as members of God's family. Wherever we reach, we are creating a little creek from the reservoir of God. God is pouring the water of life into your creek. America is truly thirsty for that love today."

Reverend Moon concluded his opening sermon of 1977: "In 1977 we must succeed in the tradition of our own parent, God. We have to accept His ideology as our ideology, His way of life as our way of life. Unmarried men and women, become ready to create the ideal family. Married people, live the heart of God in your homes! Today we must pledge together to God that we will exert ourselves in the construction of the Kingdom of God here on earth. We must live up to God's expectations to be the center of this heavenly family."

MORNING SERMON

Following God's Day tradition, Reverend Moon gave another sermon at 7 a.m. on January 1. First he explained the significance of God's Day. The fact that we celebrate God's Day, he said, is based upon the progress of mankind through the restorative stages of servant-of-servants,

servant, adopted child, and true child of God. God's Day should have been established first by Adam. A second chance was at the time of Jesus. Primarily due to the failure of John the Baptist, the restoration of man to the state of true children and the establishment of God's Day have been delayed until the coming of the Lord of the Second Advent. Rather than creating a religion as an end in itself, Christians, said Reverend Moon, should be preparing for the day of the Messiah, when they can be raised into true sonship to God. The Messiah, he said, comes as the third Adam, to restore the failure for the first Adam and to perfect Jesus' mission.

Reverend Moon then explained the key to growing into true sons and daughters of God. "The most sagacious saying, the foundation of the great revolution of mankind, is 'Whoever wants to save his life will lose it, and whoever is willing to lose his life will gain it.' (from Matthew). This is the secret of all," he said. "Those who are prepared to die for their cause are those who will remain."

The link chaining our lives to Satan, he said, is greediness. This takes three main forms: greediness for material things, greediness for love (lust), and greediness for life. To follow God's way, we must give our things, our love, and our lives to God. God then will return His world, His love, and His life to us, which are far

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Kevin Pickard leads the Go-World Jazz Band in a lively number.



Howard Self demonstrates his prize-winning extemporaneous speaking.



Missionary Corps, one of many set up for



The children add the crowing touch to God's Day. Heung-jin, Hyun-jin and Kook-jin sing a trio and Ye-jin gives a solo.



n, Fellowship and Determination

superior than our own.

After all, he explained, in today's world our wealth cannot even be fully passed on to future generations due to taxes. Casual love is very common, with deep relationships the exception rather than the rule. And many people lose their ambition for life, committing suicide. How much better to bring all three things - love, and life -- to the altar of God! "Do you have the ambition to love God more than anything, to give your life to him?" asked Reverend Moon. "Your mental stature is the most important thing in determining this."

"...Today, the first of January, makes a new beginning for us," Reverend Moon continued. "Upon the foundation laid in 1976, all we have to do is expand the victory. ...Wherever we are needed, we will go and help. The destiny of the free world is on our shoulders. I want the rest of the world to know that we will continue to move on without fear. On this tenth God's Day we are determined to win victory. Maybe my hand will become crippled in the effort, but in the meantime, we will build a new world...."

Reverend Moon drew his final God's Day, 1977 speech to a conclusion. "We will create ideal families, and ideal society, an ideal nation, an ideal world, and eventually the ideal Kingdom of God. That is God's unchanging wish. And His grieving heart must be liberated. For that purpose God himself is giving His entire

heart and soul and life.

"I want you to know that when God is looking down here on New Year's Day, you are His hope. We know that God is a living God. Because of that, He will give us power, He will give us energy. He will give us the wisdom that we need. He will make us invincible. There are 730 days until December 31, 1978. In these two years, unless we lay a sufficient foundation for God to work, the Free world will decline. In these 730 days, all of us shall become champions, like David, to truly accomplish the extraordinary mission given to us. We aren't in darkness. We know the truth, we have a goal, we have a purpose and strategy, so all we have to do is give our energy. Everyone shall become victors for the sake of God and humanity. In three short years -- 1976, 1977, and 1978- we pay indemnity for the cosmic dispensation. Once this is done, God will dwell with us, and truly the Kingdom of Heaven shall be living on earth in ourselves. Let us solemnly pledge to God that no matter the difficulty, whatever the obstacles, we shall go until victory is won."

After the sermon, God's Day gifts were presented to Mr. and Mrs. Moon, who then ceremoniously cut the God's Day cake. Michael Warder displayed the second edition of *The News World*, which Reverend Moon signed. Then everyone enjoyed a large holiday dinner.

In the afternoon the World Mission Center hosted numerous activities. Continuous showings of Church-related films and "A Man for All Seasons" attracted a large audience. At the same time, finals for the annual Divine Principle lecturing and extemporaneous speaking contests were progressing. Many members gathered over coffee for informal reunions.

Exhibits of members' activities were very popular. Exhibits included: The Freedom Leadership Foundation, *The News World*, Collegiate and High School Associations for the Research of Principles, International Cultural Foundation, Unification Church foreign missions, The International Seafood Company, The Unification Theological Seminary, The International Family Association, the interfaith committee, mobile fund raising teams, ginseng tea, the Technical Missionary Corps, and IOWC publications. Displays made use of literature, slides, movies, samples and models. People connected with each project were available for questions.

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT

An enthusiastic crowd greeted the Performing Arts groups that evening at the Manhattan Center. The New Hope Singers opened the program. Instrumental music included a piano solo by Glen

Rasmussen, Schubert's Sonata in B flat. Hong Whan Choi of the New York City Symphony Orchestra performed a violin polonaise by Stein.

President Salonen then awarded prizes for the speaking contests. Winners of the extemporaneous speaking contest were: 1. Howard Self, 2. Tom McDevitt, and 3. Alan Booth. Michael Beard won the lecturing contest, with Shawn Byrne in second place. The first prize winners then gave the audience a sample of their talents.

Musical entertainment continued with Sunburst, the Go-World Jazz Band, and the Korean Folk Ballet.

"I have seen a crowd like this," said Col. Pak as he hosted the next portion of the program. "The roof is coming down tonight!" First he explained, as he did on Christmas, the history of the Manhattan Center. Then he introduced the Washington Monument movie, seen for the first time by many members.

The New Hope Singers closed the formal God's Day program with the powerful "Amen" chorus, from Handel's "Messiah." The evening closed with Reverend Moon's children singing favorite songs, with he and Mrs. Moon concluding with the round "Um Maya."

Christmas 1976: Worship and Celebration

As Unification Church centers around the country and world celebrated Christmas Day with members, family, and friends, New York hosted 1976's most joyful celebration with Reverend and Mrs. Moon in the newly acquired Manhattan Center.

December 25 opened with a worship service, the first Church event held in the Manhattan Center. After a variety of Christmas hymns were performed by the Go-world Brass Band and the New Hope Singers, Reverend Moon gave the sermon to the congregation of over 1,000 on "God's Will and Christmas."

"It is important to know the purpose of the coming of Jesus to know the meaning of Christmas," Reverend Moon said at his opening. He explained that through the fall, God's purpose of creation was left unfulfilled. Although God's plan was thwarted at the time of Adam, God's original blueprint has not changed. "Since God is eternal, unique, and unchanging, His will is eternal, unique, and unchanging," he said. "God cannot give up His standard. Therefore, since the fall, God's will has been one of restoration."

The goal of God's work of restoration, explained Reverend Moon, is to find one central champion to show man the clear purpose for being saved. "In the heart of God, one man is the key to family, social, national, and global restoration. Without such a central individual, mankind is without a real God, living at random."

The Messiah, said Reverend Moon, is the central figure. His mission is to bring perfection on earth. To do this, Jesus Christ came in the position of Adam. Since Jesus was not able to completely restore Adam's role during his lifetime, God has prolonged His restoration to include the coming of the Lord of the Second Advent, whose purpose is the same as that of

Adam and Jesus Christ. "Although mankind has not seen that one way of perfection, God's will is marching on, no matter what," he said. "The truth is unchanging; therefore the will of God cannot change."

Since Jesus was born on earth, we should not be looking to the clouds for the return of the Lord. "The work of God," said Reverend Moon, "is a realistic one, a physical one."

How do we know that Jesus was a true man? Because of his way of life, said Reverend Moon. "His way of life was God's way of life. Jesus was born for the will of God, lived solely for the will of God, and died for the will of God....At his death, he took with him the dignity of the Messiah to the cross."

We can learn the true Christian spirit from Jesus, Reverend Moon explained. Too many people, he said, are looking for their own chunk of heaven while the rest of the world crumbles. Jesus, he said, "did not worry about his own heaven. He worried about the rest of the world...I want you to know that the goal of salvation is the world. Therefore, true Christmas must be willing to sacrifice."

Reverend Moon then turned his attention to inspiring the membership to set high standards for themselves. "Young people of the world, especially Unification Church members, he said, declare this mission, to be champions of God. We are joining in the spiritual revolution. How far you can go is the only question. Can you go from east to west, across the oceans and all six continents?" He reminded the members that their three great tasks are the revival of Christianity, the liberation of the Communist world, and the salvation of young people. "That's not all," he continued. "We are gathered together to



Rev. Moon gives the Christmas Day sermon at the newly refurbished Manhattan Center.

liberate the heart of Jesus and God Himself. If you pray: 'God, given me longer arms to embrace the world, to lift it up to your throne,' God's eyes will fill with tears."

He concluded the Christmas Day sermon: "We are gathered to celebrate this Christmas in a very special way. We are taking part in a historical mission in which Jesus and God will take delight. This is truly the spirit of Christmas. I am going that way and I am praying that you will join me."

Throughout the afternoon area members participated in a variety of holiday activities at their home churches. Singing, games, movies and big turkey dinners were enjoyed throughout the city.

In the evening the Manhattan Center filled to capacity with close to 2,000 members and guests for special Christmas entertainment presented by the Church Performing Arts groups.

Santa Claus, played by Richard Cohen, opened the program. The New Hope Singers, in a soft candlelight background, sang traditional Christmas hymns with a solo of "Oh Holy Night" by Kathy Novalis. A duet and quartet of members from the New York City Symphony performed "Tambourine Chinoise" by Chrysler and Haydn's 56th String Quartet.

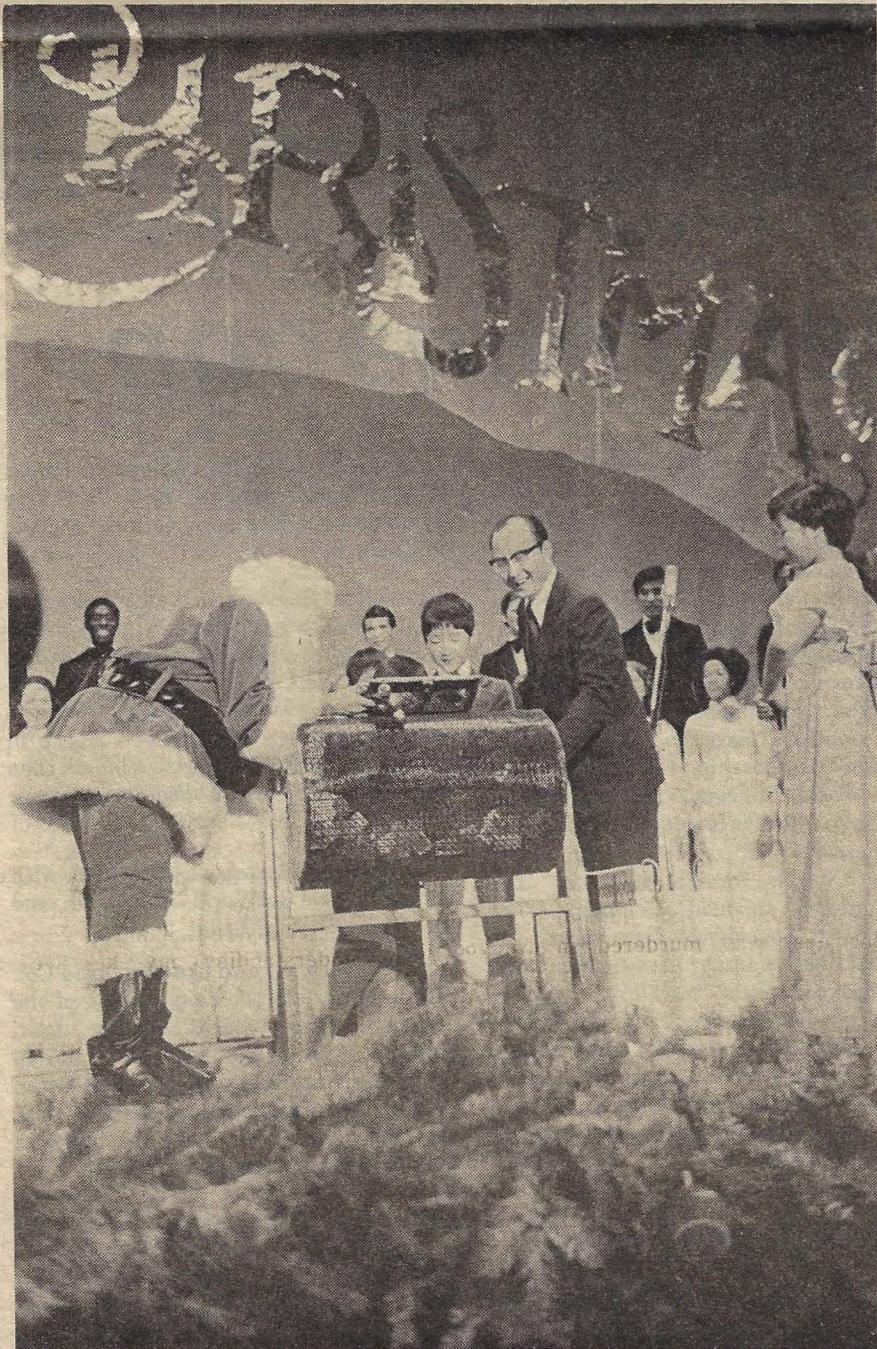
After playing some marches, the Go-World Brass Band introduced its new jazz ensemble for some upbeat versions of Christmas favorites. The Korean Folk Ballet followed with the "Royal Court (Fan) Dance."

Col. Pak took the stage to introduce the world premiere of the just-finished English version of the Washington Monument film, which, he predicted, will

be the "most watched film in history." Through the film, members relived their campaign experiences, saw a flashback of Reverend Moon's evangelical crusade in America, felt the excitement of September 18 itself, and experienced new feelings about the victory. An especially moving film sequence depicted hundreds of lined up on the Delaware turnpike, all bound for the Washington Monument.

Col. Pak also gave the guests a history of the Manhattan Center. It was once a famous and beautiful opera house created by Oscar Hammerstein, which, through decades of neglect, "rotted to death." He said, "If you had come here two months ago you would have found yourself in a living hell." The Performing Arts groups took on the project of cleaning the huge building adjacent to the New Yorker, with amazing results. After truckloads of trash were taken out and the interior refurbished, the Center has taken on new life. Leonard Bernstein, conductor of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, has brought his musicians to record in the acoustically excellent center. A union official, at a Christmas party for children held in the Center, remarked, "If you're doing to the soul what you have done to this building, you can recruit me anytime," reported Col. Pak.

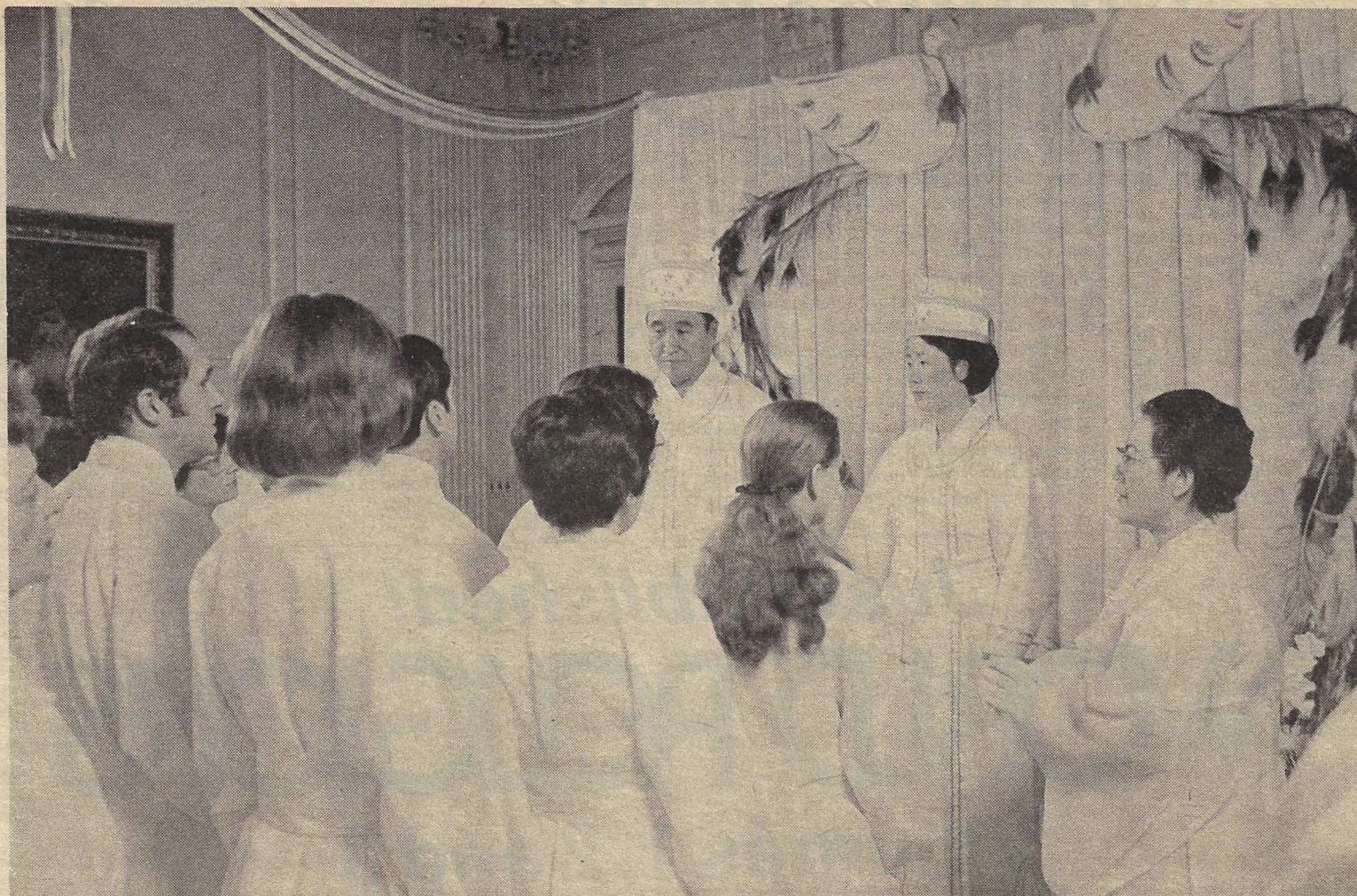
The New Hope Singers brought the formal program to a close with the Hallelujah Chorus of Handel's Messiah, resounding magnificently in the auditorium. Seven of Reverend Moon's children brought the program to a delightful close by picking doorprize winners and later singing Christmas songs.



Col. Pak and "Santa Claus" help the children draw doorprize winners.



The New Hope Singers close Christmas, 1976, with the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."



On December 22 Reverend and Mrs. Moon conducted a blessing-for-married-couples at Belvedere. The blessing was given to 35 American and European on the foundation of their life of faith.

Church Refutes Recent Attacks

On December 30, 1976, the Unification Church responded to the December 29 press conference initiated by the American Jewish Committee. The AJC conference had served as a forum for attacks on the Church launched by the AJC, the local Roman Catholic Archdiocese, and a member of the National Council of Churches, speaking on his own behalf.

Calling the AJC statement which labelled the Divine Principle anti-semitic "highly offensive, factually distorted, and irrational, Church President Neil Salonen stated that "It has been the hallmark of our church since it was founded that we are inter-religious, and interracial in character. We preach and practice not just tolerance but respect for all religious faiths."

When asked what most bothered him about the AJC-sponsored press conference, Mr. Salonen said. "I found that the spirit of the attack was hateful. I found no spirit of God's desire to reconcile people of different points of view. I found no hope. I found, rather, a desire to destroy my church and my prophet. And I can't accept that as a legitimate religious point of view."

"I would be more than willing to meet with anyone for however long it would take to clarify our position" said Mr. Salonen.... "If we can really see that there are statements in the Divine Principle--which is a continuing translation and needs to be perfected--which must be corrected, we want to correct them, because they don't accurately reflect the teaching of Reverend Moon or the belief and practice of the Unification Church. We are more than willing to work in that spirit...But I don't find that spirit forthcoming from the so-called religious leaders of the community. I find instead a near-hysterical reaction to the fact that members of their parishes and their synagogues are joining the Unification Church. I would submit that people are finding in the Unification Church the God and the spirituality which they are looking for."

Dr. Josef Hausner, an orthodox Jewish

Rabbi who teaches at the Unification Theological Seminary, himself a victim of the holocaust, recalled his futile attempts to have dialogue with the AJC's director, Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, prior to the issuance of their statement. "I must say that I would have preferred to discuss the whole relation of Unification theology and Jewish doctrine in a more academic atmosphere. It is not our guilt, it is not our failure, that we did not achieve that possibility."

In discussing the "alleged anti-semitism of the Divine Principle, Dr. Hausner said, "Whatever leaders of the American Jewish Committee are considering as anti-semitic are actually quotations from the Gospels, mainly from the Gospel of John....Whatever is 'anti-semitic' in the Divine Principle was not invented in Korea but rather a direct result of teaching brought by American missionaries. Christian anti-semitism is not a product of the East and is not a result of Reverend Moon's teaching. Reverend Moon and the Unification Church--as traditional Christians accepting the gospels--included these texts in their teachings formulated in the Divine Principle." Dr. Hausner gave the suggestion: "Wouldn't it be the best way to come together and discuss these fundamental questions regarding the composition of the New Testament?"

Concerning Jewish youth, Rabbi Hausner said: "These kids were not taken away from the Jewish community by Reverend Moon and the Unification Church. They were lost to the Jewish communities in the sixties, when they became drug addicts and extreme left radicals. They became disenchanted with drugs and with extreme radical groups, and they looked for a new ideal. It is not the fault of the Unification Movement that they have found here a haven and content for their lives....The Jewish youngsters who are in my classes are receiving more Judaism than they received in their entire lives."

Rabbi Hausner concluded his moving statement: "For the sake of world unification, for the sake of the future of Israel, please desist from further attacks.

Let's put our forces together in forging a united front able to resist all attacks which come from evil--and they are many today."

Dr. Herbert Richardson, professor at the University of Toronto and visiting lecturer at the Unification Theological Seminary, drew a parallel between the persecution now received by the Unification Church and that endured by the Jews at the hands of the Nazis. "What is ghettoization?" he asked. "Ghettoization is what happened in Nazi Germany when the Nazi government and the whole population generated a spirit which kept a certain group of people from communicating with the rest of society so that nobody knew anything about them and then could tell terrible lies about them. And having isolated them, you could escalate the line and finally make that line the basis for persecution. That is going on in America today. The American Jewish Committee, Dr. Lara-Braud of the National Council of Churches, and those who are cooperating in this activity of Ghettoization are trying to isolate the Unification Church and its members."

Later in the conference Dr. Richardson analyzed the roots of the attacks directed at the Unification Church. "America's holocaust is the hatred and the killing of people of other races and other religions. We persecuted the Shakers. We persecuted the Oneida community. Joseph Smith, the founder of the Mormons, was murdered in Nauvoo, Illinois. The Christian Scientists have endured a great deal of villification. America loves to persecute not only new religions but religions with which it disagrees; for example, look at the hostility of Protestants against Catholics in the 19th century."

"When you put together with America's lack of religious tolerance America's hatred of blacks and orientals, what you have in the case of the Unification Church is a scapegoat for all of the hatreds that America nurtures within its bosom. Reverend Moon and the Unification Church evoke all of our mythological hysteria about Korean brainwashing and

in a sense allows us to continue playing out the Vietnam script..."

"These two factors should make us question our motives when we start going after this group. That is my belief as to why this is going on. Ask yourself why you think this is going on."

The third panelist was Father Shawn Byrne, a Catholic priest from Dublin, Ireland currently doing interfaith work in the New York area. Father Byrne said: "What I see in the Unification Church is a development of doctrine, such as has been happening throughout the whole of religious history. God is not a God who is standing still, but He is a God who is always leading people forward into a new understanding of him and a new experience of His heart....People who were forerunners of their time were condemned by those with a more conventional viewpoint. Because these people--Copernicus for example--held views which did not coincide with the accepted views of their time, they were ostracized or ignored. I would appeal that this mistake not be repeated at this time, and that all who are concerned for the progress of mankind be at least open to the possibility that man can progress beyond this point in his thinking and his behavior."

Dr. William Bergman, director of the Unification Church of New York, was the concluding speaker. "I am of Jewish background," he told the press. "I have not rejected my Jewish faith. I feel that I am understanding my heritage and tradition far more fully through the teachings of Reverend Moon.We are seeing a re-enactment of exactly the kind of thing that happened in Nazi Germany, which they (the AJC) say that they are trying to oppose. They are bringing the same kind of misguided resentment towards members of the Unification movement as they were the objects in Nazi Germany. Anyone who realistically looks at our movement, investigates the teaching and spends time with our members can see that the only consequences of being involved in this movement is that we have a genuine love and compassion for all people."

New IOWC's Begin

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weekend and five-day workshops, as well as international dinners and nightly programs.

Reverend and Mrs. Moon have visited all IOWC teams, starting on January 14, with a visit to the Boston team. In Boston, Reverend Moon spoke at great length about witnessing techniques. Said one member, "It was the most wonderful speech that I have ever heard. I really felt free afterwards, really reborn. He was very creative in describing ways to relate to people. And it all stemmed from his many years of experience himself."

Their next stop was Dallas, Texas. On Sunday, January 16, Reverend Moon

spoke to the IOWC and area members on deepening their life of faith. "He inspired a lot of confidence," commented one member. "He unified the members very much through his talk. One thing that especially impressed me was that he told us to concentrate on creating a family atmosphere, becoming loving brothers and sisters. Most of us are new to Texas, and after they came we felt greater love for it. If it was worth their coming to visit, it is certainly worth our being here!"

Reverend and Mrs. Moon continued travelling on Sunday, arriving in Los Angeles that night. Reverend Moon spoke to the members on the next day. "It was a most outstanding visit," says team director Reverend Vincenz. Everyone was so happy to see them. Most members are

from the west coast and so seldom get a chance to see them, and some met them for the first time. Reverend Moon spoke of the significance of this time in history, stressing that witnessing is the overall commandment."

Columbus, Ohio hosted Reverend and Mrs. Moon the following week on Monday, January 26. On hearing of the cold weather in Ohio they brought mittens, scarves, and hats for all the members. Reverend Moon spoke for four hours on developing unity. He encouraged the members to cultivate experiences that would stand them in good stead in the future. He emphasized that all members should interpret their experiences in the most positive way to build their character.

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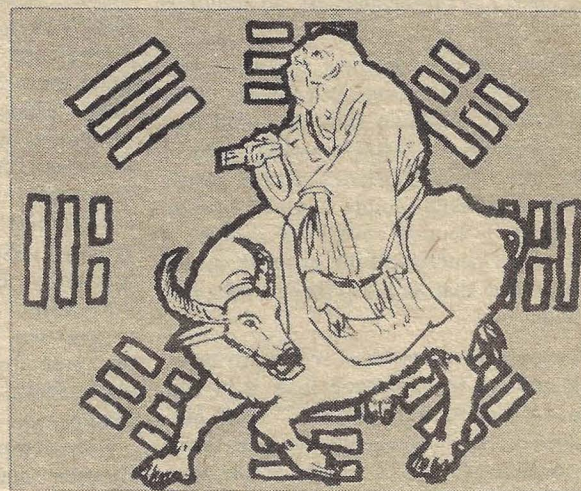
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