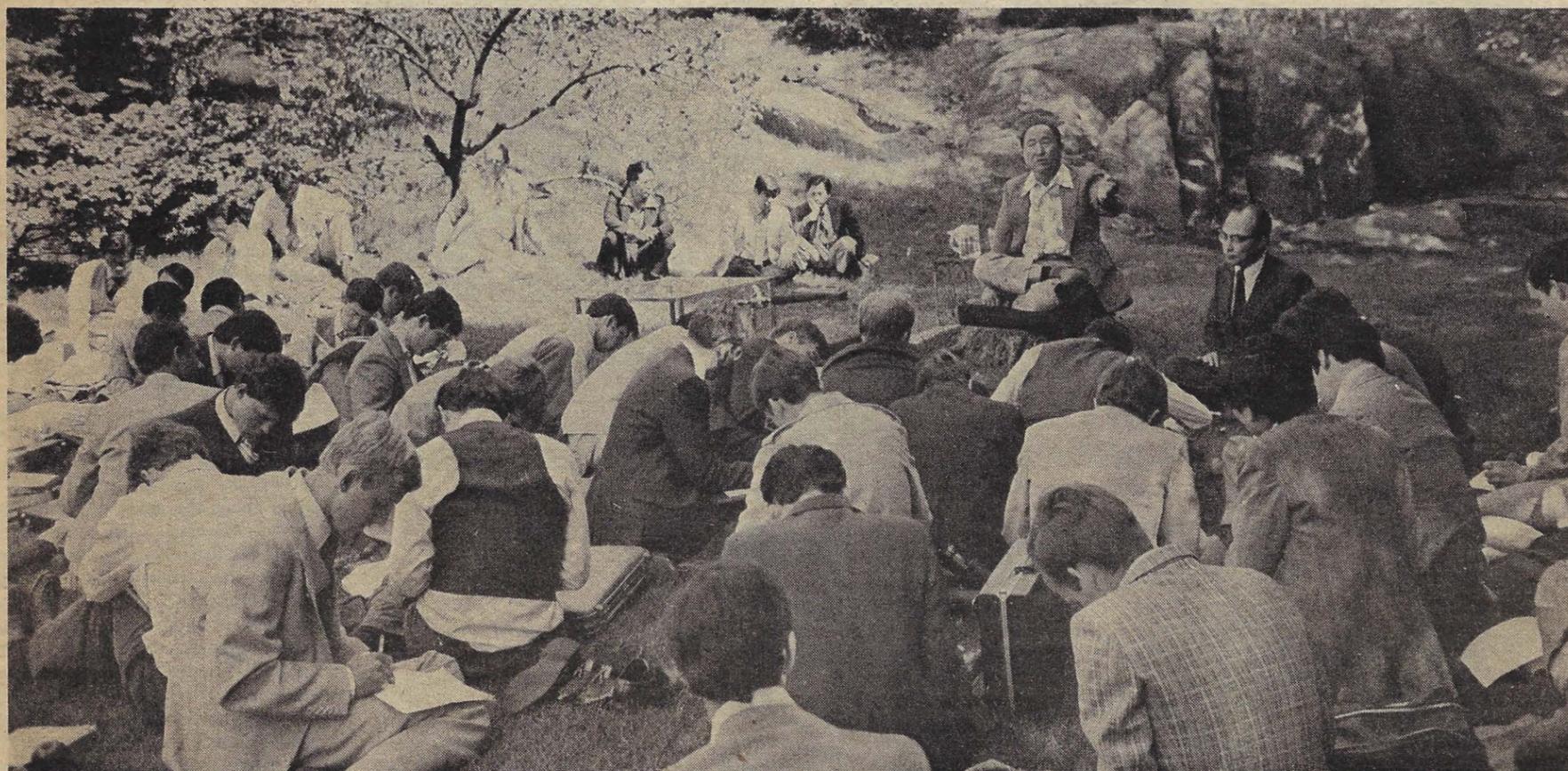


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After two days of fishing at Barrytown, Father gathered state directors at East Garden for the celebration of our Parents' wedding anniversary and a conference.

May 1 Conference

Father Invites Directors Fishing and to Wedding Anniversary

by Bill Cook

Father's monthly conference with Church leaders took an unusual turn this month, as Father prefaced the meeting with two days of fishing in the Hudson river (see separate story). It was at the end of a long day of fishing that Col. Pak announced that Father was inviting all of the Church directors to East Garden the following morning, May 3, to share in the celebration of our Parents' 17th wedding anniversary.

After greeting everyone at East Garden, Father asked for testimonies about fishing experiences. Then Father asked Mother to give her testimony. She often stopped to cry as she spoke of the suffering and faithfulness of those who assisted her. She spoke of a spiritual group, of which her mother was a member, which, for three generations, prepared for the coming of the Messiah by even making clothes for him. She told that in her own life she had always felt that God was close to her, protecting and preparing her. She said that, in her first meeting with Father, years before their marriage, he prayed under his breath when he met her, "God, thank you for sending such a woman to Korea." Her advice to the directors was to endure hardships in the confidence that when they work long and hard, God knows their suffering and will soon begin to help them.

Father then spoke of the tremendous faith and endurance which Mother needed to fulfill her mission. He explained how she had to suffer in a position of humility to restore certain conditions and to

overcome jealousies among those who coveted her position. But she was successful in winning the hearts of even

those who opposed her.

Then everyone was invited to begin a large anniversary feast. There was more

than enough for the members still hungry from their hard work in the Hudson.

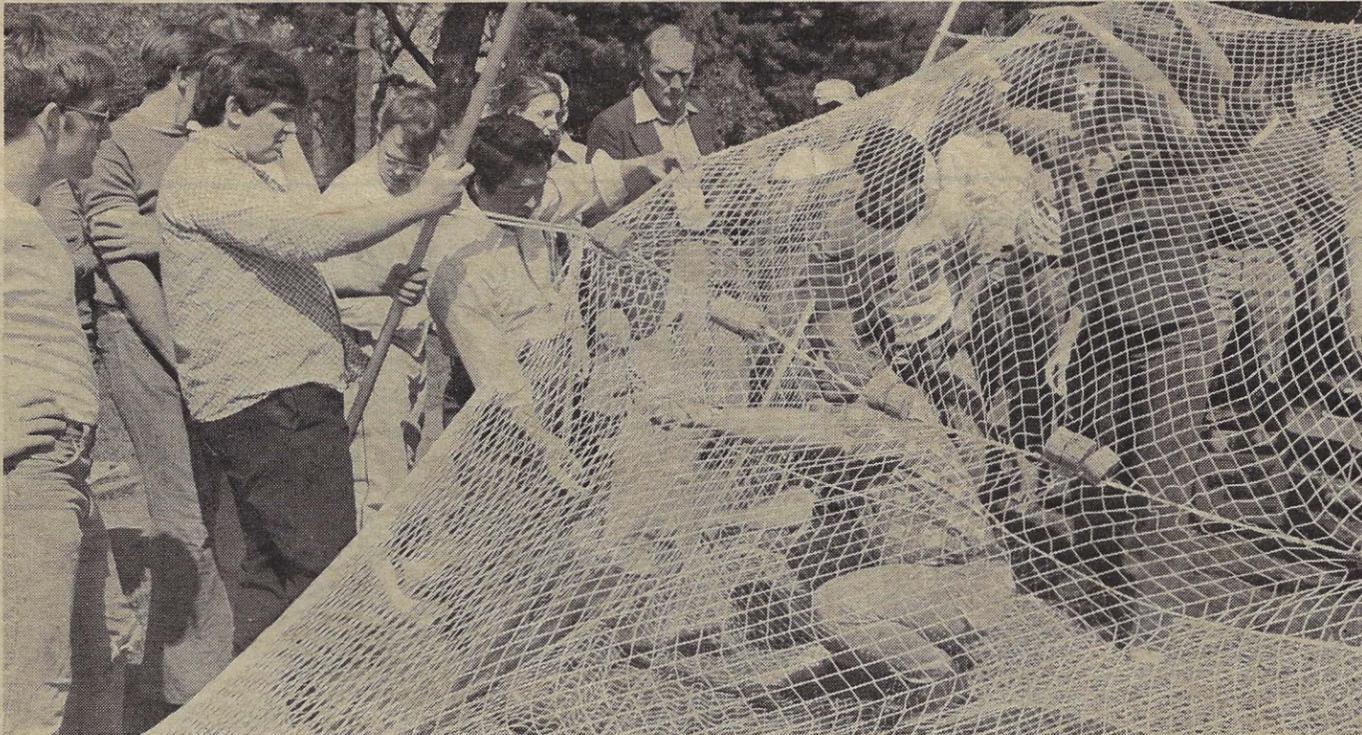
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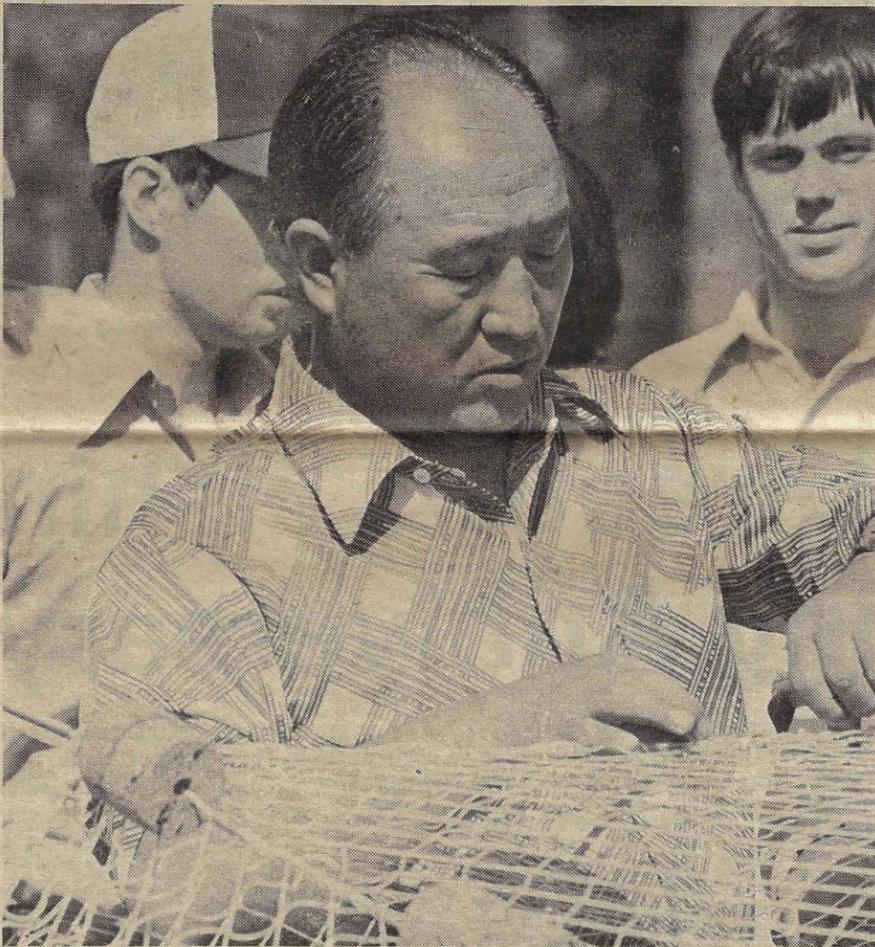
Queens College CARP Seminar

More than 200 students and professors attended an "International Forum on Human Rights Violations in Communist Countries" in New York on April 28 sponsored by Queens College C.A.R.P. Above, Tibetan Tsering Dorje Kashi describes the Chinese communist invasion of his country.

Father and Leaders Share a Most



Demonstrating his expert craftsmanship, Father sews the "trap net" as seminarians look on.



Father adds finishing touches to the special "trap net" he devised to catch carp in the lagoon.



Trading their suits for work clothes, visiting state directors waded deep into the mud and water to help Father set the nets.

by Bill Cook

Church leaders attending Father's Sunday Sermon on May 1 were delighted when he announced that he would take them to Barrytown for their monthly conference. Immediately after Father finished speaking everyone was off for what would prove to be a two-day fishing expedition which they would always remember.

After arriving, Father immediately went about inspecting the new trap net which he had designed. Seminary students had worked far into the previous night on it, with Father supervising the construction. After he had finished resewing one part of the net and carefully folded it, all directors dressed in old clothing, preparing for wet and muddy work with the nets.

Father led everyone down the Sun Myung Moon Trail to a point overlooking the lagoon to check a net which had been set out the night before. Then he talked to us about the spirit of fishing and the value of the carp, a fish often scorned by Western fishermen. Father explained that western culture had developed on continents and in the mountains. Westerners hunted for bear, deer and other animals for food. With this emphasis on meat, our knowledge of fish was not so highly developed as in the Orient, where people depended on the sea for food. He continued to say that in the Orient, carp is highly respected, the "king" of fish, noted for its intelligence and endurance. The carp is often used as a medicinal food and is prized for "sashimi," strips of raw fish which is an Eastern delicacy.

Then it was down to the river to drag the long nets in the water. Some members took the net to form a long line as they slowly and quietly treaded their way out deeper into the water and then back around to the shore until they had formed a semi-circle with both ends touching shore. Then, careful to keep the bottom of the net touching the river bottom, they brought the circle of net to the shore. Many fish, large and small, wriggled in the net as it was pulled out of the water. The large fish were kept in a garbage pail filled with water, while the small ones were pulled from the net and thrown back into the river.

Col. Pak and Mr. Salonen were in the water with everyone else, dragging the net and hauling in the fish as Father watched from the shore, giving personal direction to the operation. The process was repeated many times, with the group moving slowly down river, each time proudly showing our catch to Father. The most exciting moment was on the last draw of the net, when a large carp, about 18 inches from head to tail, appeared in the net. Father was very happy and ordered the fish to be taken back to the kitchen to be prepared as "sashimi" for everyone to taste.

As it grew dark, Father and Mother joined the state leaders around bonfires. Everyone sang songs and talked about the day. In-jin Nim and Un-jin Nim were also there, encouraging us to warm up and get dry. There was a feeling of accomplishment for everyone that evening.

But Father, who had been watching and evaluating us as we worked that day, was planning one final giant scoop with a longer net. He gathered us one more time in the dark and sent us out so far that we almost had to swim. But the bonfires and singing had probably scared the fish away, so nothing was caught.

Monday morning started early with our going into Hudson by 8:00 a.m., working our way upstream in the same fashion as the day before. For the first

st Memorable Fishing Expedition

few hours the catch was small. Then a whole school of fish were trapped and filled three big buckets in one scoop.

The water was very cold and the tide was rising. Father decided that this was the time to set up the new trap net in the lagoon. The incoming tide would bring in many fish which would then be trapped by the nets as the water flowed out on the ebb tide.

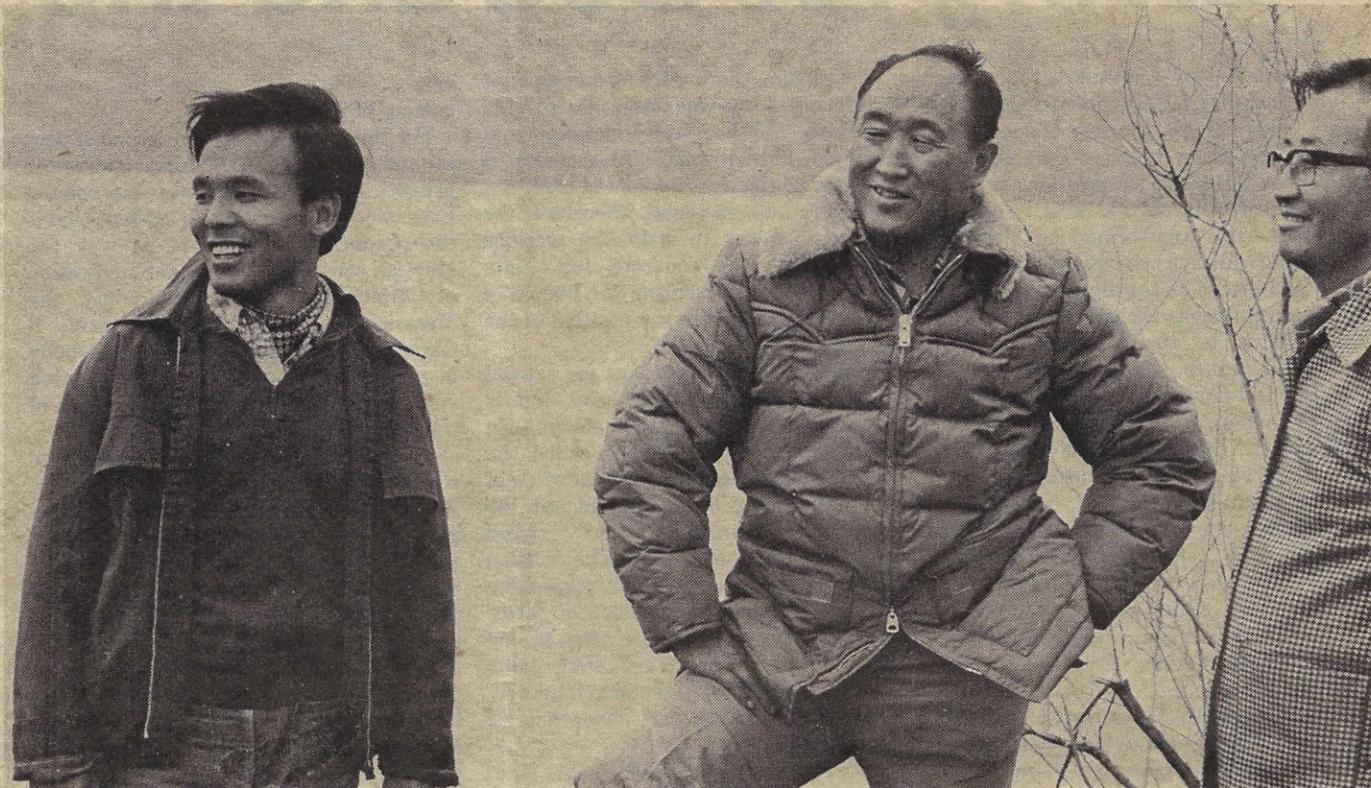
Volunteers set out in the deepening water with the complicated trap net. They began to set it up under Father's close supervision from a rowboat moving among them. The corner poles were set and the net was stretched into place. The water had risen above standing height, so the men were paddling or hanging onto the poles to stay afloat. They had been in the cold water a long time when some became stiff or developed cramps. There was a tense moment as all of them were pulled out of the water and into a motorboat by Gerhard's strong hands.

Father came back to shore to make sure that everyone was all right and then went off by himself to pray a few minutes. Then, after sending all the leaders back to have lunch and rest, Father got back into the rowboat with Daikan Ohnuki, determined to finish setting the nets by himself. Gerhard's determination kept him in the cold water for over three hours, as he pulled the boat by hand while Father and Daikan laid out the straight nets in a long line across the lagoon. Father again showed his determination to finish the job alone by staying in the boat working hard all afternoon, going without lunch, until he finished late in the day. But it was by Father's work that the day would be successful.

Many people were not very anxious to go out into the water again, but word came from Father that we should meet him at the lagoon at 6:00 in the evening, ready to fish again. Since the tide was soon to reach its lowest point, this was the time to harvest the fish from the lagoon. As the tide receded, it left large mud flats where the water of the lagoon used to be. The fish would try to follow the water out but were stopped by the net, which formed a wall in front of them. Soon they became stranded, lining up along the net in the mud and shallow water. The next problem was to go out and pick up the fish, for as we soon found out as we rushed in, the mud was very deep. We found ourselves plodding along in knee-deep mud. Each step was an effort. We had to pull one leg free from the mud behind us and plant it in the mud ahead as the spiny seed pods of the waterlilies, now dormant, tore at our legs. A few people even found themselves sinking up to their waist, at which point they had to lay on their side and roll across the sticky surface of the mud until they could get a firmer footing.

But we could see the fish now and the excitement was high. Buckets were soon too small to hold all of the catch, so we began filling the rowboat with fish. By the time we were finished hours later, the harvest included more than 150 large carp the length of a man's arm and a rowboat full of medium-sized fish.

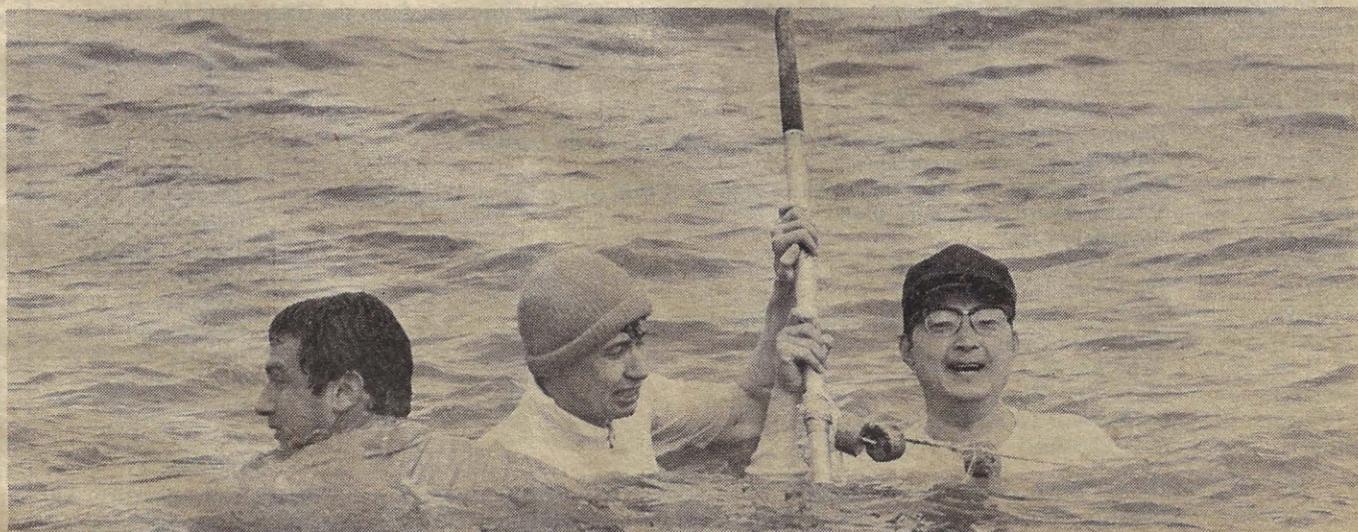
As the members gathered to return, we realized that if Father had not pushed to go out one more time, there would have been no victory. If we had given up after our bad experience in the afternoon, we would have taken home a feeling of only exhaustion and defeat. But because of Father's singlehanded effort and determination to go on, he was able to set out all of the nets. And based on Father's accomplishment, all of the directors could share in the victory that night.



Father personally supervised and instructed the whole fishing expedition. Here, Father, Mr. Kwok, and seminarian Hiroshi Matsuzaki survey the lagoon.



State leaders make their final plunge into the lagoon to harvest fish caught in Father's net.



Leading the state directors into the icy water, Mike Leone, Michael Smith, and Col. Pak hold one end of the long net.

May 8 Speech

Living for God and the World

On Sunday, May 8, Father's topic was "Living Sacrifice." He explained that the religious way of life, the way of sacrifice, became necessary because of the fall. Because of Adam's fallen position, he had to be divided into Cain and Abel, and God had worked this way throughout history. The sacrifice always had to be cut into two parts, and placed on the altar before God. The altar represents the universe, and the blood which is shed symbolizes the removal of impure, satanic blood.

In the Old Testament era, man could come to God on the foundation of offering things of the creation. In the past, men often offered sacrifices because they thought it would please God, but Father clarified that the offering is not for God, but for man's sake. Man must pledge before God that he is one with the sacrifice-it is this portion of man's responsibility that God presides over, to decide whether the offering can be acceptable.

On each new level, man must take an offering to come closer to God. Describing this process, Father said that at succeeding levels, the altar is greater--the church, the nation, then the world. The time will come when an offering will no longer have to be made. In the New Testament era, man himself became the offering--the Messiah came for that purpose, not for himself. He came as a sacrifice, but because the people didn't

unite with him, there were no men to offer the offering. Jesus was totally alone at the crucifixion. "Who was making that offering?" Father said. "A sacrifice is presented to God for the sake of men, but there were no men there. Therefore, the only possible way to make the sacrifice acceptable was to separate Jesus into two--his body representing the people of Israel, and his spirit in the position of the offering."

Jesus has been working to expand spiritual salvation to each level, but is still waiting for the physical offering. In the Bible, the church can be called the "body of Christ" because in the offering of the cross, Jesus' body represented the people, the Christians who grafted themselves to Jesus in faith. The division among Christians today is a heartbreaking situation--it is like the division of Jesus' body into many parts. There must be one more universal offering, with both physical and spiritual aspects together. Christianity is to be the foundation for that offering.

However, Father explained that oneness between Jesus and the people (Christianity) is not enough for the universal offering. Christians and Jesus try to unite, but one gap can't be closed: Jesus' mind and body couldn't be offered as one sacrifice. There must be one more sacrifice in which the mind and body of Jesus can be offered as one. For this

reason, Christians await the second coming of Jesus.

For this same reason, the second advent cannot appear in the clouds. Man must prepare on earth to receive the coming Lord. God wants man to be unified--that is the preparation. There is no way the Messiah can come without the unification of Christianity. Without that unity, the Messiah could be crucified again; if Christianity is unable to become one body in preparation to receive the Lord, God will weaken the Church. This is a sign of the last days.

Christianity has become broken into countless pieces, like a broken vase. Rather than glue the vase back together, piece by piece, Father explained that God would rather melt the old pieces and mold them into an entirely new vase. God is initiating a whole new movement of unification, one united body of Christ. His goal is world unity, five races united into one family of God. Unification is the most important element necessary to meet the Messiah. God is waiting for those people who will change themselves to help create one whole offering.

Throughout history, men have asked for God's blessing and help in their prayers. Father encouraged us to pray a different kind of prayer--not asking for God's help, but offering to do everything ourselves. "Don't pray a selfish, beggar's prayer," Father implored the members. "Jesus thought, God is my Father, the people are my brothers, and I am here for their

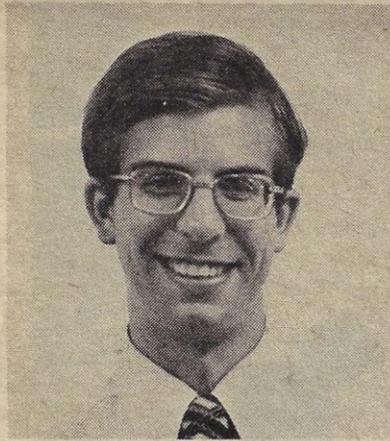
salvation, to create one family under God." Because God is thinking exactly the same way, He and Jesus have the same goal and God can give his inheritance to His son Jesus. Jesus wanted to give his inheritance to the Christian world.

Sectarianism is the roadblock in the dispensation. God is waiting for the religion that will take responsibility for solving the three major problems in today's world: the decline of the Church, the rise of Communism, and the increase of immorality among young people. Even as you eat, think of the world, Christianity, and young people, he said God and Jesus are thinking of these things. By following Jesus' course--his actions, his thoughts--you can be one with him. Jesus is always thinking and working for God and the world.

He continued: "Think, 'I am a representative of Jesus. I am a living sacrifice on the altar of God. We are the resurrection of Jesus, the living sacrifice to consummate the job he came to do.'" With Father, the members pledged to live totally for God and mankind.

Father concluded his message: "Regardless of the shame we might face, let's face it. And indeed, we will see the victory of God will be proclaimed here on the earth. Your deeds, your way of life shall be raised up. God is waiting for your offering. The world has only one thread of hope--that is you. If you go in that kind of faith, God will never leave you alone. May God bless you in your victory."

In Memoriam Joseph W. Siteman 1954-1977



On Thursday, May 5, Joseph Walter Siteman, 22, died from head injuries sustained from a fall from a subway train. A native of Portland, Maine, Joe joined the Unification Church's Maine center three years ago. From there, he went to Barrytown training and took a pioneer mission in Kentucky. In December, 1976, he began working on the Headquarters staff.

Joe is remembered by all who knew him as a mature, steady and solid person as well as a faithful and exemplary member.

His funeral was in Portland, Maine on May 9.

Conference

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After the meal our Parents rose to cut the celebration cake and shared it with everyone.

Father then showed a film about the situation of the Japanese wives of North Koreans, unable to return to Japan and suffering for lack of food and clothing.

Then Father led everyone into the beautiful spring garden for a meeting. He first spoke strongly of the threat of Communism, growing while most leaders are ignoring it. He stressed that unless God could find people whom He could trust, we would see many unfortunate things happening in America. Out of the 200 million people in America, he said, God needs only thirty thousand as a spiritual task force. We should not take the world situation lightly, he said, but work hard to fulfill our missions. We should not think that our purpose is to enjoy warm days or beautiful places such



as East Garden but that we should first think about saving people and accomplishing God's work.

After hearing reports from some of the directors, Father sent them off quickly to work hard and bring new determination to their efforts this month. With that, he said, there could be great results in this month of May. As Father pointed out, "May" in English is used in prayerful language, when we are asking God's blessing. He concluded: "'May' God bless and 'May' God bless our work!"

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