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First Anniversary of Washington Victory

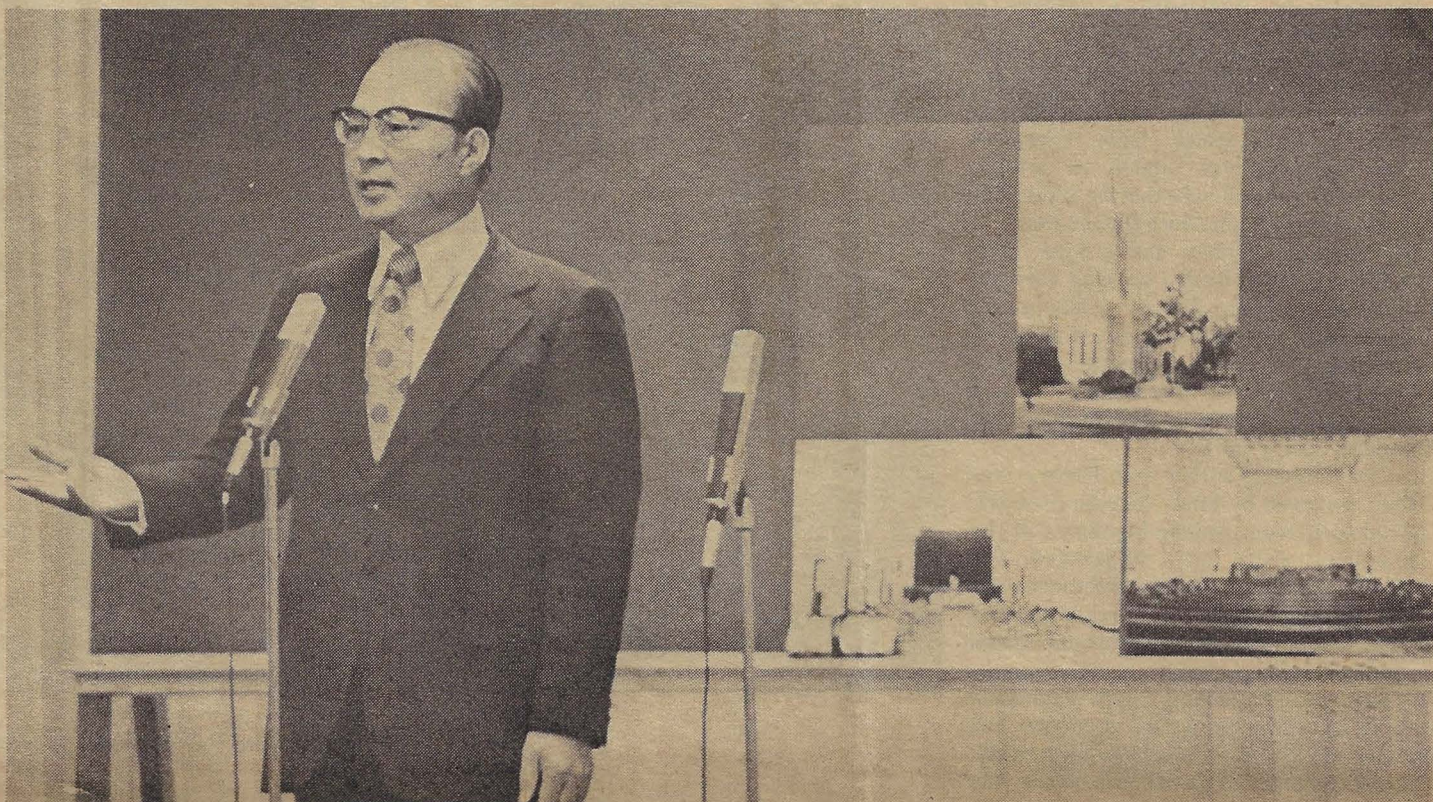
Evening Program in Manhattan Center

Filling the Manhattan Center's Main Theater nearly to capacity, New Yorkers celebrated the first anniversary of the "God Bless America Festival" at the Washington Monument on September 18. Guests from all five boroughs of New York and New Jersey joined with Unification Church members in a fitting commemoration of Rev. Moon's great declaration on the Washington Monument grounds one year ago.

The evening's program was introduced by a charming, star-spangled Uncle Sam (the Manhattan Center's own Richard Cohen). The audience was invited to join the Go World Brass Band in the national anthem.

Sunburst opened the entertainment portion of the program to an eager audience with, "I'm Gonna Live in Sunshine," and relived their performance at the Washington Monument with "Oh, Happy Day." Singer Patsy Johnson introduced their next number, "Save the Country," as "our theme song for 1977, 1978, 1980..." Finally, "Let's Go to Moscow" echoed throughout the halls as

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On September 18, because Father was travelling, Col. Pak delivered the Sunday message. He reported on the purchase of the Mormon Chapel, also showing photos and drawings. He said that September 18 was a day of declaration of Godism. After Col. Pak's speech, Mrs. Choi, just recently returning from Korea, gave some remarks and received a warm welcome home from the members.



The former Mormon Chapel, now Washington Unification Church

D.C. Church Purchased U.C. Buys Mormon Chapel

The Unification Church has purchased the former Washington, D.C. Mormon Chapel, the first traditional church structure which we have acquired.

The building is centrally located on 16th Street and Columbia Road, one of the city's major intersections midway between downtown and the suburbs. It was completed in 1933, after three years of construction. Its ground was broken by Senator Smoot, the first Mormon U.S. Senator, who was originally denied his seat due to his religion.

Externally the church has many beautiful features. It is built of 16,404 blocks of marble quarried from Mount Nebo, which contain fossils of prehistoric shells. Its steeple, reported to be the highest in Washington, rises 180 feet above the street. Above the main entrance is a gold mosaic of Jesus giving the Sermon on the Mount. Inscribed in the marble exterior are various religious quotations, including: "The glory of God is intelligence," and "Righteousness will flow down from the hills." The architects of the building were Young and Hansen; Young was the grandson of Brigham Young. The building is classified as an architectural landmark.

The sanctuary seats about 300 people and is equipped with solid walnut pews and pulpit. Its stained glass windows depict scenes from American and Mormon history. One set of windows forms maps of North and South America and Europe. Others show the trek of the Mormons to Utah, Joseph Smith receiving the Book of Mormon, Pilgrims crossing the ocean to America and Indian temples in South America. Other windows represent state flowers. The sanctuary also houses an

Austin organ having 3,000 pipes. It is reported to have a tone of superior quality.

An auditorium is adjacent to the sanctuary and can be combined with the sanctuary for large events. It can seat about 500 people and has a fully-equipped stage.

The building also includes a basketball court, a kitchen and dining area, offices, an apartment, and a large narthex.

The chapel has been vacant for several years since its congregation moved to the suburbs. The Mormons sold it to the Columbia Road Broadcasting Company, which sold it to the Unification Church. The Washington Church is considering a wide variety of programs for the church after its official opening, planned for November.

Two days before the announcement of the building's purchase, Father sanctified the building. He prayed prayers of sanctification both near the top of the steeple and at the pulpit in the sanctuary.

The purchase was announced at a press conference in the church auditorium on September 19. The event received extensive coverage in the Washington area, including a long report on a TV station which included footage from the Washington Monument rally.

Sixteenth street has been dubbed Washington's "Religion Row," because it is the site of more churches than any other street in the city. The neighbors of the church include a Masonic Temple, a large Baptist Church, and a Unitarian Church which was the site of the December 1972 pioneer training program, in which Father chose the ten national OWC teams.

Convocation Begins Third UTS Year

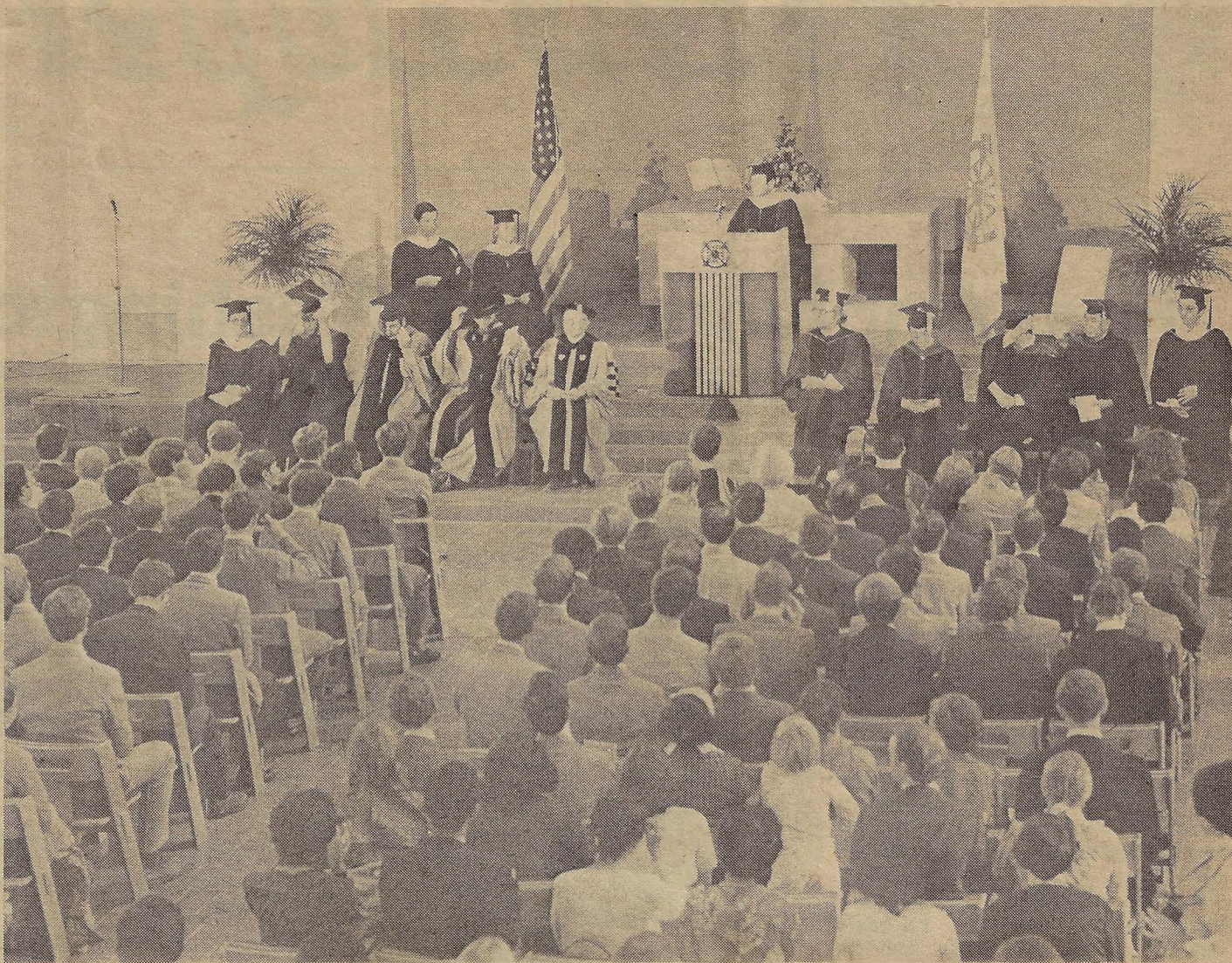
The Unification Theological Seminary celebrated its third annual convocation on September 17, in Barrytown, New York. The convocation ceremony marked the beginning of the academic year for 44 returning seniors and 55 newly-selected juniors.

As the congregation of parents and guests sand, the officers, administration, faculty and students proceeded into the chapel. Dr. Sebastian Matczak delivered the invocation followed by the installation of new faculty members by Seminary President David Kim. Dr. Edwin Ang was installed as Assistant Professor of Economics and Dr. Joseph McMahon, previously a lecturer, became Assistant Professor of Education and Philosophy.

Chief Administrator Michael Warder then read greetings from President Salonen, who was unable to attend. President Salonen said that he wanted to leave three thoughts with the students: "a challenge, a caution, and a hope." The challenge was to bridge the gap between what we really are and our public image. The caution was that wisdom, if misused, can have evil affects, as in the fall. The hope is that the Word may become incarnate in us as we develop our love and multiply God's work.

The Seminary's two-year history was then reviewed by Mrs. Therese Stewart, Academic Dean. Among highlights of the previous year, she mentioned the Seminary's Theologian's Conferences and the participation of our students and faculty in numerous interdenominational conferences.

Seminary President David Kim then gave an address to the students and audience. We have much to be grateful for, he explained. In its two years, the Seminary has created an admirable tradition. Forty-nine visiting professors, he observed, have been attracted to Barrytown, which, just several years ago, was being criticized as a "brainwashing center." What they have seen, he said, is the working together of students, teachers and administration to create a



Mr. David Kim addressing the Seminary Convocation

dymnaic, open-minded atmosphere. He stressed the importance of finding unity in diverse traditions, and his standard for the students is that they find harmony among the spiritual, physical and academic aspects of their lives as well as between their intellect, emotion, and will. "The highway of God," he concluded, "is

the unification throughway."

After the recessional, everyone went to the front lawn, where hundreds of pictures were taken of individuals and groups.

Then the faculty, administration, students, parents, and other guests were treated to a delicious lunch. During

dessert, Perry Cordill hosted an informal entertainment program of songs by Seminary students from various nationalities. The United States, Japan, Germany, Finland, Norway, Holland, Israel, and Spanish America were represented. The finale was a Korean song by Mr. David Kim and Dr. Young Oon Kim.

Press Panel Excerpt

The Unification Church and the First Amendment

The following remarks were delivered by Jeremiah Gutman to members of the press and Congressional aides on September 7, in a press panel on Capitol Hill. Mr. Gutman is the Chairman of the Privacy Committee of the American Civil Liberties Union.

I will speak from a somewhat different perspective than the preceding speakers. I'm a lawyer. I have my bible, I carry it with me at all times--the Constitution of the United States--and I want to talk about that today.

The previous speakers have mentioned the First Amendment. Sometimes those of us who live with it day after day take for granted that everyone who speaks of it knows what it says. Sometimes we're wrong. If you'll bear with me, I'll read it to you. It's only five lines long: "Congress shall make no law respecting establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble and to petition the government for a redress of grievance." That's it. That's the whole First Amendment. That is the rock around which our government's structure was fabricated.

I suggest that the activities of the Subcommittee which is now threatening Dan Fefferman are violating the principles embodied within the First Amendment, and are violating the very fabric of the structure of the Constitution built around it and by that I mean this: Our Constitution is divided into Articles.

Article 1 talks about the legislative power; Article 2 talks about the executive power; Article 3 talks about the judicial power. They are very specifically separated. They are designed to be separated. They are designed to work **with** and **against** each other--to balance each other--so that the tyranny of the combination of powers will not be visited upon the people of this country. That's the structure of our Constitution.

When a Congressional committee undertakes to inquire of the members of a religious organization concerning the organization of that body, the beliefs of the body, how they recruit members, how they retain members, where their money comes from, what they do with their money--this is a clear affront to the First Amendment because Congress could not legislate on the sub-purpose of practicing their religious beliefs, how the support themselves, whether they tax themselves, whether they have a tithing system or they get their money from other sources--these are none of the business of the Congress. Congress could not constitutionally legislate on these subjects. Therefore the Congress cannot--through a subcommittee or otherwise--constitutionally inquire on these subjects.

If, as has been suggested in defense of the kind of inquiry which has been going on and is currently threatening to continue, if there is some idea that the



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Unification Church is somehow associated with a foreign government, first of all I would suggest that that is not a crime. Second, I would suggest that it is a violation of the First Amendment for any branch of government to interfere with whatever relationships a religious body might wish to have with anybody, government or otherwise. If it is suggested that somebody has some evidence that there is some kind of criminal activity going on it is not the business of Congress to investigate it, because that would violate the Separation of Powers doctrine. Congress is **not** the body which can constitutionally investigate crime. This is the job of the Executive. That is why there are police and police-like organizations in the Executive Department. If there is something wrong in the taxing structure, the tax authorities within the Executive Department are charged with the duty of investigating, not the Congress. The Congress does not belong in this area at all. The congress is infringing upon the religious liberty of every member of the Church when it inquires as to the internal affairs and organization and affiliation of the Church and its members. The Congress is infringing upon the separated powers of the Executive if it is attempting or pretending to investigate an alleged criminal activity. I know of no evidence of criminality in this case, but if there is any, it is not up to the Congress to look into it.

Let me touch for a moment upon this business of the foreign affiliation. I don't know whether it exists or not. It's not my business to inquire. I don't know what the relationship between the Pope and the highest Roman Catholic official in the District of Columbia may be, I don't know how often they communicate with each other. I don't know who sends how much money to whom and how often; I don't know who reports to whom; I don't know what the lines of command are, nor is it my business, nor is it the business of the Congress, nor is it the business of the Executive, nor is it the business of the Court. It is not the business of the government at all. I think we would very quickly see how outrageous this posture is, were there to be a government investigation as to what is the fiscal, what is the associational, what is the hierarchical relationship between the Papacy and the Roman Church in America. An investigation for instance, as to what is the relationship between the Association of American Synagogues and the State of Israel, whether such relationships exist, what their natures may be, is not only no concern of government, it is an affront to the First Amendment even to commence an inquiry.

Because the Unification Church is a minority, because the Unification Church represents a threat to established religions, because it is apparently--not apparently--it obviously is offering something to young people who leave other groups to join it (they must see something there), those other groups who are losing members would naturally perceive it as a threat. Therefore it is "fair game." This is exactly what the First Amendment is designed to protect against.

If the Presbyterian Church is threatened by the Unification Church, it is free to do what it can to hold its members, within the law; but it is not free to enlist the power of government to help it, and that is what's been happening here. And there is, in my judgement, insidious subtle influence from the established religious organizations of this country to use or abuse the power of government. And I suggest that the members of the Subcommittee look to see whether they themselves are not being unconstitutionally manipulated by people who wish to use the power of the government to interfere with the religious lives of the people who are attracted to the Unification Church.

September 18th Celebration



New Hope Singers lead the audience in singing "God Bless America."

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the audience joined in.

The stage was brightly decorated with a huge God Bless America symbol suspended in the center. Encircling the symbol was a ring which read, "God Bless America Festival-1977." Silver garlands hung vertically were accented by stars which flashed on and off in time with the music throughout Sunburst's performance.

As usual, the appearance of the Korean Folk Ballet in the Fan Dance dazzled the audience. In beautiful red, white, and gold costumes, they whirled across the stage and drew many outbursts of applause from the crowd. The international theme was expanded with the introduction of the New Hope Singers International in colorful costumes from around the world. "America, our Heritage" recalled the God Bless America theme, and "Il Ri Ri Ya" (a Korean folksong) delighted everyone. Other selections were, "Oh Danny Boy," "When You Wish Upon a Star" and "Yankee Doodle Dandy."

The Korean Folk Ballet returned to perform the Penitent Monk Dance, and the drums thundered just as they had on the Washington Monument grounds. Dancing with the KFB was Choong Youl (Mrs. Edmund) Bolton, who recently returned from Korea with her husband.

An unforgettable element of the Washington Monument campaign was the pep and spirit of the Go World Brass Band, and their anniversary performance wasn't lacking in either. The band opened with a medley of song from "Man of LaMancha," and brought the house down with two jazz favorites, "Lullaby of Birdland" and "Perdido." Their final number, John Phillip Sousa's "Washington Post" march, drew cheers for more from a delighted audience.

With strains of "Washington Post"

echoing in our minds, we were fortunate to see the greatest reminder of all of that victorious day in 1976--Rev. Moon in the Washington Monument rally film. As he boldly declared God's will for America, the crowd in the Manhattan Center relished that historical evening.

Church president Neil Salonen delivered an address in which he recalled the purpose of the great rally at the Washington Monument.

"September 18 will be a day of celebration...for all Americans, when they learn the significance of this day, and when the spirit of the Washington Monument campaign is substantiated all across America. Most important, of course, is that today is the first anniversary of the Washington Monument rally. But it's obvious to those of us in the Church that September 18 has been a special day in the mind and in the heart of God for a long time. It was on September 18, in 1961, that the Unification Church of America was founded. That's when the first missionary came, a close disciple of Rev. Moon, all alone, and began her work...seeking to gather together the first Americans who could take responsibility to spread God's new revelation in America. September 18 was a special day in 1961."

Mr. Salonen continued, "The greatest of the first public rallies held here in America took place right across the street, in Madison Square Garden, on September 18, 1974. On that night, the members of the Unification Church were absolutely beside themselves, because they knew that it wasn't their efforts that gathered together over 60,000 people--a turn-away crowd for Madison Square Garden. It could only have been the Spirit and the power of God, calling out to the people who were hungry to know His words. And on that foundation we continued to proclaim, until finally

last year on September 18, we celebrated the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival--a celebration of America, dedicated to God. Over 300,000 people gathered, in the name of God, to celebrate His blessings to this country and the significance of her future. Last year, September 18 was a great day."

Mr. Salonen shared a portion of his own testimony and personal experience of Rev. Moon's deep love for God and America. "It's the responsibility of those of us who know him, those of us who've seen him from the inside, to bear witness to what his life has meant to us, for the Christian world, for America, and finally for the whole world. And in the act of bearing witness, to correct the wrong impressions of those who are still in darkness."

At the close of Mr. Salonen's address, the audience joined together in prayer for America. The New Hope Singers and Go World Brass Band joined together in "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," a stately finale for a most significant and memorable evening.

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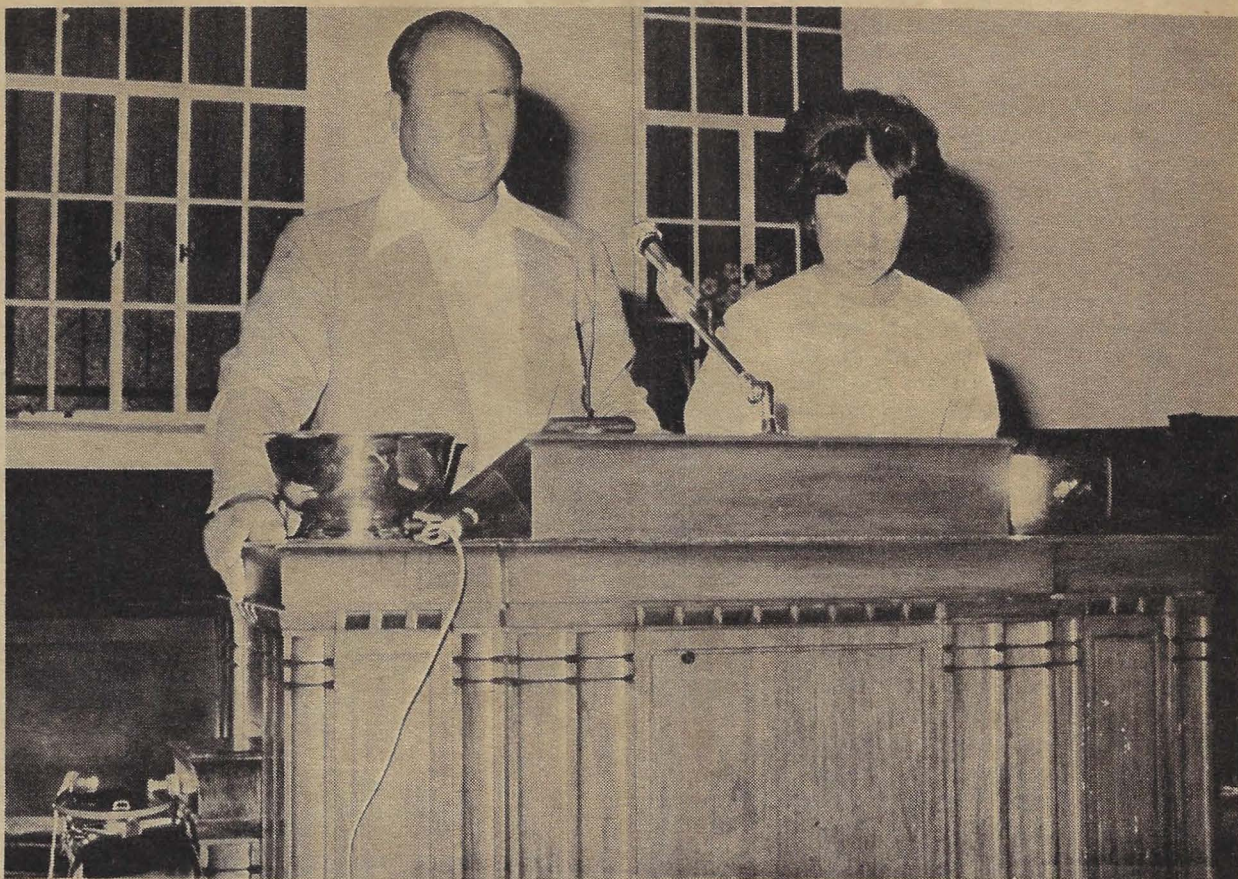
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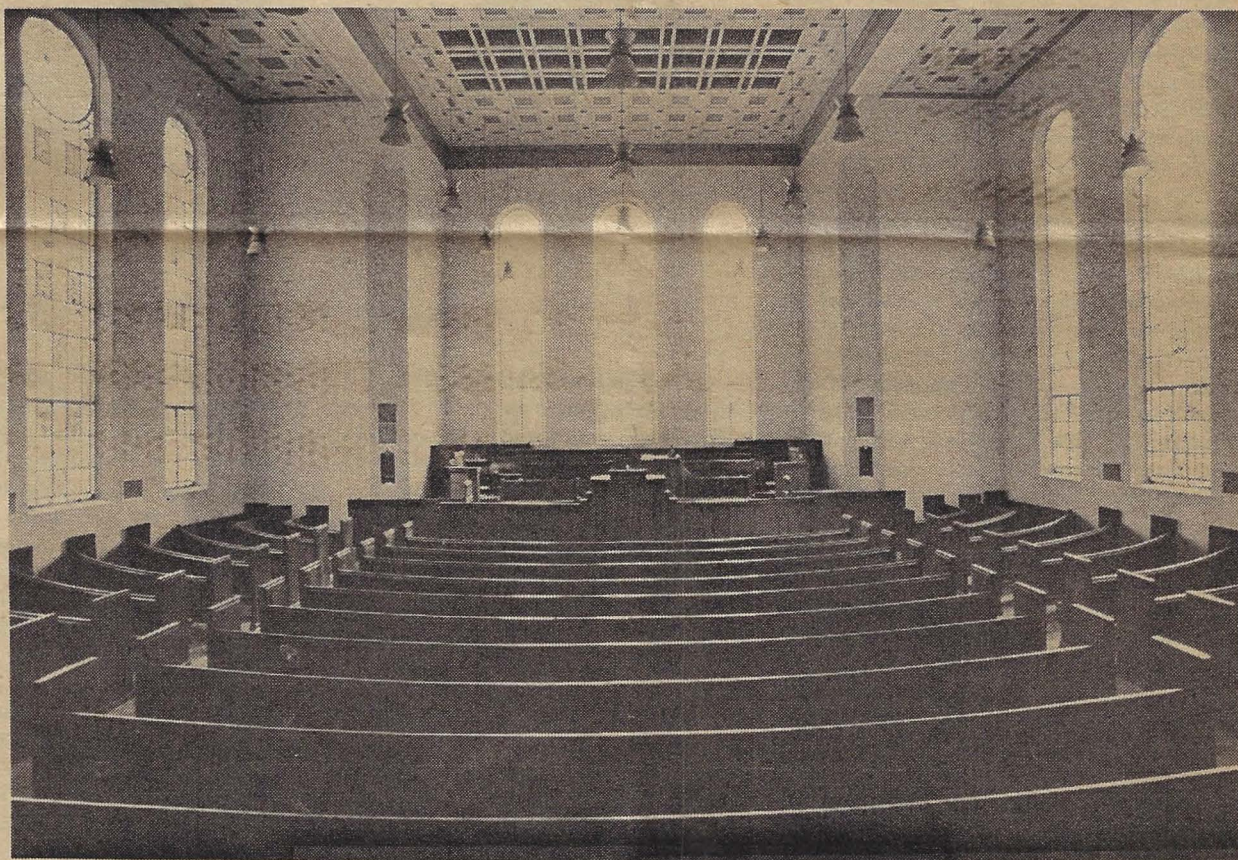
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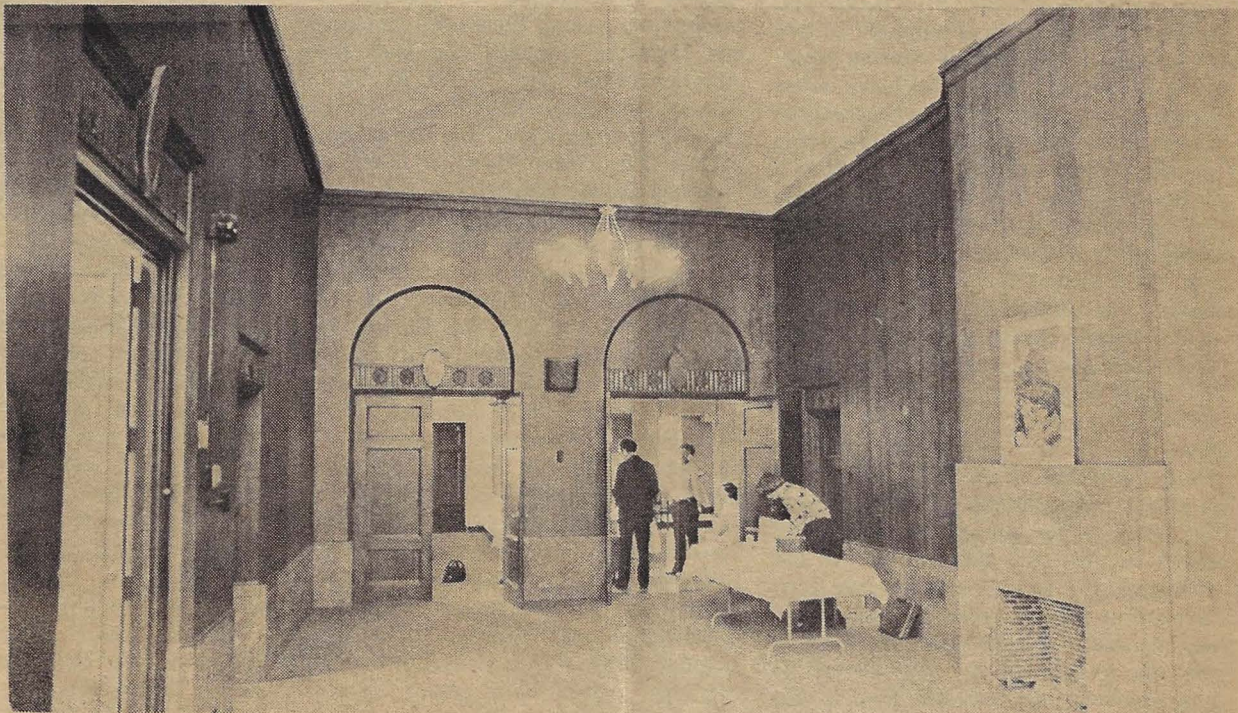
Washington D.C.'s New Unification Church



Father and Mother bless the new church on September 13



The Sanctuary



The Narthex