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## Our Parents Celebrate Their Birthday Year Two Begins

February 12, 1977 commemorated not only the birthdays of both Father and Mother but also the beginning of the Year Two on the lunar calendar (the Year Two began on February 23, solar calendar.) Following is an account of the morning service and evening entertainment on the occasion, and a summary of the Directors' meeting Father held on the following day.

### MORNING SPEECH

In his morning speech at our Parents' birthday celebration, on February 12, Father expressed his feelings about the celebration: "This celebration is very beautiful," he said. "Thank you very much. But let it spur us closer to God. Today is a day of unity: the unity of Mother and I, of the five colors here in this room, and of you, Mother and I. We are all united in going to the ultimate goal of the love of God. The real meaning of today is the celebration of the love of God and a glorification of His presence."

Speaking to an audience of several thousand members, Father commemorated his and mother's birthday with his speech: "The Providence and Thanksgiving." He began his speech by addressing himself to the common goal of mankind. "All people have different backgrounds; in fact, even now there is a great deal of variety of cultural backgrounds among us. Yet we all have one goal," Father said. "The common goal is the same for everyone, making all people happy. We call this goal, which is the aspiration of everyone, love. That love must be eternal, absolute, and unchanging in quality. It is linked to God alone."

The perfection of man is hinged upon love, Father continued. "Since God is eternal, absolute and unchanging, then God's love contains everything in the universe. Every part of the body will

respond to that love and give its thanksgiving. When mind and body are united in love, there will be a perfect soundless harmony between them. The love of God is true music. When responding to the love of God, you will achieve an absolute fullness in spirit and body. Once the love of God fills you, you will move towards God. That is the direction of life." Man and woman, he continued, are supposed to become perfected in the direction of the love of God, marry and go forward to unite with God. "When you have that love, you can truly claim equality," Father said. There is no better ideal than that. The realm of love transcends all ideologies."

Because of the fall, Father explained, there must be a step-by-step master plan for going back to God. "God starts with the mind, which is closer to him. God must give a common goal -- the love of God -- to each man's mind. The higher the goal which we are striving for, the greater the suffering we must endure. This will give us the stamina to get to the goal. The person who never suffers cannot appreciate the true nature of happiness or understand the value of truth and love. The search for love is the strongest force in this world. A greater love can make possible the sacrifice of a lesser love."

Father went on to discuss the difference between the Oriental and Western ways of expressing love. In the Orient, he explained public expressions of affection are much less common than here in the West... Yet it is often the less visible expression of love which is deeper. "The ocean is most peaceful at its depths," said Father. "The most precious things are invisible. The mind, for an example, is an invisible container. Only an invisible container can contain the invisible God. If something is invisible, then nothing can take it away. We should be so glad that God made



Father and Mother cut their birthday cake after Father's sermon on February 12.

love invisible, for then it can be infinite and in any form. Love, the supreme preciousness, is always invisible. Thus God can be everywhere." The most precious things in life are the mind, love, and God. All are eternal, yet invisible. Invisible love will unite them."

Father went on to speak of America's mission. "The reason why I came to America," he said, "is to bring America back to her heritage. You are America's hope. You are men and women of vision. American can be revived only through your love and service. Its source will be the love of God. America needs this very love of God. Then she will not perish one iota. Christian history is fulfilled through the birth of America.

The mandate to America is clear: America will be proud of being God's nation."

Father drew his speech to a close: "The supreme value is your heart. Nothing can take it away from you. Proclaim yourselves to be the champions of the love of God. The love of God is our mandate. Our mission is to proclaim His love and truth."

Father explained that at his birthday last year, when the Year One was proclaimed, we had come to level ground after paying indemnity for many years. Now we are advancing forward. 1978, he said, is the year of marching and leaping, with the goal of God, to

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## Father Begins National 43-Day Condition

On Sunday, February 26, Father announced that beginning on March 1, there will be a new 43-day condition lasting until April 12. He called for the new condition because he felt that the response to the recently completed 40-day condition was not wholehearted. Father set the goal of each person willing three spiritual children for this 43-day condition. The Japanese Church, he said, is in the middle of a similar condition beginning on February 1. The purpose of the condition, he stated, is to "establish a new law of indemnity."

Father's sermon topic that morning was "The Course of Life and Restoration by Indemnification." At the beginning of his talk, Father made three analogies to our life in the Church. Life is like making bread, he said, and the Unification Church is like a bakery. God wants to

shape us into the best kind of bread, with all foreign elements discarded. Thus He lifts us up and pounds away at us, rolling us out with a rolling pin and checking our contents. Religion, he said, is like the flour in the bread. Seasoned, age-old flour is superior, so also the religious which have endured the most are the most revered by God.

He also compared Church members to water. Water, he said, can travel anywhere and bring new life with it as it goes. "Give life to others. Be a source of energy. You must be all-encompassing."

Thirdly, Father asked us to be like 24-karat gold, which has had all of its foreign elements removed through purification.

"We have to bring ourselves through the purification process," Father continued. It is our destiny to walk the way of restoration. Go the way of indemnity.

Change your thinking."

Many Americans, he said, have been brought up with so many material blessings that they have no understanding of suffering. Thus, America's abundance can become a curse rather than a blessing if Americans do not use it properly. But young Americans are seeking something more, leading a revolution to return to a simpler way of life.

Asians, on the other hand, Father explained, are more willing to accept pain as their destiny. So from the historical point of view, Asia has been suffering. "The Asians have sacrificed much to pursue a religious way of life. Religion is basically a practice of self-denial." As a result, said Father, "the new age for Asia is dawning." The two worlds of East and West must unite, and our ideology will bring the two worlds

together.

"Indemnity is the most glorious word, for it involves sacrifice, which is noble and heroic," said Father. "You must welcome the word indemnity. Do not avoid it. Most of your problems stem from the evil inside yourself. ...So many wars have been fought because of indemnity. Unless we restore it, wars will continue on and on."

Father concluded: "Live a different life from this year on. Pledge this and live it. Link happiness with the word indemnity. Once you understand today's sermon, you must live it. If you conscientiously live the Divine Principle, then you will succeed."

In the speech, Father told all members to make a sign for their rooms saying: "I have committed my entire course of life to the task of restoration through paying indemnity."



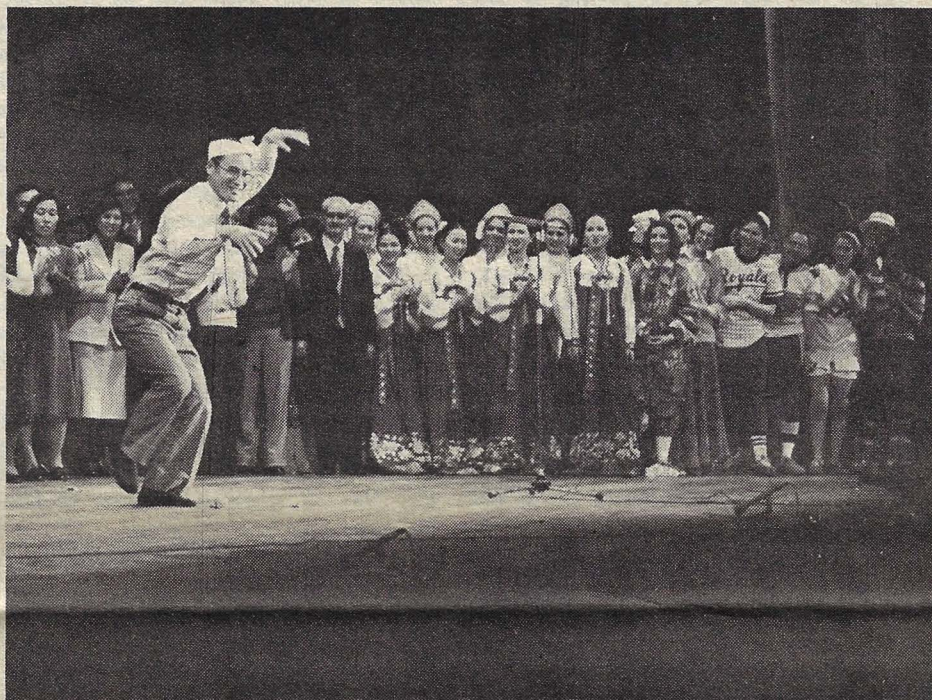
# Our Parents' Birthday is Day of Joy For All



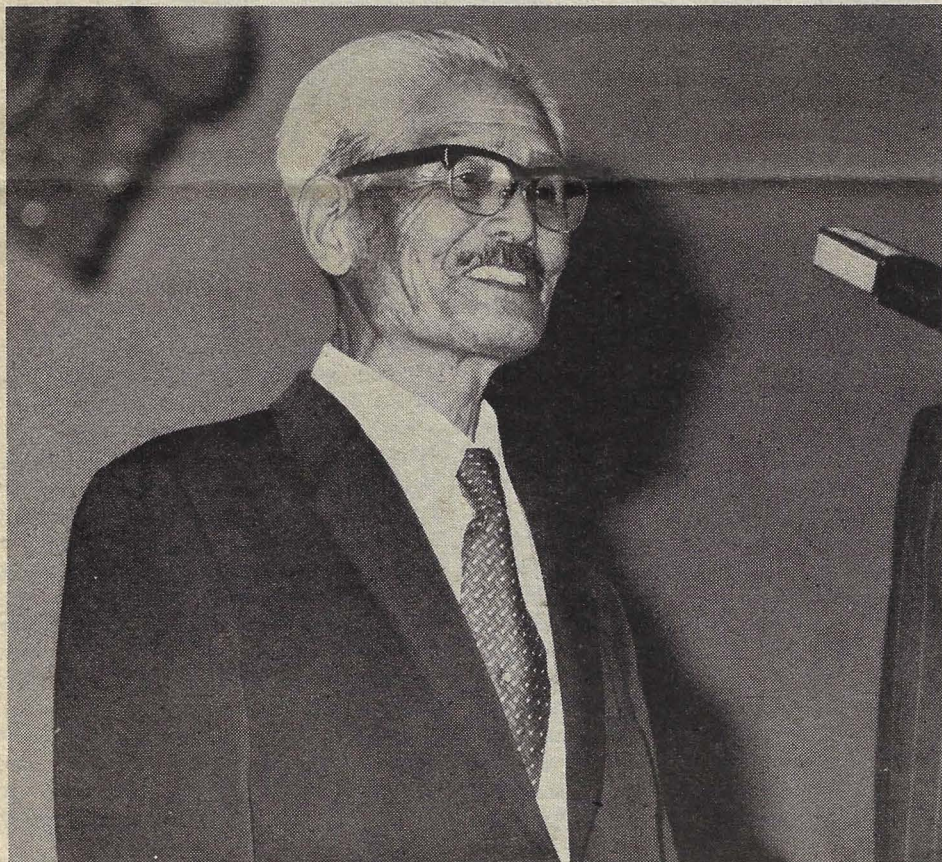
*In-jin and Un-jin Moon — the "Sunny Sisters" — in duet.*



*Jesus and his disciples at the Last Supper in "Godspell."*



*One of the members from Japan performs a Samurai dance.*



*Mr. Kamiyama's father, Reverend Kamiyama, greets the members.*



*Father and Mother sing a duet for the guests.*



*And Father brings the event to a rousing conclusion.*



# Happy Birthday, Ye-jin!

*Father, Mother and Ye-jin commemorating her birthday on January 19.*



## Birthday Celebration

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ultimate victory. "Let us go forward to create a new world and become champions of that new world," Father concluded.

Col. Pak then introduced the fifteen Japanese and one American couple who had received Father's blessing the day before. Among the couples were Reverend and Mrs. Kamiyama, Mr. Kamiyama's parents. Col. Pak said that their blessing should be an inspiration and goal for each one of us in witnessing to our own parents.

The morning service concluded with the traditional cake cutting and presentation of a birthday gift and card to our Parents.

### ENTERTAINMENT

Members and their guests enjoyed one of the most polished programs to be seen in the Manhattan Center. The program, under the smooth and skillful hosting of Mrs. Sandra Laing, featured performances of familiar groups -- the Go-World Brass Band, Sunburst, the International Folk Ballets, and the New Hope Singers International -- which had created some interesting innovations for the program. The Go-World Brass Band, for example, wore new costumes given

to them by Father and Mother. Just as the dignified costumes were appropriate for orchestral musicians, the Band added classical works to their performance. The New Hope Singers International experimented with a new stage appearance. Wearing their international costumes, the singers ranged themselves from the very front of the stage, with creating a very intimate grouping. The International Folk Ballet A and B teams presented two new performances: instrumental music by the kayakum, a traditional Korean folk instrument. The "C" Team presented a Russian folk dance choreographed for them by a recent arriving emigre from the Soviet Union. Also among the innovative performances was a skit by the Seminary Students, "The Midnight Fire," done as a shadow play.

Winners of the afternoon's Divine Principle Lecture Contest and International Talent Contest were announced. Tom McDevitt won first place in the lecture contest, followed by Michael Beard and David Hose. Silvio Van Praag won the talent contest with a piano solo; Betty Morey and Wendell White placed second and third.

Then came one of the highlights of the evening. -- the "Sunny Sisters" --

starring In-Jin and Un-Jin Moon with their friend Young Sook. First they sang Happy Birthday to their parents and then launched into a varied repertoire, including, "On Top of the World," "You've Got a Friend," and "I'd Like to Teach the World to Live in Perfect Harmony." This was followed by another special birthday present to our Parents -- a synoptic dramatization of the Broadway play "Godspell", including most of the musical selections. The cast, directed by Ivan Janner, was comprised of Church members with the exception of Jesus, played by a professional actor.

After all the performing groups returned to the stage to take their final bows, Col. Pak invited the newly blessed Japanese couples to the stage. There one of the members delighted everyone with a Japanese samurai dance, and Reverend Kamiyama spoke some words of inspiration.

Then came the Grande Finale, as Father and Mother gave us a birthday performance. After singing some solos, duets with Mother, and rounds with the audience, Father started to do a dance as he sang "Torajii." The spirit was contagious, so Rev. Kwak and Col. Pak, each also with straw hats, joined in the fun. Soon confetti was pouring down

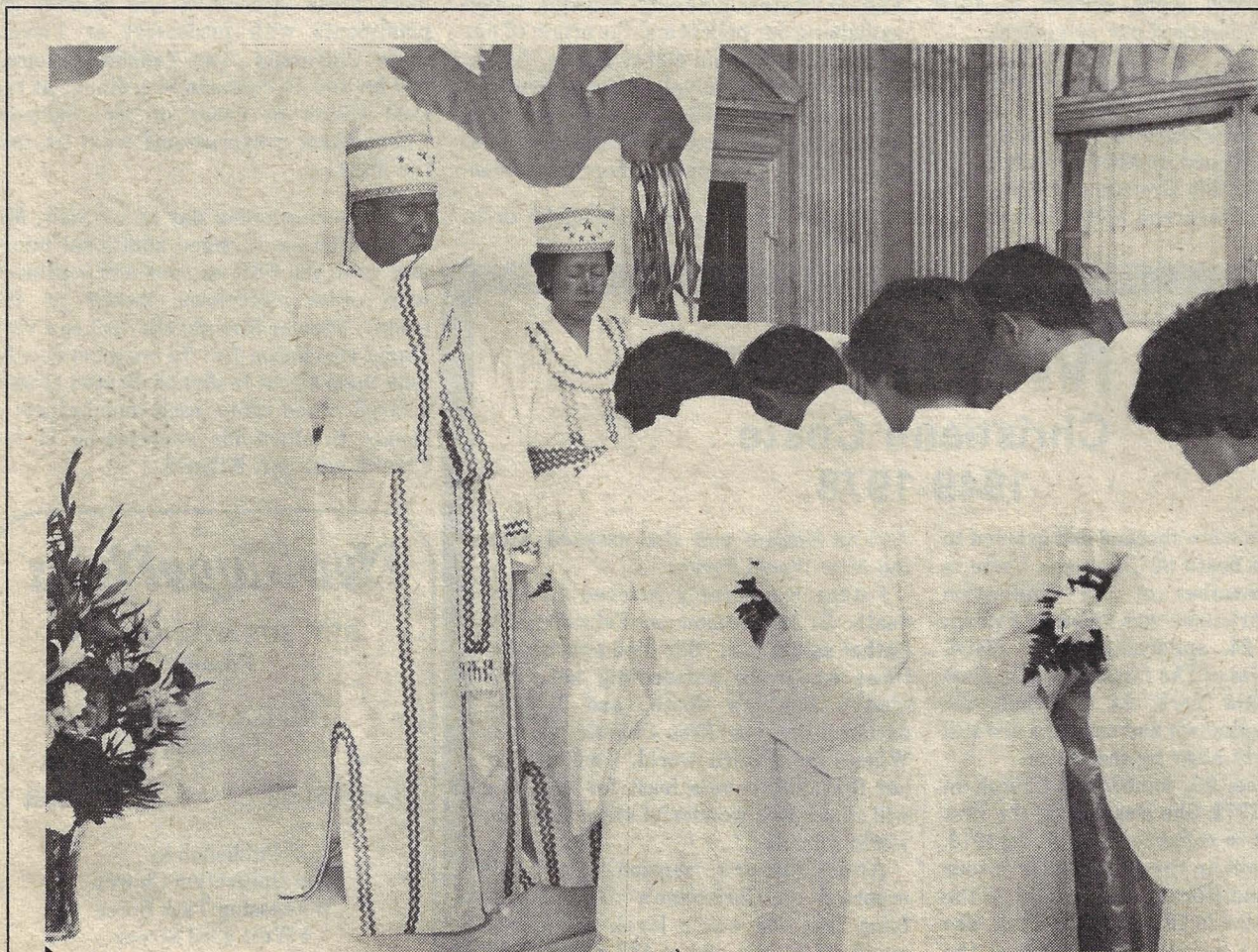
from the ceiling, adding to the festivity. Soon everyone was sharing in the excitement of the occasion so that when Father and Mother left, all were very grateful to have been able to share in this occasion with them.

### CONFERENCE

The day after our Parents' birthday, Father held a lengthy conference with Church directors during which he listened to reports from all areas of our movement.

After Mr. Sudo gave a report of the success of the "home church" program in New York, Father decided on three classifications of membership in the Unification Church. Center Members or Resident Members are those who are totally dedicated and live in existing Church centers. Home Members are also fully dedicated members not living in Church centers. Support or Associate Members do not fully accept the Divine Principle but are in sympathy with our goals.

In his instructions to the State Directors, Father repeatedly emphasized the importance of witnessing and lecturing, saying that it has been his lifetime experience that membership growth parallels the number of lectures given.



*In commemoration of the celebration of our Parents' birthday, Father gave his blessing to fifteen Japanese married couples and one American couple in a celebration at Belvedere on February 11, the day before his birthday. The American couple receiving the blessing was Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Beebe.*



# Frontier '78 Continues Throughout U.S.

by Louise Strait

The three Frontier '78 teams, led by Mr. Salonen, Dr. Bergman, and Mr. Fefferman, are continuing their tour throughout the entire United States, bringing much inspiration to Church members and a greater public understanding of our movement. As of March 1, the teams have visited: New Hampshire, Maine, Rhode Island, Vermont, Connecticut, New York, Boston, New Jersey, Delaware, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Kentucky, Mississippi, Missouri, Wisconsin, Indiana, West Virginia, Illinois, Michigan, Ohio, Minnesota, South Dakota, North Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Kansas, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, Colorado, and Utah.

## A PERSONAL EVALUATION

I have visited three Frontier '78 cities since the beginning of the tour, New Haven, Connecticut; Boston, Massachusetts, and Tallahassee, Florida. The experience has changed my idea of the kinds of people who are interested in the Unification Church, and their reasons. Not just college students or drifters, but people on all levels of society, from the man on the street to university deans, really want to know what the Unification Church is all about. And their questions go beyond the hackneyed "Do you brainwash your members? Do you believe that Reverend Moon is the Messiah?" Instead they ask: "What do you believe about the trinity? I've heard that you place a great deal of emphasis on the family. Could you explain its place in your theology? What makes Reverend Moon different from Billy Graham and other contemporary religious leaders? To what factors do you ascribe the brainwashing controversy? What makes you think that the Unification Church will last?"

These questions were consistently asked in each of the three cities I visited. All forms of the media have asked: "What do you *really* believe," have waited to hear the answer, and have printed or broadcast the response. Professors have asked to be taught the Divine Principle. Ministers have asked the Frontier '78 spokesmen to explain the teachings of the Divine Principle to their Sunday school classes.

Why this response? Perhaps because

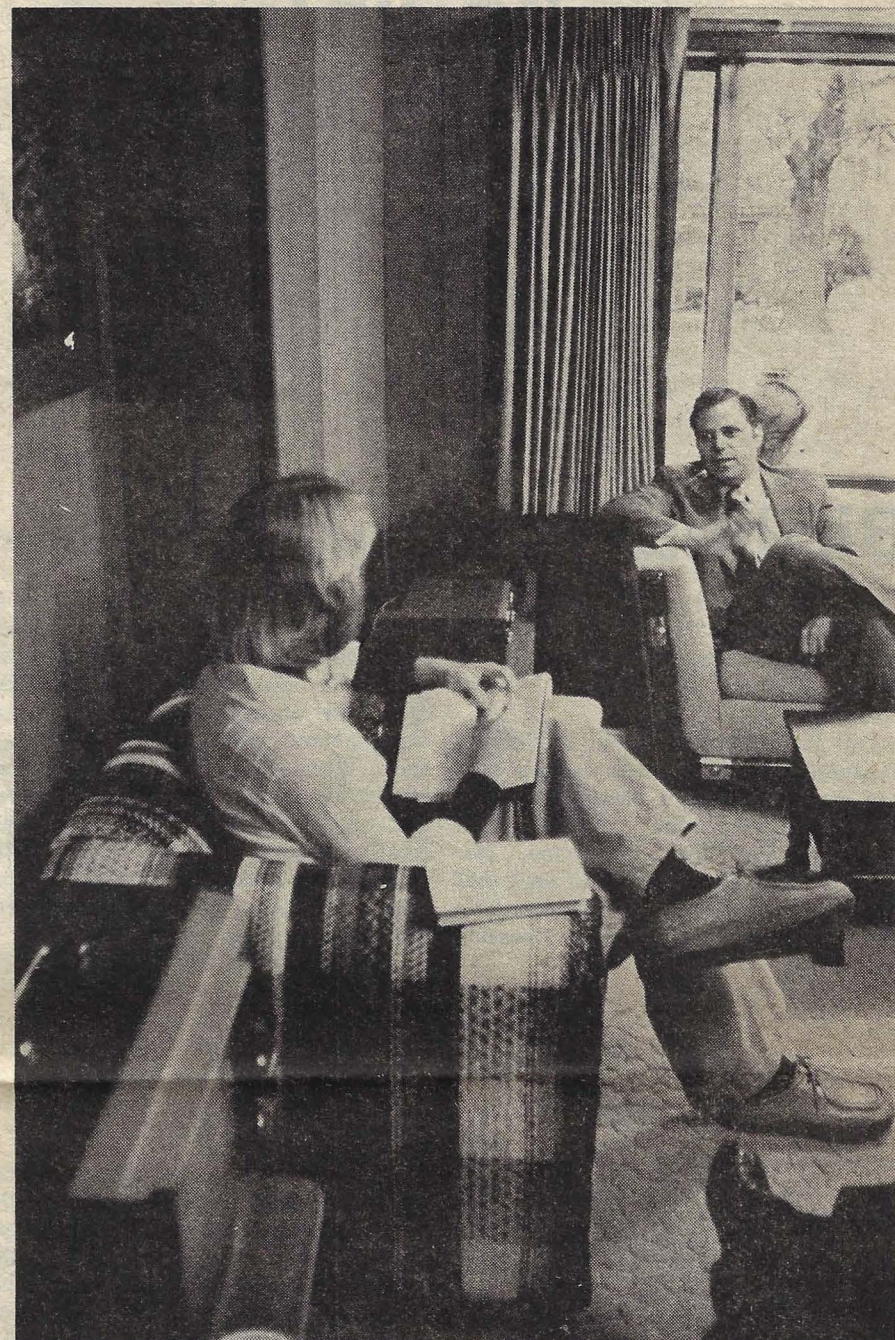
the usual changes of brainwashing and family alienation have worn thin and people are looking for more substance on which to base their opinions. Also, many people are genuinely concerned about the questions which the Divine Principle raises and never took seriously all of the superficial or inaccurate charges brought against us. Certainly the hand of God is working across this country. And Father of course told us at the time of his declaration of the Year One that from that time on, we would not be paying for past failures in history but would be moving on from level ground to build for the future.

My impression of our own responsibility is clear. First, we must change our concept of who can become a member or supporter of the Unification Church because the range of interest is much broader than most of us think. Second, with the interest in our beliefs increasing every day, we must ground ourselves in knowledge of the Divine Principle so that we can communicate to them what they need to know.

## ONE EXAMPLE -- TALLAHASSEE

The first major event of Mr. Salonen's visit to Tallahassee, beginning January 30, was an informal luncheon with ministers and theologians at Florida State University. The group, which included representatives of all denominations met every week to discuss a number of topics, theological and practical. After Mr. Salonen gave them a brief testimony of his involvement in the Church and appealed to them to keep an open mind, one of the guests replied to the effect: "We don't take press accounts of your church seriously. We would like to hear from you exactly what you believe." Thus began a several hour discussion which included a summary of the Divine Principle by Mr. Salonen, numerous questions, and an additional perspective given by Unification Theological Seminary Professor Warren Lewis, who happened to be visiting Tallahassee at the same time. While the guests disagreed with many points of the Principle, they were sincere in their desire to understand our movement.

The rest of that Monday consisted of several interviews at the center. They, like most interviews in this city was: "Why do we need another preacher? We already have Billy Graham and others like him. How is Reverend Moon different?"



Mr. Salonen gives an interview to a reporter from the Florida State University newspaper at the Tallahassee church center.

That evening, Mr. Salonen spoke at the Florida State University Student Union explaining our beliefs and the origin of our persecution to about eighty guests. Again, Dr. Lewis provided valuable commentary. Questions afterwards lasted for well over an hour, and still some students came over to the center at 11 pm for more discussion.

The next day, Mr. Salonen spoke to an

MFT early in the morning and went on to more press interviews and several appointments with professors at Florida State University. The Tallahassee center had invited its contacts to a dinner at the local Hilton in honor of Mr. Salonen, where again conversations went on into the night.

On the concluding day of his visit, Mr. Salonen met with some additional ministers from the FSU campus and continued with press interviews, mostly at the center. Then he brought the visit to a very happy conclusion for the members as he took them all out to dinner. Seated around a large round table, each member got a chance to share his experiences in the Church with Mr. Salonen.

## In Memoriam Christiane Coste 1949-1978



Members were shocked and grieved to hear of the death of Christiane Coste, a six-year member of the Unification Church. Christiane was killed on Friday, February 24, apparently while distributing copies of *The News World* in East Harlem, New York. At this time, the motive is unknown and suspects are still being sought after by the police.

Christiane, 29, joined the Church in France in 1972. She was among the first Europeans to come to the U.S. in 1973. She went on the Global Team's tour of Japan and Korea, coming back to the United States in 1975. In New York, she worked as a secretary/translator at the United Nations mission of the Central

African Empire and also assisted with the *New World Forum*.

Father was deeply grieved by her death. In his sermon on February 26, Father said of her: "She died praying for those who were persecuting her. She died a martyr's death, and I have declared her our first Church martyr. When I go to spirit world, I will call on her first, and have a feast for her...We will all see this wonderful sister in spirit world someday."

After Father's sermon, Col Pak reported on Christiane's death, testifying that she was a loyal, exemplary member. At the end of the meeting all members prayed silently for her.

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