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Father expands Providence to England and Europe

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In order to expand the scope of God's Providence, Father left the United States after seven years of spiritual work and arrived in England on May 13, 1978 to develop the witnessing work there and throughout Europe. Since that time, some Church leaders and the International One World Crusade, made up of members from all over Europe, America and the Orient, have visited Father there. The following is a report.

Shortly after his arrival in England, Father and Ye-Jin presided over a marriage ceremony of 118 couples on May 21. Father then immediately started teaching and pioneer training, carrying over the successful patterns already developed in America. European brothers and sisters who had been waiting a long time to see Father, now had the opportunity to meet with him at the Church center in London. This center is a large complex of several combined townhouses, which contain a ballroom and about 75 bedrooms. Mother joined Father on July 18 and remained in England with him since that time.

Why England?

Korea is in Adam's position, Japan is in Eve's position, and America is in Archangel's position. Now the Providence has expanded to include England and Europe. England and America share the corporate responsibility of Archangel.

England is not only in the parent position to America, but once had 28 other colonies throughout the world. Because of her role as a mother country throughout history, England is in a central position today for other nations as well.

Because the press in America tends to have a heavy liberal-to-left bias, it has been difficult for Americans to be clear in understanding what's happening today. There is moral confusion. Therefore, Father is emphasizing the importance of VOC [Victory over Communism] in America.

Traditionally the English people have been staunch supporters of the free world governments and ardent opposers of the spread of Communism. For these reasons Father chose to work in England.

European Tour

Although Father was too busy to travel while in England, he wanted to show his concern for the other European countries. Therefore, three of Father's children, acting as his representatives, were accompanied by Mrs. Orme, Mr. Kamiyama, Mr. Sudo and Mr. Salonen on a tour throughout Europe. "Members were really happy to receive Father's children and were very connected to what Father is doing in England. They saw it as the hope of establishing a base which can strengthen the movement throughout Europe," Mr. Salonen reported.

In commenting about the tour, Mr. Salonen felt hospitality from the free world countries. He also felt that what happens in America has a direct effect on Europe. "Because, for example, the American economy is so big, if something happens in America, it has tremendous ramifications there," Mr. Salonen explained. "We have a common fate with Europe. We really do need each other."

Rome was one of the most impressive cities they visited. Although other cities

in Europe's history also achieved a high level of civilization, Rome was directly related to God's Providence 2,000 years ago. Jesus would have eventually gone to Rome to teach God's Word and to establish the foundation for the worldwide restoration. However, because Jesus couldn't go to Rome during his lifetime, the purpose and the greatness of the Roman empire were not fulfilled, and therefore Rome declined.

Eventually the Apostles Peter and Paul and other disciples travelled to Rome. Mr. Salonen felt this was significant because it indicated that they felt Rome was the center of the universe at that time.

Mr. Sudo commented, "Two thousand years of Christian history is jam-packed in Rome. The period of persecution suffered by the Christians and the period of the Renaissance were two separate civilizations, one to prepare for Jesus spiritually, and one to prepare for the Lord of the Second Advent."

Mr. Sudo felt the depth of Rome's providential history when the tour visited the prison cells of Peter and Paul. "Rome was the trunk of history for the Christian civilization, Israel was the root, and Germany and England were branches. America is the flower of Christianity," he said.

Now Rome has a Communist mayor and the Communist party has a stronghold on Italy's political situation. This showed Mr. Salonen the seriousness of our mission as members of the Unification Church. "We need to act as a catalyst for existing Christian churches because all churches should speak out against the evils of Communism. This is going to be one of our main responsibilities," he said.

Mr. Salonen felt that the Berlin Wall is the most clear cut indictment of the failures of the Communist system to provide incentive for and meet the needs of its people. "Communists have to restrain people, forcing them to stay in East Germany by means of the Wall. Until it was constructed, people were leaving East Germany in masses," he said.

Seminarians' experience

The seminary students welcomed the opportunity to help witnessing work in



Father and Mother smile from England.

England during their summer vacation. Some of the graduates have volunteered to continue their work, but the majority of students will return this fall to complete their studies at Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown. The seminarians have been critical in keeping Father's standard, and Father felt if they could win the victory there it would represent America winning her victory as well.

Although the main emphasis is on the home church system, a few IOWC teams witness on the streets. Also, other members witness in public parks during their inbetween time.

As soon as they arrived in England, Father welcomed the seminarians and immediately sent them out to find home churches. Two weeks later they reported back with a variety of experiences. Some were taking care of gardens, some cleaning apartments. Others were babysitting, and still others shopping for the elderly. After one month, one third of them had established home churches.

One returning seminarian gave this report: "The English people are very hospitable. I enjoyed the time spent over there. Because Americans saved the British during World War II, many of the

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Father, Mother and Ye-Jin wait in the airport for the plane that will take Father to England.



Here in Denmark Father's children (from l. to r.) Un-Jin, Ye-Jin, and Heung-Jin, enjoy the sightseeing tour.

New York Church pioneers the home church system

"You are living people and that is why you are going door-to-door to witness. If you feel that you are the source of new life for New York, then whenever you speak, the life of resurrection will be felt."

Father

Since the home church system was initiated nine months ago, Mr. Ken Sudo and the New York Church have gone through a relentless process of trial-and-error in pioneering the first home church system in America. Now 21 churches are established.

In an interview Mr. Ryoichiro Sawada, assistant to Mr. Sudo, talked about the beginning. "When Mr. Sudo came to the New York Church at the end of 1977, we began to think deeply in order to find the best way to reach people. Mr. Sudo brought us to pray in the mountains. We began to feel new beginning come."

Early in January of 1978, a brother in the New York Church received the plan for the home church system while in prayer. At first God gave him a vision, and when he tried to think of how to actualize it, the home church system was given to him.

"I have been witnessing for seven years and during those seven years all my concern had been how I could bring people from the street to the center. I was thinking, how could they come to us? When Mr. Sudo came, my concept had to change 180 degrees because our concern became how could we go to them!" Mr. Sawada said.

The first step in finding a home church is to witness door-to-door seeking people who are prepared to hear *Divine Principle*. If the family welcomes it, a video-tape machine is installed in the home and tapes of *Divine Principle*, Washington Monument, Yankee Stadium and other events can be easily inserted into the machine, bringing God's Word into the living room. Tapes are in English and Spanish.

Not only from tapes do new members receive instruction, but from Church members as well. In order to become a resident host, a member attends a three-day or preferably a seven-day workshop.

John Raucci, Church director in Brooklyn, describes the home church system in

his community: "We were astonished to find the ability of the home church host and hostess to bring guests to their home. At a typical international evening, one would find 30 guests gathered at one home where lectures and the Washington Monument video tape were shown. The original idea for witnessing was that the live-in church member could carry the truth while the home church host and hostess would carry a foundation to bring their friends and relatives. When our members lived together with the host and hostess, a true church atmosphere could begin to develop with morning service, prayer meetings, and reading of Father's words."

Friends and relatives visit the home churches in the evening after work and share experiences of the day. After dinner they join together in prayer at a reflection service, and every Sunday members rise early for the 5:00 am pledge.

A host lives with the family for two or three months until the home church can witness independently. Even if the family can't give lectures, it can present video tapes to friends and relatives. In some homes members act as host and hostess, while in others a video tape machine is available to give instruction.

"The best part of the home church system is that even the people of middle age or older can participate in God's Providence," Mr. Sawada said. "Often under the old way of witnessing, if the guests couldn't join, they were completely abandoned. Now everyone can participate as long as they have a desire."

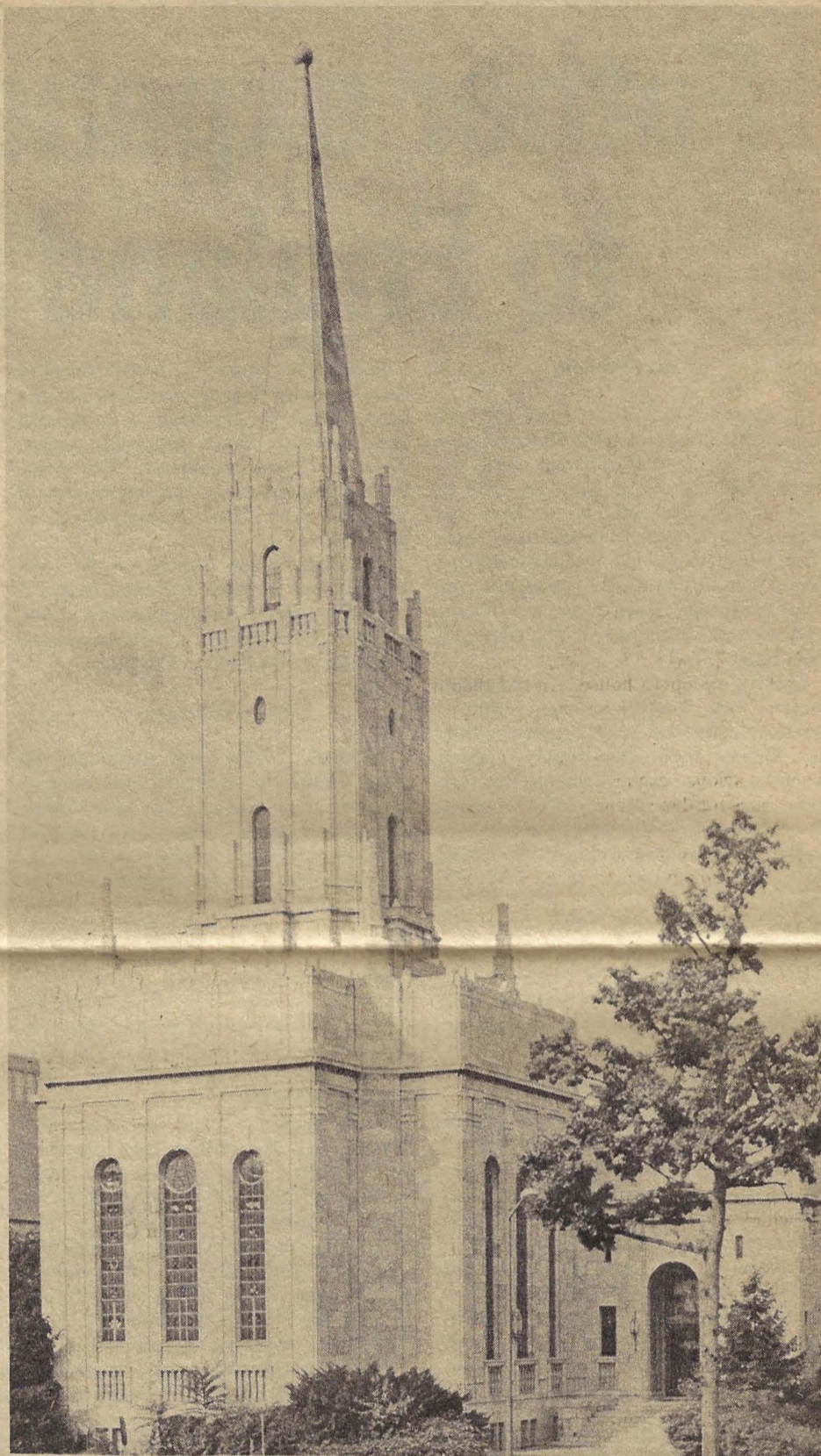
Door-to-door witnessing has been effective for the New York Church even before the home church system began. Last year members found it better than street witnessing because they could re-contact a guest more conveniently at his home rather than agreeing to meet him on a particular street corner.

Members from all the home churches are encouraged to attend Sunday service at Headquarters. Usually 170 guests arrive for either an English or Spanish service.

How have New York members grown since the inception of the home church system? Mr. Sawada responded, "In the beginning we made many mistakes



Citizens from all over New York City attend Sunday services at the 43rd Street center. Usually 170 guests arrive for either an English or Spanish worship hour. Brothers and sisters of many cultures have become one family by practicing the ideal of God's love in their communities. The serving work of the home church system is only one effort in America to inspire a God-centered nation and a peaceful world.



Unlike conventional churches, the home church system is set up directly in the member's home. Tapes of *Divine Principle*, Washington Monument and Yankee Stadium are easily inserted into a video projector, bringing God's Word into the living room. The above picture is the Unification Church in Washington, D.C., a more traditional structure, but still used for the teaching of the new revelation, *Divine Principle*.

because we insisted strictly on our way. This caused a lot of difficulty because people couldn't understand why we woke up at 4:30 am to pray, or why we fasted during dinner, or why we came back late at night after witnessing."

Since then, understanding has improved and members have learned to temper strictness with patience. "The history of the home church system is mistake after mistake, but through mistakes we learned a lot of lessons," Mr. Sawada said.

There are four regional leaders under Mr. Sudo and Mr. Sawada. Mr. Kazuyoshi Ikeno is in charge of the New Jersey center which recently brought 15 Cuban leaders into the Church. In Manhattan, Bill Lay's team is finding new Spanish brothers and sisters, and John Raucci's team in Brooklyn is circulating video tapes and educational materials in order to serve the Park Slope community. John

also sponsors a clean-up program. During the last 40-day conditional period, the Queens Church under the direction of Mr. Kazuo Sato accomplished one person per member per month.

One home church in Harlem sponsors entertainment for the community. Brenda Murphy, hostess, has been working there since June 1st. "We're trying to encourage local talent by offering music lessons and community entertainment. This is a song writing center as well as a home church," Brenda said.

The purpose of witnessing, no matter which method is applied, is to reach everyone and to resurrect mankind into the love of God. Brothers and sisters of many cultures have become one family by practicing the ideal of God's love in their communities. The serving work of the home church system in the New York area is only one effort in America to inspire a God-centered nation and a peaceful world.

Church restores Manhattan Center, plans television studio upstairs

The Manhattan Center for performing arts was purchased by the Unification Church in October 1976. For many members, it was difficult to see the building's real potential. It seemed that it would take too much money and too much effort to ever restore it to usefulness, much less to its previous glory. Who would be crazy enough to undertake such a task?

History

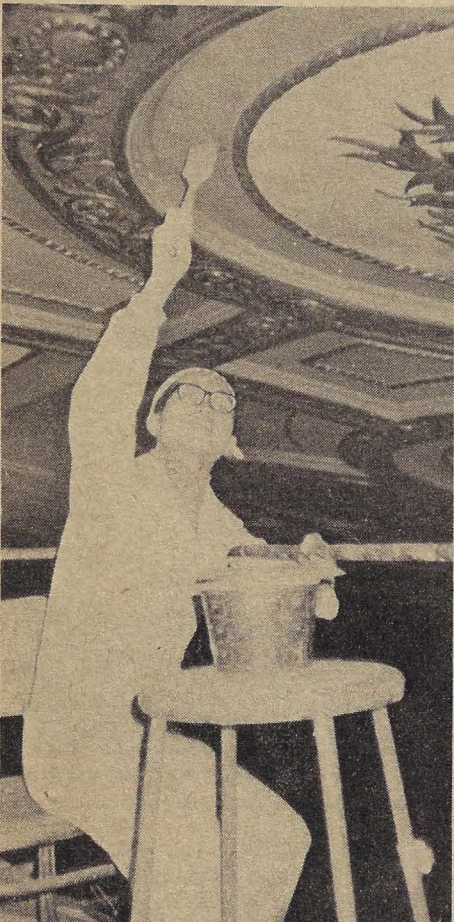
The center was built in 1906 by a German immigrant named Oscar Hammerstein. He was the grandfather of the famous Oscar Rogers and Hammerstein. He called the center the Manhattan Opera House and built it to rival New York's Metropolitan Opera House, then and now the city's largest. But after four years, financial difficulties forced him to close down his opera company. From 1910 to 1922 it was rented out to visiting opera companies and ballet tours. The stage was even used for wrestling contests and boxing bouts.

In 1922 the Scottish Rite Masonic Order purchased the building and built the Grand Ballroom which is located on floors above the main opera house. And in 1935 Albert Einstein made a rare public appearance there.

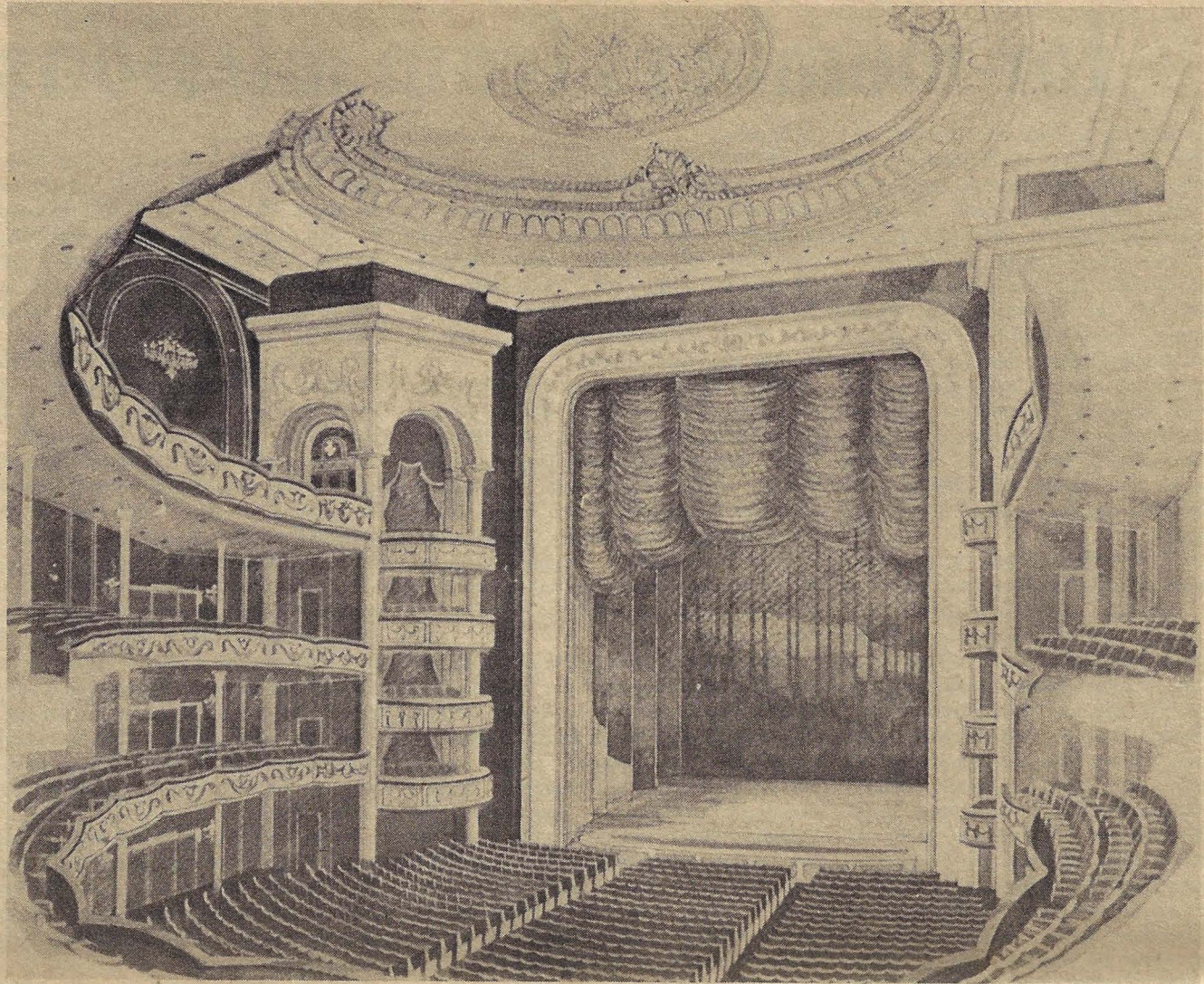
During quieter periods of the ballroom's history, various ethnic groups would gather there for dances and reunions. And at one time the center was called the Union House because of the meetings held there by garment workers and other groups.

In the 1930's the center's owner put up false walls and a ceiling and converted the concert auditorium into a dance hall. Just before the Church purchased the building, it was being used for rock concerts.

Mr. Joong Hyun Pak, Director of the World Mission Center, has been in charge of the Manhattan Center since its purchase. Mr. Pak originally came to the United States from Korea as manager of the Korean Folk Ballet. In 1975 he began to organize the Performing Arts Department which at that time included the Korean Folk Ballet, Sunburst and the



In the picture above a member of the Restoration Technical Corps tackles the dome ceiling reconstruction. To recreate the original design, members learned a specialized molding technique.



Above is a drawing of the restored opera house. The 70-year-old house is scheduled to re-open in 1980 as New York City's third largest theater, seating 3,000.

New Hope Singers International. Since that time, the Go-World Brass Band, the International Folk Ballet, and the New York City Symphony have also been formed.

Under Mr. Pak's direction, Performing Arts brothers and sisters began the work of restoration of the Manhattan Center in October of 1976. For nearly two months, they literally took out tons of garbage from inside the center. According to Richard Cohen, promotion manager for the center, "Mr. Pak really took charge. He got so many things accomplished in such a short period of time. He really pushed. Everyone learned how to do everything." Everything would include scraping, plastering and sanding all the walls, floors and doorways. Before any new work could be done, literally everything had to be removed. It was a massive, painstaking project.

"We bought the Manhattan Center, fixed it up, and used the main auditorium for Church celebrations. During our use of the theater, our Church productions really improved in quality and content. We created our own style of entertainment," Mr. Pak said.

But there was still much more work to be done. In order to restore the opera house back to its original beauty and function, Mr. Pak formed the Restoration Technical Corps. RTC demolition crews removed the fake floors, walls and ceiling which revealed the real floor sloping downward into the audience and exposed the opera house's original box seats and dome ceiling. To recreate the original design on the ceiling, members have had to learn a very specialized molding technique.

Another major job was the restoration of two flights of stairs which ran up both sides of the nine story building. The walls were crumbling because of age and poor maintenance, rendering the stairs almost unusable. This RTC project took the

longest time, almost five months. "The walls were so badly damaged, they had to be completely rebuilt," Doug Williams, House Manager, commented.

Using the technique to match plaster molds and gold leaf work, RTC members have completed restoration of the ceiling of the upstairs Grand Ballroom. To prevent any further water damage they have also completely redone the outside roof.

"This house's real savior is Father," Mr. Pak commented. "Nobody wanted to touch it. Through the restoration of this house, we learned about God's dispensation. Oscar Hammerstein, I, built a beautiful opera house, representing God's original ideal. But, for many reasons, it was destroyed. It had a very sad history, and many corrupt things caused its ruin.

"Then the Church bought the center, and in restoring it we realized how much more difficult it is to recreate than to create. In order for God to recreate this world it takes double the effort and sacrifice that it originally took to create it."

Mrs. Gertrude Yasutake, a sister from Germany who is a former New Hope Singer, is now the house mother for the Manhattan Center. When the false ceiling came down she yodelled to test the acoustics. "Because the audience is so close to the stage and the opera house is high, the acoustics are great," she said. "The opera house will definitely be a competition for New York's finest theaters once it starts operating."

The opera house is scheduled to open in 1980. Two plans are still under consideration: one for a horse-shoe shape and another for 3 balconies flanked by the traditional box seats. With seating capacity of 3,000, it will be New York's third largest theater.

After it is restored the opera house will be used for operas, ballets, symphony programs and large theater presentations

by the Church as well as outside groups. The potential use of this auditorium section of the building is great, especially since the acoustics make it a favorite of many great musicians.

Television Broadcasting Plans

"We realize that in order to achieve 30,000 new members and reach all America we must work quickly," Richard Cohen said. "God provided us the technology which is mass media. Now we're using video-tapes. We're just beginning to utilize all the communications facilities which God has provided."

On the foundation of many printed materials, cassette tape lectures, and the "6 hour lecture" and video-tapes, such as "Reverend Moon in America, the next step is television broadcasting. A television studio is already under construction in another part of the center. The stage of the Grand Ballroom, which is located above the opera house, will be enlarged to five times its present size to accommodate television and theater productions as well as Church celebrations. The Manhattan Center television studio will record live productions of *Divine Principle* and a variety of entertainment, copy them, and send them all over America. In this manner the *Divine Principle* can be available in every person's home, providing an alternative to today's television programming. A future program, "The World of Hope," a travelogue and documentary of Church work in many nations is also being planned to be broadcast weekly.

Members are working hard to make this building the center for God's cultural Providence. Mr. Pak proudly concluded, "After we complete the entire restoration of this house, I have confidence it will serve as a symbol of Father's vision to restore the world. This center will be the birthplace for a new culture of heart. This is Father's desire."

Foreign Missions' Office sponsors International Training Session for members from missions abroad

It's amazing to look into the face of a brother who is not from this country, who speaks a different language, who looks and acts differently, whose culture is strange to my culture, and realize that he and I are brothers through the love of the same Parents. It's the most wonderful feeling in the world," said Phillip Schanker, co-ordinator for the second International Training Session.

The 40-day session, sponsored by the Foreign Missions' Department, was for members gained in the foreign missions. Trainees heard four cycles of *Divine Principle*, four cycles of *Victory Over Communism* and one cycle of *Unification Thought*.

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, in charge of the session, addressed the trainees when they arrived and emphasized the importance of studying the *Divine Principle*. Mr. Ken Sudo, Mr. Tom Ward and Mr. Aiden Barry presented the *Divine Principle*, and Mr. Takeshi Furuta, Mr. Joseph Tully and Mr. Michael Smith lectured *Victory Over Communism*.

Earlier this year Dr. Joseph Sheftick co-ordinated the first International Training Session of 43 trainees from 41 countries. Most of them were Spanish-speaking from Latin America.

This time more French-speaking members from African nations attended. There were 16 brother and 5 sister

trainees.

Through the use of head-sets, lectures were translated into Spanish and French. Antonio Betancourt and Gabriela Rodriguez translated for the Spanish-speaking participants, and Jacques Marion and John-Fred Pirault translated for the French-speaking. Jette Jensen of the World Missions' Department was in charge of general affairs.

"American members who passed by the lecture hall in the World Mission Center could see all the electronic equipment and were inspired because they saw the reality of teaching *Divine Principle* in different languages at the same time," Antonio commented. Since the inception of the International Training Session, simultaneous translation has been used for the first time in the Unification Church.

The trinity of lecturer, translator, and foreign student became very important to the success of the 40-day session. When English-speaking people heard a lecture in their own language, they could comprehend it immediately; foreign members could not. Therefore, the translator had to bridge this gap and bind the foreign students to the heart of the lecturer. When the translator did this well, there was no obstacle in communication. All students could respond smiling, laughing, and crying as

the teacher spoke.

"Father said that everything that is good begins small and grows and develops," Antonio said, "I feel that every training session will be better and better. In the future we will have many translators to serve all the people who will come to the Church for international training."

The story of each international trainee is unique and heart-warming. One brother from Africa's Ivory Coast has been in the Church for two years. His family is Moslem, so like many of the new members from Africa, who do not have a Christian background, in the beginning he had difficulty understanding the mission of Jesus. He was first approached, while he was walking on the street, by a missionary who asked him if he loved God. He followed his teacher to the center. His first understanding of the *Principle* was intellectual, but now through the training program, he feels he is going through a deeper internal course. "This is a special preparation from God. I feel I have to change to be able to serve my country and mankind," he said.

As part of the program, the trainees witnessed on the streets of New York City. When asked about how he feels about America, he responded, "I know America is a great nation, but I feel God's beauty in the family."

Another brother from Zambia met a German missionary who raises pigs and chickens at the Church center. One day the missionary was called away, and the new brother took care of 120 pigs during the rainy season. He felt how hard his spiritual father had been working in his nation. He dreamed about the Church symbol, and through prayer he felt Christ was calling him to be his champion so he became a full-time teacher of *Divine Principle*. "Finding Parents is the miracle of the world," he said. The *VOC* lectures were particularly inspiring to him because he felt they gave a perspective on the reality of the world.

"Missionaries in other countries pay a lot of physical indemnity because of rain and other cultural differences that Africans are used to," one trainee commented. In his country Communism took over, so the missionaries were not free to witness. When his spiritual mother found him, she could only speak with her hands because she couldn't speak much French. However, he already believed in the Second Coming of Christ as a man, so when she asked, "Please come with me, I want to speak to you about God," he accompanied her to the center. Through an interpreter, he learned *Principle*.

The trainees completed their course of studies in America with a tour of Boston, Washington, D.C., and Philadelphia.



Members of the second International Training Session pose with Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak on the Belvedere grounds. The 40-day session, sponsored by the Foreign Missions' Department was for members gained in the foreign missions. Trainees heard

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older generation remember us well."

Father divided the British Isles into 6 regions and chose one seminarian to lead an IOWC team in each. The regional leaders began to supplement the London workshop system with their own weekend and seven-day workshops. "It's a quieter

type of campaign than we're used to in America, with more grass roots and less fanfare," commented former seminarian Mr. Jonathan Wells.

Mr. Wells also reported that Father developed 8 new miniature brass bands. Many of the new band members had never played before, so they took a crash course

from Mr. Kevin Pickard, leader of the Go World Brass Band in England. The result was eight new brass bands with twelve members each. Each mini-band travels in its own van, stopping to entertain on street corners, shopping centers, at schools, and retirement homes.

Leaders and members from all over the

world are meeting in England to help the campaign. Former seminarian, Anthony Guerra, commented, "It's really like a microcosm of the world with Korean leaders, Japanese leaders and members, European leaders and members, American seminarians, and the IOWC teams from all over Europe."