



Pioneers' Progress

JULY 6, 1972

World Day Celebrations

DES MOINES — Marie Ang

On Friday evening, Sara Reinhardt from Topeka came to Omaha, and the six of us—Sara, myself, and the Omaha family (Lokesh, Jim Gunia and Ed and Karen Carroll)—headed for Des Moines. The day had been scorching hot, but as we left Omaha, there was a strong refreshing wind. We sang most of the way to Des Moines. Sara had brought a tape recorder, so we listened to a tape of Master singing—and felt so close to our Parents. At 10:30 we stopped along the road to fulfill Omaha's prayer condition. Sitting on the prairie grass with a strong wind blowing, we greeted Father under the stars—it was so peaceful and beautiful. We arrived in Des Moines about 11:30 and were greeted by a happy Mike, who promptly served us some of his unique hot chocolate. After taking a "tour" of this really beautiful Center, we visited awhile, finally forcing ourselves to go to bed.

The next morning, after a pancake breakfast, we had a planning session. The morning was spent witnessing, except for Karen and I—we bought groceries. We all met at a busy downtown corner and sang. Mike, Lokesh, Sara, and Ed each had a chance to speak. We all felt so much power and energy from this experience.

That afternoon we visited Des Moines "Holy Ground" near the stately capitol building, and then went to the park to find the perfect spot for our picnic and service. On Saturday evening, preparations were made for World Day, plus Sara and Mike taught a couple of people. We were all about to go to bed when the bus arrived. Throughout the wee morning hours, brothers and sisters arrived from Kansas City, Sioux Falls, and Minneapolis.

On Sunday Morning at 5, there were 40 of us to begin our day of activity—World Day—with the pledge to our True Parents. After a delicious breakfast, we went to the park for our service. As we were walking to our place of worship, we heard a chorus of voices from a nearby outdoor service singing, "This is My Father's World." We continued on to the beautiful rose garden, sat down and prepared for worship. Barbara Snell led us in some singing. Then Lokesh spoke about World Day—all the many facets of creation that Father had given us and how we are to fulfill the three blessings, and become lords of creation. As we ended the service and were quietly thanking Father for this precious experience, we again heard

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Success in Birmingham

From the Southern Bus: On June 7 we had a great success in our news media offensive with interviews at a TV station and three radio stations—from the afternoon up to midnight—involving several talk shows. Susan Hughes and Gil Fox succeeded in getting on “The People Speak” show, in which debate and questions and answers are allowed as long as the audience called in on the phone, without time limit. That evening, Susan and Gil continued three hours, in which questions from all kinds of Christians and persons of all religious backgrounds poured in. Susan and Gil managed to explain the whole content of the Principle, even proclaiming that Sun Myung Moon, is the new Messiah for the New Age, and he is living in South Korea.

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From Gil Fox: In the evening, at the same hour the conclusion was being taught at the downtown YWCA, Susan and I went on a live talk show. Dave Campbell interviewed us for 20 minutes with searching questions and with great insight he looked into the workings of the One World Crusade and the Unification Church. Then he opened up the phones to callers to ask questions directly to us. What a tremendous opportunity! Every word we said was being broadcast over the southeastern portion of the United States. Susan answered questions completely and with very wonderful charm. Many callers asked simply to speak with Miss Hughes. There were quite a number of fundamental Christians calling, but they were preaching to us rather than asking questions. So Mr. Campbell just had to cut them off. Many times people would call to ask us if Jesus was God, if we had been re-born or whatever. So we would answer their

question and they were over. The questions covered a wide range. The entire Principle was spoken of. After a while we received a call asking if this is the beginning of a New Age, and who is the leader for this age. Mr. Campbell looked at us and shrugged his shoulders. He did not know how to answer that one. So Susan and I both answered that Master Sun Myung Moon had received a revelation from God. We were in Alabama to begin the new age. Then the questions really flew in. Everyone was burning up to argue or to find out about it. Originally we were going to speak only until 10:00. But instead we stayed on and on until 12:00. It was a tremendous success. Many sincere people called and we were able to counsel and advise them directly over the radio.

One caller asked such good questions that we were able to explain in essence the whole Principle. Much light was spread around Alabama. At the end of the show Susan and I were exhausted. We had been praying for an opportunity to speak to the people, and we finally had it. Our spirits were soaring and our faces were all lit up. Of course, Mr. Campbell is interested in our coming back on his show, and we are looking forward to the great event. Susan and I asked how many people his show reached, and he said 80,000. . . . With the 2½ hour interview, we easily reached over 144,000 people on this day. Our Master's name is being spoken by many thousand more people. And finally on this day we had a good newspaper article and photograph of the One World Crusade. So they saw us and read about us today. Many, many happy surprises!

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IW's Report

From Marie Ang: (Omaha) What a contrast to the last time I was here! Instead of hitchhiking, we have two cars in the Family. Upon arriving at the Center, I was greeted by four lusty voices (Lokesh, Ed, Karen, and Jim) singing "You are My Sunshine," and then we ate a delicious meal Karen had prepared. All three heard the Principle at the same time—and that's a whole story in itself! I really felt Father's joy and excitement with His family in Omaha, as I heard brand new brothers and a sister pray to their Father with so much gratitude to our True Parents. Everyone in the country is paying indemnity for such "miracles" as these!

From Hillie Edwards: (Columbia) I am grateful and happy to finally be on the road. When Julie and I prayed at 5:00 service and she prayed for "South Carolina," I felt such joy from Father that He has hands and feet in these new and, for us, unfamiliar states. Now His blessing is available to so many who have been without a chance to fully know Him and His plan for us. After working in the first Pioneer center on my route, I feel full of hope and confidence that the South will rise again, only this time to her Father."

(Atlanta) Atlanta is a beautiful city. While Jack did the leg work in preparation

for the bus team, Mary Jane (a positive Divine Principle student living in on a trial basis) and I joyfully restored the new Center—a 3 bedroom, well-located duplex house. State Representatives and students from Columbia, Miami, and Alabama gathered in Atlanta for World Day Celebration. We feasted and prayed, studied and shared experiences. The weekend was a real blessing.

From Betsy Jones: (Raleigh) Father has really worked fast on the seed planted in Richard and Memory. We had many meetings, prayer and study, and witnessed together. We worked hard to establish a Center pattern. We felt that a tremendous sense of unity and purpose and direction was established. Richard plans to stay and work with Bill, and Memory plans to go to New York for 3 months to prepare to travel on a bus team.

THE JAPANESE HAVE COME!!

In four short days in Washington, before departing for New York, our newly arrived Japanese brothers deeply touched our hearts. Twelve of them landed at Dulles Airport, accompanied by Mr. Oyama, business manager of the Japanese Church, on June 23rd. Tours to the Lincoln Memorial, Holy Ground, museums, parks, College Park Center, and fellowship with the Washington Family were the background scenes for a deep give and take. As they eagerly struggled to learn English, we learned that union of East and West is possible with our True Parents. Not only that, but cultural differences reflect various facets of God's character. We have much to learn from each other.

Bits and Pieces

From Kathy Goldman: "One doesn't discover new lands without consenting to lose sight of the shore for a very long time." (Andre Gide, from a Unitarian newsletter.) And: "If ye shall ask anything in My name, I will do it." John 14:14.

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a congregation singing "America the Beautiful," which really touched our hearts.

During the afternoon we had a Korean meal—Pulgogi, Chop-choi, and Sam (rice wrapped in lettuce)—we had a couple of good games of dodgeball and soccer. Just before going back to the Center, the State Representatives met for an hour, sharing concerns, problems, successes, etc.

We went back to the Center, where we spent time singing together, and each Center presented a song or skit. After ice cream and cookies, we spent an hour or two saying goodbye. It was back to the battlefield, with renewed hearts and a stronger determination to defeat Satan. He tried to spoil our day. While we were at the park, someone broke in the Center and took off with the bus' cash box. Luckily most of the money was in Traveler's Checks.

All in all, it was a beautiful weekend. So many beautiful scenes and faces to remember. We love our brothers and sisters so much!!

INDIANAPOLIS — Richard Parks

... People started arriving early Saturday morning—Mike Richardson and Susan Finnegan with three new people. Sandy Singleton got in later Saturday afternoon with three people, too. Detroit went down to Louisville, where the Southern bus team was working with Judy Barnes. Patti MacWilliams and Pat Keiffer had decided to spend the weekend in Madison, preparing for the Northern bus team. We gathered briefly and then went over to a nearby park to spend the afternoon playing volleyball and kickball. It was a beautiful day, and spirits were very high. We returned to the Center for an evening meal. Each Center did skits and demonstrated their talents. At some point an impromptu square dance began with Ohio calling the turns and Sandy Singleton blazing forth with "Turkey in the Straw" on guitar and kazoo. Exhausted, we caught our breath and then sang a few quiet songs. We had a very deep prayer

meeting, ending with all of us standing with locked arms, singing Tong-il softly and opening our hearts to Father and each other.

Sunday began with 5:00 prayer service. . . Following breakfast, we all went on a prayer walk led by Mike Richardson, ending at a bluff with a Buckeye tree (Ohio state tree). We became very aware of our identity as part of Father's plan for all creation. And our eventual lordship. Admiring all the natural beauty, we could see the sore spots caused by man's indifference. Susan Finnegan spoke briefly on World Day—what it meant to Father, our True Parents, to us children, and to the creation itself. All present were deeply touched. 11 people under an old Buckeye tree on a bluff, sharing for the first time in Indianapolis the true feeling of Father for creation.

After more singing, we sped home for lunch and then a flurry of brief farewells. All broke and parted, feeling stronger and more impressed with the power that is springing forth across the land. Seeds beginning to sprout from California to New York—proud of it and of our True Parents.

A lot of good things happened in Louisville. . . . The new people were well taken care of and touched deeply. One, Helene Benjamin, even decided to sign membership after seeing the Mobile Unit No. 2.

From Washington:

New membership applications since last
Pioneers' Progress:

Pamela Jo Delvo Sioux Falls,
South Dakota

Mary Jane George Atlanta, Georgia

Kris Heckel Minneapolis, Minnesota

Sharyl Nelson Sioux Falls,
South Dakota

Mark Nilson Billings, Montana

William Root Phoenix, Arizona

CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!