

On Sunday April 2, at 11: 35 a.m. our True Parents arrived in France

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Long was the time the French family had waited for the coming of our True Parents and finally the great day had come.

On Sunday April 2, at 11: 35 a.m. our True Parents, accompanied by Mrs. [Won Pok] Choi, Mr. [Young Hwi] Kim, Mr. [Mitsuharu] Ishi, Mr. Oyama, Mr. [Martin] Porter and Miss [Barbara] Mikesell [Ten Wolde] arrived at airport Le Bourget in France. Reiner and Barbara Vincenz and several members welcomed them with big bouquets of flowers and drove with them to headquarters. A large majority of the members had never seen the True Parents and were filled with happiness and excitement when they arrived.

From that moment on, it seemed as if the center had metamorphosed: a heavenly atmosphere filled it and a new epoch began in the heart of each one which will be reflected soon everywhere in

France.-as if to make the new start visible, the weather which was cold and sullen, became warm and luminous.

Since the museums were only open that day our True Parents decided to visit the Louvre right after the meal. The family stayed in the center, singing and praying, waiting for the moment when our Master would come to say a few words or give a long lecture. For Mr. Kim, Mr. Pak, Mr. Ishi and Mrs. Kim it was their first trip to Paris and our True Parents wanted to show them some of the famous and historical places in the city. The "Mona Lisa" by Leonardo de Vinci and a few other paintings and sculptures held particularly the attention of our True Parents, as the hall exposing the jewels of the crown.

After seeing Louvre we visited the Eiffel tower. Since it was Easter Sunday everywhere was a big crowd of people and we felt sorry that our True Parents had to wait so long to get to the top of the tower. But finally all reached the third floor and admired the clear Paris weather and its monuments.

Then we met at Holy Ground which is located very near to Eiffel tower. After praying, our True Parents and Mrs. Choi-were sitting on a bench near the tree and while resting a little many pictures were taken. We then felt strongly how important was the presence of our Parents at this place which represents for France, the beginning of the return of the land to God.

At 7.00 p.m. we all were back in the center. And just a few minutes later our Father came to sit in the middle of His children and smiling looked at them. He talked about several subjects and each one of us could feel His love and great concern. Our Father insisted on the importance of the relationship of Father and son in the restoration. At 10:00 p.m. our Father wished us good night until the next morning at 7.00 a.m. Parents and their party had dinner.

Next morning, Monday April 3, the family was happy to see our True Parents already early in the morning and Father talked about the following subjects: What are the criteria of Good and Evil? The position of the Unification Church compared to Jesus' situation 2000 years ago. The necessity of the Messiah. Action to correct the changing (zigzag), character of the French and French politics.

Each one of us saw deeply how much it was of the most vital importance to follow 100% the advice of our Master.

Around 12 a.m. our True Parents went out to see more of Paris, starting with a boat tour on the Seine, passing 30 bridges and seeing historical buildings and monuments on both sides of the river. After a short stop on the Terasse of Trocadero, from where we see a marvelous view: The Gardens, Eiffel tower, Champs de Ellysee Military school, Invalides... we went to eat in a typical French restaurant in the Latin Quarter. In the afternoon we went to see the Palace of Versailles. On the way returning to the center we stopped at the Arc de Triumphe at Etoile constructed by the initiative of Napoleon. All the family had come to this place to just have another chance to be close to our True Parents.

The evening ended in the Opera after a very short Paris by night tour. At our arrival in front of the door at

the Elyse Palace the republican guard presented arms in the front of the car of our Master, thinking without a doubt that it was an official car. The spectacle at the Opera was grandiose: a ballet of the Bolshoi theater.

Tuesday, April 4, we were all aware that we were living at the last day of the visit in France of our True Parents. Our greatest desire was to remain the longest time possible with them throughout the day. 7:30 a.m. our Father explained to us at length about God and how to prove His existence logically. This lecture was of greatest value for everyone. In fact, we meet many students having this objection concerning the existence of God.

At breakfast we found out that this day was the 7th spiritual anniversary of Mr. Oyama. Father gave some advice to the Lebanese family and answered especially one question on the Islam religion.

Early in the afternoon our Parents left to go shopping in the large department store Galey Lafaetter. Our Father chose a pair of shoes for Mr. Oyama; then He tried on a pair Himself and at the end all men who had accompanied Him received a pair of shoes. Since then we hear from Reiner that these shoes are magic and that he is walking like on the moon. Mother continued shopping and bought shoes for all women who accompanied Her. We were most happy. Our Father visited Notre Dame and went to see a film on the Champs Ellysee. In the evening the whole family came together sharing a big birthday cake and hearing the testimony of Mr. Oyama. Then our Father continued with the teaching on the history of restoration. It was most interesting and the evening grew late, the more we felt the heart of our Father and became closer wanting to give the maximum of love to his children, before his departure. We promised Him, to win many children this year.

We must give life to many new children, giving them in return the love that we received from our True Parents. Our Father described the French character with great keenness and encouraged us to pray more fervently.

Next morning, April 5th, our True Parents and their party left and on the way to the airport they stopped at the second center. Our Father prayed there a long time before saying a last "Good Bye" to all the family.-These precious days had past so quickly but much love we had received and with great determination we want to follow the orders of our Father and establish without delay a solid and large foundation. Thank you dearest Father and dearest Mother for your visit in France.