

When Father spoke in Berkeley, the hall was full all three nights

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I want to share with you how our rally went here in Berkeley. It was a great success. The hall was full all three nights. The first night Father came out and took his seat with Mr. [Bo Hi] Pak, Farley [Jones], and Greg Novalis (representing the Berkeley Center) and a big smile came across his face as he saw all the people before him. In fact, he smiled a lot that night. We had to set up extra seats for people along the sides of the hall. The second night there were fewer people, but the hall was still full. Father gave a very powerful speech, which delved into world politics and the mission of America. Although the audience did not outwardly respond too much, Master was

thrilled just to be able to get the words out to so many good people at one time. I heard that after the lecture he walked quickly back to his room, with an ear-to-ear smile. He was so happy when he arrived at his room backstage, where Mother greeted him with love, telling him how wonderful his talk was.

The third night there were more people than the second, almost like the first. Father gave another great speech, which culminated in a lay-it-on-the-line sequence dealing with morality in America, explaining that immorality must be stopped, otherwise the country is finished. People in the audience either liked it or they didn't. All the family felt so much power from Master's delivery. Each of the speeches went well, with no problem from the audience. There was potential trouble but nothing serious or disturbing occurred. I attribute this to the quality of the audience. There were many parents and older people in the audience, and most of the young guests seemed to have themselves together. Therefore, a respectful and relatively dignified atmosphere was generated. Anyone feeling motivated to leave just quietly left, without voicing any opinions.

I know our prayer, the well-organized security, and Father's control were the key. Father was so happy after this third night. He posed with the security guards for pictures in the hallway after his speech, then returned to his preparation room; there they had a celebration for the success.

So he was happy, and so are we, about the way the rally turned out. I think Master feels we now have a position in Berkeley substantial enough, as proven by the rally, to save this sinking city. The evening after the rally, we had a victory celebration in San Francisco with family entertainment, featuring songs by our True Parents...

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