

New Zealand Family Rallies for America and Against Communism

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Rally against Communism in Wellington, New Zealand

Very many things have been happening in New Zealand. Currently our prime minister is in the international limelight for his outspoken views regarding America in the world. He says that all of the world depends on America. We are especially thankful for this, because we watched with dismay as the previous government was making closer connections with Peking, the USSR, and North Korea. We felt helpless in the face of the political attitude. National opinion made it very difficult for us to witness Divine Principle to the people because nobody could understand what Divine Principle really meant.

On March 31st, to coincide with Mr. Rockefeller's visit to New Zealand, we conducted our third rally against Communism. It was called the "Christian Conscience Rally." We carefully prepared flags of all different nationalities and had black crosses with the names of all countries fallen to Communism. We also utilized the current popularity of the movie "Jaws" by depicting on two big signs, three sharks -- the USSR, Red China, and North Korea rising out of the water to engulf the nations of Germany, America, France, Japan, and South Korea.

We spent three days -- getting up at 5 a.m. and going down to the railway station and through the streets of early morning Wellington -- intensively leafletting everyone going to work, and loudly singing holy songs. Two of our brothers were lecturing on the campus of Victoria University in Wellington to stimulate the students to stand up against Communism.

The national leader of the New Zealand Church, Grant Bracefield, sent a letter to the prime minister, Mr. R.D. Muldoon, advising of our rally and warning of negative rallies being planned by Communist groups here. Mr. Muldoon sent a telegram in reply.

The march began at noon on Wednesday, March 31. During the whole rally we were filmed by both T.V. channels and were continually heckled and abused by women of the Communistically inspired "Maori Land March" group, which is a left-wing radical group. Since that time, Mr. Muldoon has affirmed SEATO, opened the way for U.S. vessels to be stationed in New Zealand waters to assist in the strengthening of Southeast Asia against Communist advances and has urged that America be stronger in its policies in that area.

After April 1, we reorganized by sending the ginseng sales team (15 members) to Auckland and making Wellington a training center for younger members.

During the first week of April, we felt an intense new spirit come to our Family. Through this, we can understand more deeply the Spirit of Pentecost and how it is affecting the world.

We are trying very hard to repent and cry tears for our own sins, for the sins of our country, and for the sins of the whole world, and are praying that God will forgive man and that man will be prepared to receive God's forgiveness.

We are also learning that by belief, trust, faith and obedience to God, we can bring about miracles. This is the motivation behind our ginseng tea selling in Auckland. Ginseng tea can cure physical diseases, so we can serve Auckland people very much. In turn, Aucklanders are serving us by giving us money that we can use for the sake of the Providence.