Success in Birmingham, Alabama

Gilbert Fox June 7, 1972



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.

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 working 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 reborn 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 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 two and a half 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 surprise!