Copenhagen Denmark's opportunity to make the Unification Church known

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Danish leader Erika Zamberger [Gubser] collecting signatures on the "Stroget" in Copenhagen

Here in Denmark we have just had a special opportunity to make the Unification Church known.

A Dane called Mr. Thorsen has got a promise of 900,000 kroner (about \$170,000) from the Danish government to produce a movie which deals with the sex life of Jesus. The greatest Danish newspaper said concerning this movie: "Unrestrained pornography which can't avoid being judged to be blasphemy."

From Mr. Thorsen's script it appears that he doesn't see any difference between Jesus and a rebel from the revolt in Paris 1968; the movie contains a comparison between these two characters. Dr. Thorsen's result is that all characteristics of Jesus and the rebel are the same. Mr. Thorsen says that both Jesus and the rebel suffered from a so-called Christ-complex; both of them felt that they had to save the whole world. Jesus saw the Messiah described in the Old Testament as his ideal, and the ideal for the rebel is Karl Marx. At last Jesus is crucified and the rebel is shot, but they rise from the dead, physically and in one person; this person marries a widow and forgets his Christ-complex.

We felt that we had to protest against the State aid because it would injure the restoration of Denmark. A signature collection was started in the provinces to protest the State aid; the Unification Church took the initiative in Copenhagen. We placed ourselves in the most busy street in Copenhagen with our posters and collected signatures; everyone who signed got a handbill.



Danish members

On the handbill we expressed our deep anxiety about the moral condition in Denmark, and we said that it is very necessary for a country not to leave its cultural and ethical foundation because history shows that the rise and decline of civilizations takes place when people hold on to this foundation or leave it, respectively. At last, the handbill said that today it is possible to build a world of love, peace and harmony because of the message that Rev. Sun Myung Moon brings us from God. During seven days we used four to five hours a day to collect signatures; we got 5300 signatures.

The journalists were informed, and practically all Danish newspapers published pictures of us and made our name known. It was very encouraging to make the signature collection because the greater part of the passersby signed; many people were very thankful to us for our initiative and we could give them our handbills and other literature.

We hope that the many signatures (today there is collected about 200,000 signatures among 5,000,000 Danes) will convince the Danish government that this sort of movie is not going to be sponsored by the Danish State.