

## Father's Life in His Own Words - Part 83

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*A Japanese university student giving a VOC lecture in 1969*

### **Continuous Initiative and Expansion in Korea and Japan**

Father speaks about the continuing efforts he and Mother were leading in the late 1960s.

#### **Continuing to reach out**

You must make your best effort. Israel defeated a coalition of nations that had fifteen times more military power within the space of a week.[\[1\]](#) By the same token, you should arm yourselves internally and externally and make and carry out plans to achieve your goals in a short time even if you are small in number. The time has come when the Unification Church must implement that kind of operation. The purpose of the one-hundred-day prayer condition this time is to bring us to have the heart to fight a spiritual war.

If I announce that all of you will be sent to out to provincial areas from July 20 and push you to go, will you go? Are you going to run off and go home, or are you going out to the world?

Our final battle has come. Since it is time for the final showdown, all of you must mobilize. You must realize that you should shed tears today not because you are sad over your opponents' ridiculing you, as in the past, but because you represent the sorrowful nation from the position of chief priests....

President [Osami] Kuboki came to me saying, "How about concentrating the forty-day witnessing campaign on the Tokyo area this time?"

I replied, "Tokyo is not the issue. Tokyo is only one part of Japan. If you want to be loyal and faithful to God's will, you must train your members by sending them all over Japan." I told him that it is necessary to revive the entire population of nearly 100 million Japanese people, and I instructed him to expand the campaign across the nation.

#### **The twentieth training session**

In this training session, unlike past ones, many lecturers were invited to speak to you. I thought it was necessary to show that the Unification Church is worthy to be publicly recognized by the outside world.

By listening to lectures by people regarded as prominent leaders in Korea, I am sure you had an opportunity to make comparisons, to criticize their lectures, to observe and to examine them. As a result, you learned many things. Another benefit was that we were able to inform them about Unification Church activities. Before they spoke at the training session, they must have regarded the young people of the

Unification Church as good for nothing. When they came, however, they must have been impressed by the quality of the questions raised by our members. They told themselves, These young people are well educated and disciplined. When I think of these things, I can say that this time we were able to give these leaders clear information.



*Victory Over Communism activities in Shizuoka, Japan in August 1969*

### **The quality of Japanese members**

I have brought foreigners to this land that have shed tears, standing where their teacher was born. They miss this nation more than their own fatherland or hometown.... When I see these people studying the Divine Principle, I perceive that many of them have memorized the Divine Principle book. I was amazed when I saw them studying our New Counter-Proposal to Communism. When they ask questions, it is always about the critical factors that troubled the writer the most. That shows that their knowledge is more extensive than yours.

### **Nationwide movement for the unity of the churches**

We are carrying out interreligious outreach to set the condition of Abel becoming one with Cain.... Some time ago, we had a week-long prayer meeting centered on our nationwide church-unification campaign. The campaign was centered on the Roman Catholic Church, but I guided the entire campaign, and all churches in Korea followed along. Now we are closer to the Catholic Church than to anyone else. A famous Catholic priest is actually listening to our lectures now. In this way, I plan to win all the young Koreans, especially Seoul University students, to our side. That is why I spend more time on the inter-religious movement's development than on our church's.

### **Research Meeting on New Religions**

I have tried to fulfill God's will by uniting, centered on Jesus, all the Christian denominations, which are now all separate from one another, but they refused to unite. However, I was not discouraged. Instead, I created a new denomination that is more than equal to them all. Thus, I built a foundation on which people can receive and carry out God's providence. That is, I founded the Unification Church in Korea.

In September 1968, we had a chance to hold an official dialogue with other churches at the Christian Academy House.<sup>[2]</sup> Some forty leaders from other churches, including famous scholars, participated. They had all opposed Rev. Moon of the Unification Church. When I walked boldly into the hall filled with such prominent people, I didn't feel bad at all.

To them, I might have looked insignificant, as if a whiff of wind could blow me away, but as the times change, they come to realize that I am not who they thought I was. Now, in fact, I was in a position where I could feel sympathy for them. The fact that they received me and are now even recommending the truth of the Unification Church to others shows that they have as good as bowed their heads before us.

### **Little Angels' performances in Japan**

**January 4 - February 3, 1969**

It was an adventure for the Sunhwa Children's Dance Group[3] to give performances in Japan. I made the arrangements and gave detailed instructions. Even Bo-hi Pak, who was in charge, did not know what to do. I pushed this project along so that there would be nationwide performances within two months.



*The Sunhwa Children's Dance Troupe (later known as the Little Angels) during their tour of Japan in 1969*

In the beginning, they had to sell 45,000 tickets but one week before the performance they had only sold 4,000. The other day, President Kuboki of the Japanese church came to me and proposed to reduce the number of performances in Japan to a minimum. I told him, "President Kuboki, even in Sumo wrestling, victory or defeat is decided only after the match is actually held, isn't it? Retreating without even having a match is a defeat. You are making this proposal because you are not strong enough." In that way, I suppressed all his pessimistic feelings. He seemed very weighed down, perhaps because there were many problems. Surly he was very worried.

They came again and asked how much they should sell the admission tickets for. They felt that the hall might not be filled, but that if the admission tickets were cheap we would have a large audience. Yet, I felt that we would not be disgraced even if we ended up saying that not that many people could come because the tickets were expensive....

President Kuboki had to follow my instructions. I told him to mobilize all CARP members to sell the tickets. If there were ten thousand tickets for three performances, all of them had to be sold. Struggles should erupt among those who want to get the tickets.... Actually, everything went rather well. The performances were very successful.... By sending the Little Angels, we have been able to influence prominent leaders in the business and political circles of Japan.

The second world tour - instructions before True Parents departed[4]

Before I leave, I will sing a song for you so that you may sing it often until I come back. It's a song for unity. You must sing it in order to promote our work. All Unification Church members must pray at the holy ground. I hope you will pray at the church headquarters when it rains and at the holy ground when it does not rain. Please pray for unification.

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[1] The Six-day War in June 1967

[2] A hotel and conference center

[3] This was the first name of The Little Angels

[4] February 2 - May 2, 1969, to twenty-one countries, accompanied by Mrs. Won-pok Choi, Rev. Hyowon Eu and Pres. Osami Kuboki