

Las Vegas

Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, will speak on the new future of Christianity Mon., April 1 at 8 p.m. in the Natchez Room of the Showboat Hotel.

Rev. Moon feels America must fulfill its Christian heritage, ethics and ideals, and the future of the Church in America, its unity and oneness in heart, mind and purpose will determine the fate of America's destiny. He feels the church is in crisis in America, therefore the nation is undergoing a spiritual crisis as is manifested in the social, governmental, economic, political, family and individual life.

The message of Rev. Moon is to serve as a basis and foundation for Christianity. He has inspired tens of thousands of people throughout the world to become united in Christ so they can fulfill the problem of God which is to create a Kingdom of Heaven, a world full of goodness, harmony and love.

Dr. Joseph Sheftick, director of the International one world crusade, who is here with 70 church missionaries from around the world, feels it is urgent for all America to hear this most inspiring message; therefore, Rev. Moon initiated a 32-city tour throughout America bringing his message to all people.

Admission is free and complimentary tickets are available by calling 382-6285, or picked up at the door that evening.

You are invited to read the ad in this newspaper for further details.

—*Boulder City News*
Boulder City, Nevada
March 28, 1974



above: Our Master and Mother happily greet Their children who are joining Them for part of the tour.

below: Neil Albert Salonen (right), Acting President of the Unification Church of America confers with Carl Hagen, One World Crusade Commander.

Las Vegas REVIEW-JOURNAL

Tuesday, April 2, 1974

Korean evangelist challenges Vegas

By Hanford Searl
R-J Staff Writer

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the worldwide Unification Church, challenged Las Vegas to prepare for the Second Coming of Christ during a Monday address at the Showboat Hotel.

Sharing personal revelation and new interpretation of the Bible, the Rev. Moon called for Christians to make themselves ready for the Kingdom of Heaven.

"I've been picketed in several cities, but I've had a duty to fulfill this three-year mission of the United States," the Rev. Moon said.

The 54-year-old evangelist, touted as a

prophet by more than two million worldwide members and 10,000 American believers, is completing a tour of 32 U.S. cities.

About 250 persons jammed the Natchez Hall of the Showboat Hotel to listen to the Rev. Moon, but by the conclusion of his address only two-thirds of the audience remained.

"Truth must be taught, no matter how painful. To be a good Christian isn't easy," exclaimed the highly-emotional Moon.

His topic, "The New Future of Christianity," included many revelations which he claimed he received through prayer and a spiritual visitation of Jesus Christ in April 1936.

Among the Rev. Moon's more outstanding interpretations which differ from mainstream Christian teachings are the following:

— Jesus Christ's mission was defeated by John the Baptist's denial of His Divine origins.

— The God of this Earth is Satan who has foiled God's plan of Heaven on Earth through selfishness and materialism.

— America is the new Jerusalem and carries the responsibility of being a leader in the Christian Community.

— Christ did not atone for man's sins but uplifted his state through righteous living.

His death was murder and not pre-ordained.

The Rev. Moon's new Christian movement recently has come to the forefront because of special days of prayer and fasting concerning Watergate and President Nixon.

According to Neil A. Salonen, American president of the Unification Church who prepares audiences for the Rev. Moon's sermon, a special White House meeting took place Feb. 1 in which President Nixon thanked him for his support.

"The Watergate declaration was not a blanket support of President Nixon but rather a support of America and justice,"

said Salonen. "Right now it's character assassination, implication and emotions."

Salonen claimed the Unification Church movement would have generated controversy without Watergate because of its teachings.

About 200 young ambassadors from Southern California invaded Las Vegas prior to the Rev. Moon's appearance.

The youths ranged from 17 to 30 years of age solicited interest at strategic locations in shopping centers by selling flowers, giving out free pamphlets and literature and discussing their faith.

Proclamation

WHEREAS; *in recognition of the fact that unity and understanding strengthens our City, and that growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all citizens of the City of Las Vegas; and*

WHEREAS; *all responsible citizens are called upon to unite in their affirmation of our country's birthright, and of our national dedication and hope, guaranteeing freedom for all men; and*

WHEREAS; *visiting in our midst is one whose life message and challenge is dedicated to men of all political, social and religious persuasions, that being the Revered Sun Myung Moon.*

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Oran K. Gragson, Mayor of the City of Las Vegas, Nevada do hereby proclaim March 25 through April 1, 1974 as

"WEEK OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION"

in the City of Las Vegas and urge all of our citizens to renew our dedication to brotherhood and human understanding.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Las Vegas to be affixed this 18th day of March, 1974



Oran K. Gragson
ORAN K. GRAGSON, MAYOR

P R O C L A M A T I O N

WHEREAS, we are experiencing greater problems within society--such as corruption, discrimination, drug abuse, sexual license, breakdown of marriage and the family unit, as well as lack of communication between individuals, generations, and groups; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to inspire and develop dedicated leaders who are committed to the revitalization of our society, protecting its heritage and ideals while pioneering new levels of achievement; and

WHEREAS, there is one individual who has come forward with a deep dedication to world peace, which has led to many activities promoting dialogue, unification of thought and purpose throughout the world, and that being the Reverend Sun Myung Moon; and

WHEREAS, in these times of increasing stress and conflict on every level of our Society the people in Nevada can serve as an example to everyone in these United States and to the world by accepting the challenge of these times and by working to eradicate these problems to restore the peaceful and harmonious civilization once enjoyed by God-centered families, societies, and nations; and

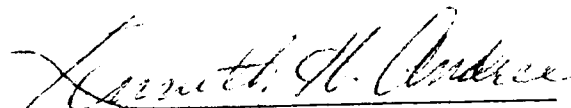
WHEREAS, the people of Boulder City, Nevada would like to welcome Reverend Sun Myung Moon to our great Silver State and extend our hands in friendship with the hope that his teachings and accomplishments will bring forth greater inspiration and dedication throughout the world for the betterment of all mankind.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth H. Andree, Mayor of Boulder City, Nevada, do hereby proclaim the month of March, 1974 to be a

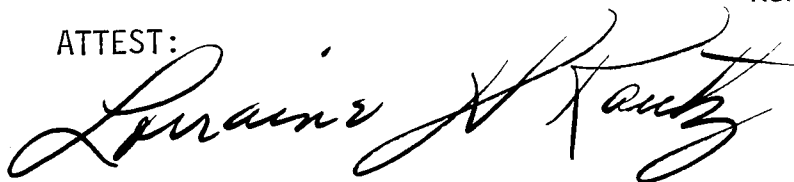
"MONTH OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION"

in recognition of the above and urge all citizens to cordially welcome Reverend Moon to our City.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Boulder City, Nevada, to be affixed this 26th day of March, 1974.


Kenneth H. Andree, Mayor

ATTEST:



Lorraine H. Kautz, City Clerk

(Seal)



WYOMING
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CHEYENNE

STANLEY K. HATHAWAY
GOVERNOR

Dear Reverend Moon:

I am pleased to have this opportunity to welcome you to the State of Wyoming.

The work of the young people involved in the Unification Church has been active and effective in an effort to bring your movement to the attention of Wyoming's people.

My best wishes for a most successful and fruitful trip throughout the United States.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stanley K. Hathaway".

Stan Hathaway

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THE CITY OF CODY

1338 RUMSEY AVE.
CODY, WYOMING 82414



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RICHARD W. DAY
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POLICE JUDGE
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CHIEF OF POLICE

March 15, 1974

WHEREAS, the City of Cody is steeped in the pioneer traditions of Wyoming and its citizens are concerned about the growth and future of our wonderful state; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that unity and brotherhood has played an important part in the past growth of our state and will play an important part in the future of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, visiting in our midst is one whose life, message and challenge is dedicated to men of all political, social and religious persuasions, that being the Reverend Sun Myung Moon:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Frank, Mayor of the City of Cody, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 2, 1974 as

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

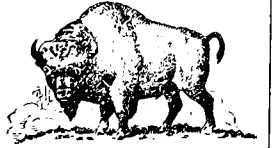
in Cody, and urge all citizens to cordially welcome Reverend Moon to our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Cody to be affixed.

George Frank
Mayor

PURE MOUNTAIN WATER HUB OF THE BIG HORN BASIN PAVED STREETS

Town of Greybull . . .



Greybull, Wyoming 82426

WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that the citizens of the City of Greybull are concerned with the growth of unity and understanding in our community and the preservation of the pioneer spirit which has made our country and state strong; and

WHEREAS, all responsible citizens are called upon to unite in recognition of the principles of freedom and equality upon which America is founded; and

WHEREAS, visiting in our midst is one whose life, message and challenge is dedicated to men of all political, social and religious persuasions, that being the Reverend Sun Myung Moon:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William Murdoch, Mayor of the City of Greybull, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 2, 1974 as

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Greybull and urge all citizens to cordially welcome Reverend Moon to our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Greybull to be affixed.

William Murdoch
Mayor

CITY OF WORLAND

Worland, Wyoming 82401

WHEREAS, the City of Worland has always exemplified the pioneer spirit and its citizens are concerned with the growth of unity and understanding in our community and state;

WHEREAS, all responsible citizens are called upon to unite in recognition of the principles of freedom and equality upon which America is founded; and

WHEREAS, visiting in our midst is one whose life, message and challenge is dedicated to men of all political, social, and religious persuasions, that being the Reverend Sun Myung Moon:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Norman Markuson, Mayor of the City of Worland, do hereby proclaim Tuesday, April 2, 1974 as

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Worland and urge all citizens to cordially welcome Reverend Moon to our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Worland to be affixed.

Norman Markuson
Mayor

Clarence W. Morrison, Mayor

Town of Lovell

Lovell, Wyoming 82431

March 14, 1974



WHEREAS, the citizens of the City of Lovell are proud of its pioneer heritage and hopes for the future and are concerned with the growth of unity and understanding in our community and state; and

WHEREAS, all responsible citizens are called upon to unite in recognition of the principles of freedom and equality upon which America is founded; and

WHEREAS, visiting in our midst is one whose life, message and challenge is dedicated to men of all political, social and religious persuasions, that being the Reverend Sun Myung Moon:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Clarence W. Morrison, Mayor of the City of Lovell, do hereby proclaim Tuesday April 2, 1974 as

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Lovell, and urge all citizens to cordially welcome Reverend Moon to our state.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Lovell to be affixed.

Clarence W. Morrison
Mayor

Council: JAMES WAGNER THALES A. HASKELL HERMAN FINK ALLEN SESSIONS
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Sioux Falls

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon delivered his message in Sioux Falls Friday night with no apparent incident of trouble, and spokesmen for the Unification Church criticized the treatment their leader received from the city.

The Rev. Mr. Moon, speaking through his interpreter, addressed an estimated 400 persons on "The New Future of Christianity" at the Downtown Holiday Inn. Uniformed policemen were evident during the speech and a number of young people stood outside the motel distributing leaflets critical of the Korean evangelist's message.

There was no evidence of the trouble feared by the motel management earlier in the week when they temporarily canceled the Rev. Mr. Moon's speech.

At a press conference Friday officials of the Unification Church criticized the Des Moines Register for an article it ran concerning the Rev. Mr. Moon's visit to the city and the Argus-Leader for reprinting the story.

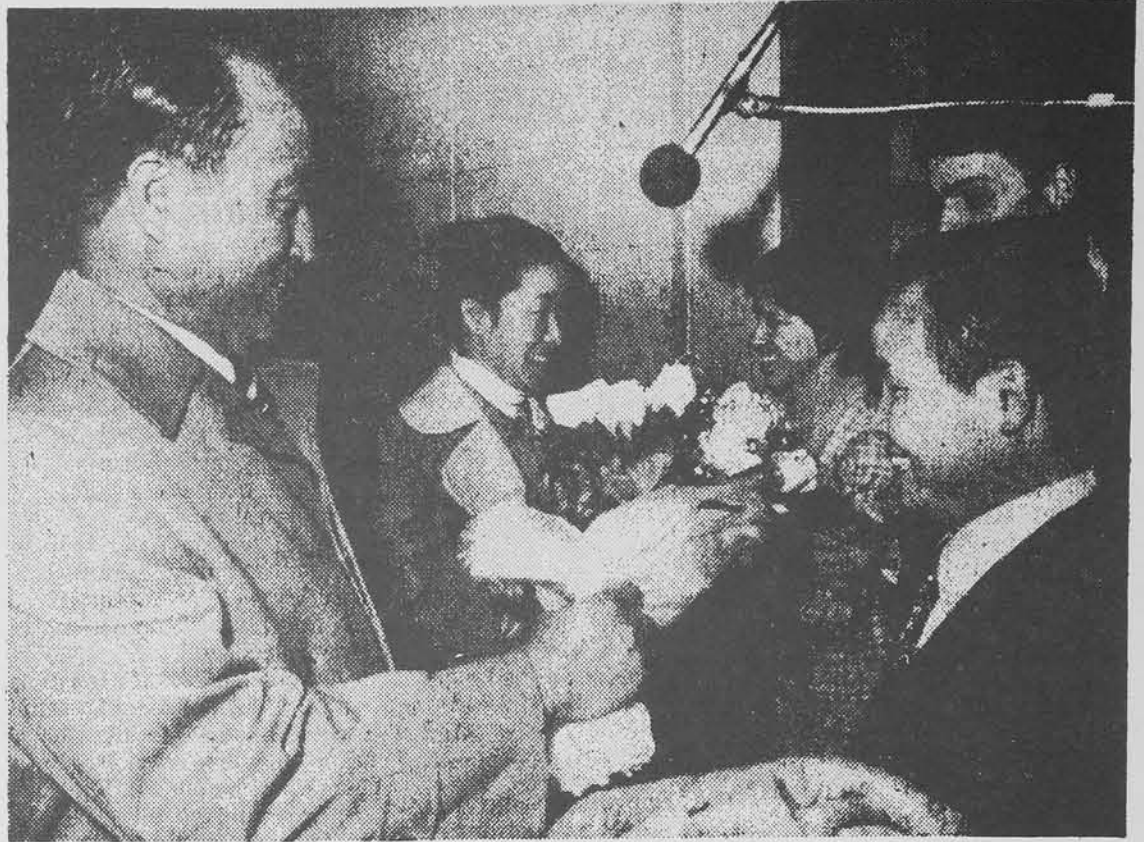
The article, which was critical of tactics used by some of the followers of the evangelist, was reprinted Sunday in the Argus-Leader with the permission of the Register.

Neil A. Salonen, president of the Unification Church of America, said that because of the article the Holiday Inn cancelled the speaking appearance and Gov. Richard Kneip and Mayor M. E. Schirmer rescinded documents honoring the evangelist during his visit to the city.

The motel rescheduled the Rev. Mr. Moon's speech after two days of talks between church officials and motel management, during which the church agreed to provide security to prevent any trouble during the religious leader's visit.

However, the documents remained rescinded even after the motel squabble was settled.

Salonen said the Unification Church was investigating the possibility of bringing legal action against the two papers.



Rev. Sun Myung Moon, left, was presented roses at his arrival at the Sioux Falls airport Thursday. With him were Ken Sudo, right, director of the One World Crusade, an arm of the Rev. Mr. Moon's Unification Church, and

his wife, in the background. Greeting them are Barbara Schnell and Lenn Collier, state director of the Unification Church. (Photo by Lloyd B. Cunningham)

—Argus-Leader
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Friday, April 5, 1974

Klaus Werner, director of the Unification Church in Iowa, defended the church in the incident reported by the Register. According to that article, a 19-year-old college freshman was committed to a psychiatric ward after attending workshops held by the evangelist's followers.

"Any mental disorder that came about," Werner said, "came about by the pressure put on him by his parents. We don't say that parents are devils or parents are evil. Parents are very important."

The officials denied that there was any political affiliation in the religious movement that strongly opposes communism.

"The opposition to communism," Salonen said, "is not political but theological."

In his speech the Rev. Mr. Moon called on his audience to prepare themselves for the second coming of Christ.

The Rev. Mr. Moon left Sioux Falls at 9:55 a.m. Saturday, according to Unification Church spokesman Kenji Ohnuki. The Rev. Mr. Moon was enroute to Fargo via Minneapolis aboard a North Central Airlines flight.

—Argus-Leader
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
April 5, 1974

below: The New Hope Singers (right) under the direction of Mr. Randolph Remmel (left) present the joyful harmonies of music and the reality of the brotherhood of all man. The choir sang at the banquet and at Our Master's speeches in each of the 21 cities and in all but the last two of the 32 cities.



Church, Inn Representatives Hold Meeting Over Cancellation

Officials and attorneys for the Unification Church and the Downtown Holiday Inn met Tuesday morning to discuss the possibility of working out an agreement following the hotel's cancellation Monday of an appearance by the church's leader, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

According to Lenn Collier, state director of the Unification Church, his group was never informed of the cancellation, but learned about it through the news media.

Phyllis Montis, convention manager at the hotel, said the group handling arrangements had been advised Monday morning of the Holiday Inn decision to cancel the event.

Collier and John Gridley III, attorney for the church group, met with hotel management to discuss the apparent misunderstanding.

The Rev. Mr. Moon was scheduled to speak at 8 p.m. Friday at the Holiday Inn on "The New Future of Christianity." According to Mrs. Montis, his appearance was canceled in "anticipation of possible trouble."

The Korean evangelist, who is making a 32-city speaking tour of the United States, is scheduled to arrive in Sioux Falls Thursday from Laramie, Wyo.

An article about his appearance in Des Moines was in the Argus-Leader Sunday. It was a copyrighted Des Moines Register story which the Argus-Leader obtained permission to reprint.

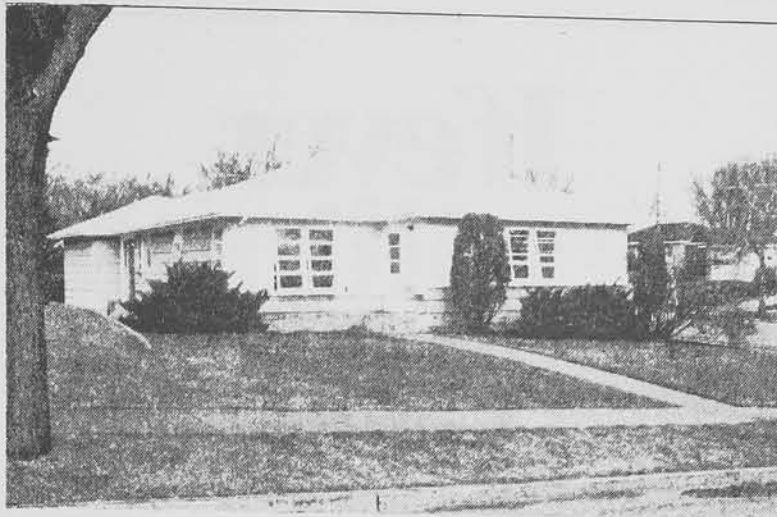
"The response of people (to the Des Moines article) has been very decisive," Collier said. "Some people have been very negative about Mr. Moon's visit. A large number of people have called us in support of his appearance."

Mrs. Montis said that after the article appeared the Holiday Inn received a number of calls critical of Mr. Moon's scheduled appearance.

Collier did not indicate whether the Unification Church was looking for an alternate location should the Holiday Inn fail to reschedule the Rev. Mr. Moon's appearance.

The Ramada Inn has been booked for a banquet Thursday evening honoring the Rev. Mr. Moon, billed as "The 1974 Day of Hope Dinner."

—Argus-Leader
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Tuesday, April 2, 1974



The headquarters of the Unification Church in the city, located at 2001 S. Lyndale Ave., has received a fresh coat of paint in preparation for a visit to Sioux Falls by the church's founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon. (Photo by Lloyd B. Cunningham.)

Holiday Inn, Church Talks Delayed; Spokesman Says Agreement Likely

By KEITH ADAIR
And DAVID H. SMITH
Argus-Leader Staff Writers

Talks between officials of the Unification Church and the management of the Downtown Holiday Inn, concerning the hotel's cancellation of a speech by the church's founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, have been postponed until Thursday, but a church spokesman said it appeared likely that the Korean evangelist would speak at the hotel Friday night as originally scheduled.

Tom Biermeier, innkeeper at the Holiday Inn, said Wednesday that the hotel's attorney was called out of town unexpectedly and talks between the two groups have been postponed until Thursday.

Lenn Collier, state director of the Unification Church, said the religious group is making no contingencies with efforts to find an alternate location for the Rev. Mr. Moon's speech on "The New Future of Christianity."

The approximately 45 members of the Unification Church continue their preparations for the visit to Sioux Falls by their leader as the church officials and hotel management wait to complete final arrangements.

The Rev. Mr. Moon is scheduled to arrive Thursday in Sioux Falls, his 25th stop on a 32-city speaking tour of the United States. He was scheduled to speak at the Holiday Inn Friday evening, but Monday the hotel management announced they had canceled his appearance.

After an article appeared Sunday in the Argus-Leader concerning the Rev. Mr. Moon's visit to Des Moines two weeks ago the Holiday Inn received a number of calls critical of the evangelist's scheduled visit, a spokesman for the hotel management said.

The article was a copyrighted story from the Des Moines Register which the Argus-Leader reprinted with the Register's permission.

Collier said he questioned the accuracy of the Des Moines story and said he felt he should have equal front page rights for the printing of a positive article about the Rev. Mr. Moon.

"Much of the negative literature," he said, "is said to be documented on stories which appeared in Time and Newsweek magazines, both of which were fallacious."

Collier and John Gridley III, attorney for the Unification Church, met with Holiday Inn



Lenn Collier

management Tuesday in an effort to negotiate a settlement.

In the meantime members of the Unified Family continue their preparations. Their "church," a residential dwelling at 2001 S. Lyndale Ave., is receiving a fresh coat of paint. Unification members who are from Sioux Falls live in the dwelling, but the church members who are not from the city are using local motel facilities.

E. G. Becker, city planning director, said an ordinance defines a single-family dwelling as one occupied by "one or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption occupying a dwelling unit as an individual housing organization."

The ordinance says further, "A family may not include more than two persons not related by blood, marriage or adoption except in the case of a bona fide foster home."

Becker said a church needs no rezoning but is required to provide off-street parking.

The rezoning procedure for other types of property normally takes about two months. An application for rezoning is received by the City Commission and referred to the City Planning Commission for its recommendations. A date for hearing of the application is then set by the city's governing body. Even if approved by the planning agency the proposal is subject to whatever action may follow the filing of a protest petition.

A Sioux Falls woman Wednesday complained of tactics used by a young woman who said she represented the church group in Sioux Falls.

Mrs. Pat Martin, 300 S. Lowell Ave., said a woman, believed to be in her early 20s, came to her door Tuesday afternoon. The young woman said she was from France and was going

door to door for the church group.

When Mrs. Martin said she was not interested the young woman asked if she was not interested because of what she had read in the paper.

Mrs. Martin said the woman stuck her foot in the door and wouldn't leave. Mrs. Martin said she (Mrs. Martin) kept shoving on the door to close it and asking her to leave.

Finally, Mrs. Martin said, "I told her to get out."

City Attorney Roger Schiager said the city has a "peddler-type" ordinance prohibiting door-to-door solicitations except by charitable, educational or religious organizations.

He said there is no ordinance applying to revival or evangelistic meetings.

The Chamber of Commerce reported that a representative of the Unified Family asked for information about the handling of fund drives by the Community Appeals Board but did not register his group with the board.

The board's function is to pass judgment on capital fund drives and solicitations in Sioux Falls.

A request for approval must be made at least 30 days in advance of the drive opening date. The applicant must fill out a detailed form setting forth the organization's past experience, telling who gets the money and including a financial statement.

Approval of a drive means that the applicant has complied with the standards of the Community Appeals Board, but does not imply the board's endorsement of the drive. The board makes no such endorsement.

Mayor M. E. Schirmer said no proclamation has been issued in conjunction with the visit of the Rev. Mr. Moon to the city.

Schirmer said he wouldn't be attending the Thursday night dinner and didn't expect to be meeting the visitor at the airport.

Earlier, the mayor said, however, that he authorized a certificate to be issued making Moon an honorary citizen of the city for a day.

Collier said that during this tour a group of people who are against the unification movement have been mailing negative literature about the Rev. Mr. Moon to the cities on his itinerary.

"Rev. Moon," Collier said, "because he is advocating a God centered ideology comes into conflict with the Communist ideology. As far as a lot of the demonstrations against him are concerned, they are Communist centered."

—Argus-Leader
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
Wednesday, April 3, 1974

Unification Church Founder To Give Address Here April 5

By KEITH ADAIR

Argus-Leader Staff Writer

With the ideal of bringing people together for unity in God to heal this country's wounds, the founder of the Unification Church has begun his third speaking tour of the United States.

Speaking on "The New Future of Christianity" The Rev. Sun Myung Moon will deliver his address in Sioux Falls April 5.

His speech will mark the first visit of the Korean religious leader to the city, but representatives of his movement have been in Sioux Falls nearly two years teaching the Divine Principle.

"Divine Principle," said Lenn Collier, mobile unit commander of the Unified Family in Sioux Falls, "explains how to grow closer to God, how we return love to God."

Collier said the goal of the Unification Church is to establish God's ideals of true love centered on the family unit by dedicating one's life to serving and considering others' needs before one's own.

Barbara Snell brought the teachings of The Rev. Mr. Moon to Sioux Falls from her native Washington, D.C., in the spring of 1972. The Family has grown since then, establishing centers in Brookings and Vermillion.

The Family also has opened a bakery in Sioux Falls, but its real occupation remains the teaching of Divine Principle.

"Our particular job here," Collier said, "is to teach a clear understanding of the Bible based on Divine Principle so the Bible can be a really viable instrument to live by every day."

The Rev. Mr. Moon established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity in 1954 in Korea. The movement came to the United States in 1959, and now has spread to more than 40 countries with a membership of over 2 million.

"We have come," Collier said, "to revitalize the teachings of true Christian principles."

"Divine Principle doesn't mean love by just accepting Christ but by actualizing his teachings," he said. "It's our portion of responsibility to continue the work begun by living out the principles on a day-to-day basis to restore a world centered on God."

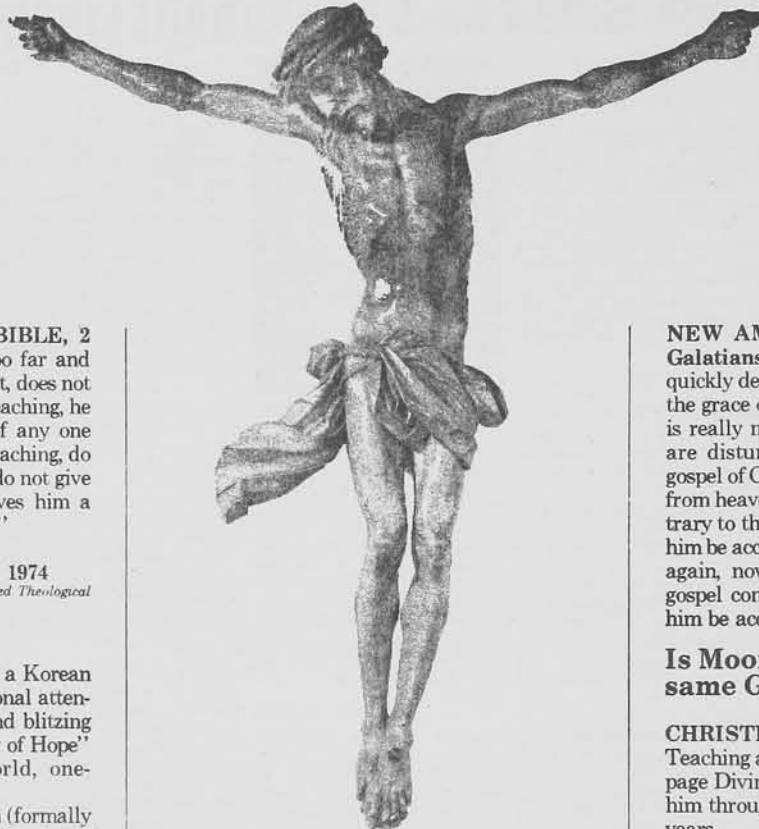
—Argus-Leader
Sioux Falls, South Dakota
March 3, 1974

If ever you were willing to listen, listen Now!

LIVING BIBLE, MATTHEW 11:15

"This is what I have asked of God for you: that you will be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love, and that you will have the rich experience of knowing Christ with real certainty and clear understanding. For God's secret plan, now at last made known, is Christ himself. In him lie hidden all the mighty, untapped treasures of wisdom and knowledge. I am saying this because I am afraid that someone may fool you with smooth talk."

LIVING BIBLE COLOSSIANS 2:2-4



NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE, 2 John 1: 9-11. "Any one who goes too far and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God; the one who abides in the teaching, he has both the Father and the Son. If any one comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house, and do not give him a greeting; for the one who gives him a greeting participates in his evil deeds."

CHRISTIANITY TODAY, March 1, 1974
(Note: Christianity Today is one of the most respected Theological Journals in the Christian World)

"An Oriental Moon is rising in the Occidental sky."

It's the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, a Korean evangelist who has been gaining national attention through his pro-Nixon rallies and blitzing the United States with four-day "Day of Hope" conferences to spread his one-world, one-religion faith.

Moon heads the Unification Church (formally the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity). He is beginning another lecture circuit of thirty-two cities this month. Those drawn to hotel ballroom banquets and Day of Hope sermons -- and those who seriously inquire about membership -- find a strange, unorthodox theology and austere regimentation suggestive of the militaristic Children of God sect."

THE DES MOINES REGISTER, Tuesday March 26, 1974
ARGUS LEADER, Sunday March 31, 1974

Rev. Moon Sews Seeds of Controversy During Des Moines Ministry.

Korean evangelist Rev. Sun Myung Moon has left Des Moines. He left with a key to the city, money raised by his persistent followers and the souls of a few Iowans.

He left behind one college student whose parents committed him to a psychiatric ward; one young girl who rejected conversion because "somehow I couldn't accept their arguments that my parents were the devil working against me," one local organizer who apparently is an illegal alien; and questions over the committing of the boy, a matter in which the Iowa Civil Liberties Union (ICLU), is on the side of Moon's followers.

This is the story primarily of the boy, 19, and the girl, 18, of how they were happily riding their bikes near Greenwood Park in Des Moines a few days ago, and of how their lives have been changed -- some might say ruined -- by a chance encounter that day with two disciples of the evangelist. They and their parents have asked that their names not be used in this story.

The story has not yet ended.
Quotations from Des Moines Register used by permission.

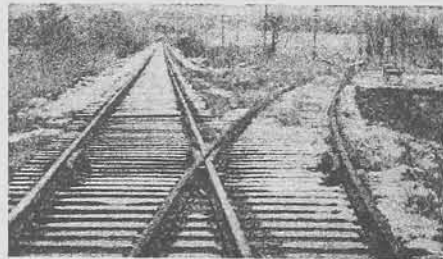
KING JAMES VERSION BIBLE, John 19:30 "It is finished."

KING JAMES VERSION, John 17:4
"I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do."

TIME MAGAZINE, OCTOBER 15, 1973
According to Time, this is what Rev. Moon is reported to have said.
"Jesus was supposed to be a second Adam, creating the perfect family. His crucifixion, before he had a chance to marry, redeemed mankind spiritually, but not physically -- a task left over for the Lord of the Second Advent."

"His religious endeavors, which began, as he tells it, with a vision of Jesus Christ on a Korean mountainside in 1936, a vision that told young Moon "to carry out my undone task"."

These young followers of Sun Myung Moon who knock on the doors of our homes in Sioux Falls are very sincere . . . but are they headed in the right direction?



NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE, Galatians 1:6-9. "I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him (Jesus) who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you, and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to that which we have preached to you, let him be accursed. As we have said before, so I say again, now if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to that which you received, let him be accursed."

Is Moon preaching the same Gospel?

CHRISTIANITY TODAY, March 1, 1974. Teaching and doctrine are based on Moon's 536-page Divine Principles, which, he says, came to him through revelation and mediation over the years.

TIME, October 15, 1973. His (Moon's) book of doctrine, DIVINE PRINCIPLE, appeared in 1957, quickly to become the Bible of his followers. The book points to a new Saviour from Korea, whose timing is remarkably similar to Moon's.

NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE Acts 1:11. CHRIST WILL RETURN. "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven."

CHRISTIANITY TODAY, March 1, 1974. In *Divine Principle*, by Sun Myung Moon, on page 500, Moon rejects the scriptural account of Christ return. Moon rejects this account on the grounds that "it is absolutely incomprehensible to the intellect of modern man that the Lord would come on the clouds"

Concerned Christians in Sioux Falls and throughout the nation bring you these viewpoints and the Word of God in regard to the activities and "prophetic insight" being preached by Sun Myung Moon. We urge you to be cautious. Study your Bible, ask the Lord for guidance and consult your Pastor, Priest, Minister or Rabbi.

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FAITH AND UNITY - GOD'S HOPE FOR MAN

It is with deepest sincerity and gratitude that we of the International One World Crusade offer you our prayers and hope for Christ's message as it is proclaimed in your city.

In our travels throughout America, we have found that God's true desire to experience a vital life with man is only fulfilled by man's faithful response and active participation in His Plan. For this purpose, the Heavenly Father loves mankind as His lost children, and is anxiously preparing for the Day of Hope when his prodigal children will return home to Him.

As in the time of Jesus Christ, God today is guiding us through a test of faith and loyalty to His dispensation. So, in this most important time, Our Heavenly Father has been seeking keen and attentive people with whom He may realize the foundation for His long awaited desire... The Kingdom of Heaven on Earth.

We of the International One World Crusade prayerfully invite you to come to recognize God's need in this great and terrible day. We ask you to become concerned Christians and to bear the message of hope revealed through the sacrifice of Christ Our Lord.

At the age of sixteen on Easter morning, Sun Myung Moon received a vision of Jesus Christ. Reverend Moon's God-given gift was that, even as a boy, he felt and wept for the suffering heart of God and the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. With this yearning heart for God, Reverend Moon began his spiritual search of scripture into the hidden meanings of the parables and symbols of the Bible. The Divine Principle revelation was the culminating biblical and historical clarification given by God for Reverend Moon to proclaim throughout the world.

Reverend Moon gives through his spiritual insight, new clarity to the responsibility of men desiring to live a Christ-centered life. In order to fulfill his historical mission, Reverend Moon suffered severe persecution and torture under the atheistic Communist Regime of North Korea.

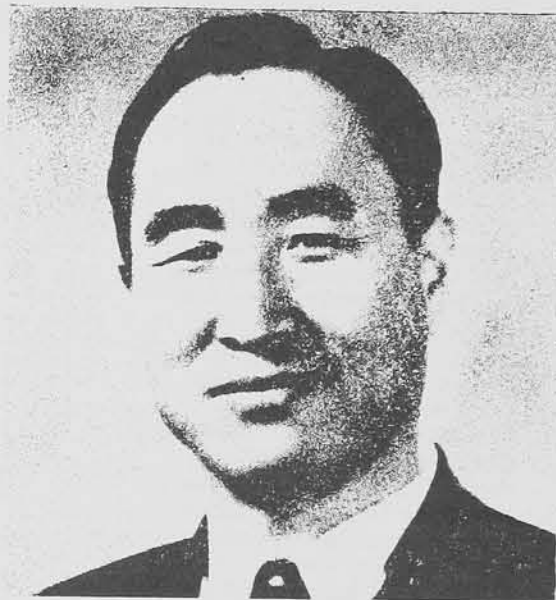
To those who have met the Reverend Moon in the spirit of Christian brotherhood, Reverend Moon has exemplified in his life the spirit of sacrifice and selflessness of Jesus Christ.

"Never in my life have I been so convinced that a man is the epitome of what I think Christ would be, should he actually be here in the flesh. I have seen no other man today going on a more direct route to kingdom building, family building, than Rev. Moon."

—Pastor William H. Luke,
Los Angeles CA

Reverend Moon has recently been making headlines throughout the country because of his 21-city speaking tour. His controversial "Watergate Declaration" has been published by concerned citizens in the major newspapers of all 50 states. It has inspired hundreds of thousands with its message to work for unity under God in healing our country's wounds.

His challenging message of unification comes at a time when it is sorely needed. Thousands who have heard him speak have felt new inspiration from his common-sense approach to scripture and his deep insight into prophecy.



The warm response Reverend Moon found on his recent tour inspired him to immediately launch his 1974 Day of Hope tour to 32 new cities from February 16 to April 20, thereby fulfilling God's command to carry this crusade to all 50 states. We invite you to hear Reverend Moon speak with prophetic insight on "The New Future of Christianity" on Friday, April 5th at 8:00 p.m. in the Downtown Holiday Inn. Complimentary tickets are available at the door, or by calling 334-0286. It will be an evening you won't soon forget.

Sponsored by the International One World Crusade

Missionaries Arrive to Support Moon

Seventy members of the International One World Crusade, the evangelical missionary branch of the Unification Church, are in the Fargo area through April 7 working to invite area residents to the Palm Sunday "New Future of Christianity" presentation of the Unification Church's founder, the Korean evangelist Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Led by the Rev. Martin Porter, president of the Unification Church of Italy, the international team's membership represents nine European and Asian countries, plus the United States.

Commenting on his team's purpose during their stay here, Rev. Porter said, "There have been so many inaccurate rumors circulated about Rev. Moon, his work and beliefs, that we feel explanation through personal contact is the best way to bring the truth out. We will be meeting Fargo residents and inviting them personally to Rev. Moon's talk. These young people are tremendously dedicated in giving their lives to God. The "New Future of Christianity" talk will be about the life of Jesus Christ and His second coming. We as Christians are very concerned about preparing the world for this event. These are some important topics we feel everyone in the area should have a chance to hear about."

Rev. Porter has led the Unification Church of Italy since 1967. His work there has concentrated on the Christian conversion of communists (an effort which earned him a position on the blacklist of the Italian Communist Party), and the translation of theology books from various languages into Italian. He was asked to come to Fargo by Rev. Moon.

The Korean evangelist's talk will be at 8:00 p.m. April 7, in the Great Hall of the Fargo Holiday Inn. Refreshments and fellowship will follow the talk.

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Editorial

Fear of Moon builds walls at Concordia

Before I built a wall I'd ask to know
What I was walling in or walling out,
And to whom I was like to give offense.

Robert Frost

There are new walls being built on Concordia's campus. Some of them are made of mortar and brick while others are composed of fear and confusion and hate.

Walls are not necessarily bad. After all, they do hold up the roof and keep out the rain. We have a right to be proud of the new swimming pool and the student life center, for their walls represent financial achievement in a time of money crunches. They are also student buildings, places designed for social as well as academic interchange.

But then, there are those other walls, and sad to say, some of us are even proud of them. These are the psychological walls built with molecules of fear and atoms of hatred. They take on many forms-- academic, political, social and religious.

The funny thing about these walls is that they do nothing to build, and they are more resilient to change than any building material known to man.

The latest wall was built two weeks ago when a man came to speak in Fargo. Sun Myung Moon claimed that he had new insights into the Christian faith. Perhaps he did, perhaps not. He claimed that God revealed a new truth to him. Maybe God did; maybe He didn't. That's not what's important right now.

What is important is the wall that was built because some of the members of this community closed their ears and eyes and opened their mouths. . . and proclaimed Moon to be a heretic.

We're not asking you to accept Moon's philosophy but we are asking you to listen and critically evaluate what he (or any other speaker) has to say. He might not be right but we have no right to judge without first hearing what he has to say.

What are we afraid of? Are we afraid that our faith will crumble because a new philosophy is introduced which runs counter to ours? Are we afraid that our faith will lose followers because the other religion may have something to offer people that ours lacks?

Maybe those questions are too personal to be answered in an editorial. But we are certain of one thing. If we are honest Christians and believe what we have been preaching and studying, then nothing that Moon or any other man says should affect our faith in a negative way. As it was, we built and exhibited for all the community to see, a wall of fear.

That is the most recent wall, but it is certainly not the only one on this campus. There are many walls, carrying such notable names as racism, sexism, intervisitation, and birth control.

There is only one way to topple these walls of hate and fear--and that is to do as Frost suggests. Perhaps it is time, in these last weeks of the semester to discover what it is that we are "walling in or walling out" . . . for it is only through that discovery that we can break out of the bonds of fear that have been holding us.

SG

To the Editor

Truthfulness is open-minded

To the Editor:

The events of the past week have again shown what an open campus Concordia has and how receptive it is to divergent viewpoints.

A religious group made up of the followers of a certain Sun Myung Moon visited our campus and were received in this way: a letter was sent to every student on campus calling Sun a heretic and claiming his teachings were blasphemous and a "prostitution of the faith." This letter was signed by the Religion Commissioner. Also a friend of mine on campus personally witnessed one of the members of this religious sect being ordered to get off campus by an administration member.

Now, I am very skeptical myself about a group such as this that claims all of the answers and come from a "Holier than Thou" attitude, but it makes me sick that a number of people on our campus are so close-minded themselves that they won't even listen or allow others to listen to views different than their own.

One of the people who wrote to the editor advocating that these religious followers be kicked off campus said that this was necessary for a number of theological reasons, but gave only one-- a practical reason; he said that a boy and girl had been treated for shock in Iowa after a conversion experience with this sect.

I would like to ask that person how many people he thinks are in mental institutions today because of the adverse psychological effects of a strict Christian upbringing and how many people have been slaughtered in the "name of God" during war times. It is obvious that Religion in all of its forms has had some very negative side-effects.

Both Sun Myung Moon's followers and many of Concordia's Christians claim a sole grasp on the truth which probably is something that would be very hard to change but at least we can begin that long hard trek on the journey to understanding by listening to what

each other has to say-- so that we have a true religious atmosphere here on campus and not just a white, middle-class, midwestern Christian atmosphere.

Mark J. Johnson

The Letter- Writers' Forum

Rev. Moon Has Vital Message

To The Editor:

I was somewhat disappointed to see such a subjective and interpretive article as the "Christianity Today" reprint about the Rev. Sun Myung Moon (Forum, March 22) appear in your newspaper. It conveys so many incorrect impressions about the man and his work that it may serve to turn people's attitudes against Rev. Moon's message; and this message is a vital one, one that can redirect the course of our highly technological society out of its impersonal labyrinth and onto a clear path leading to the living God.

Clarifying all the misstated points in that article would take several additional articles, so I'll touch on some major points only.

1. Rev. Moon will not be talking about "his one world, one religion faith" when he speaks in Fargo April 7. His "New Future of Christianity" talk centers on the life of Jesus Christ and prophecies concerning His second coming.

2. Contrary to the impression made by the article, marriage and the family unit are recognized in the Unification Church as being sacred and necessary for a healthy society. Divorce is not accepted, except in cases of unfaithfulness. Some couples, when joining the church, choose to separate for a period of time to deepen their individual commitments to God, and then each other. I know of no couples within this church whose marriages have failed.

3. Rev. Moon does not believe that Richard Nixon's leadership is "divinely ordained"! He has said that God could work through the office of the presidency to guide this country if Nixon would turn to Him and seek His will.

4. The "strange, unorthodox theology" of the church is based on the Bible and accepts Jesus Christ as the true Son of God. Some of its points display a deepened understanding of the continuity and total message of Scripture, and some of the conclusions of the theology have never been expressed before.

Donna J. McMillin
Secretary, Fargo
Unification Church

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Rev. Sun Myung Moon, left, meets Mrs. Lyla mada Inn. At center is Col. Bo-Hi Pak, Moon's interpreter. (Forum Photo by Gerry Vuchetich)

Korean Evangelist Outlines Beliefs about Jesus Christ

By NANCY EDMONDS
Staff Writer

Touring Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon claims authority to reveal truths about Jesus Christ's mission on earth "because I met Jesus."

The controversial 54-year-old South Korean national told about 500 people in Fargo on Palm Sunday, "He (Jesus) revealed to me the total truth. I also heard John the Baptist confess what was wrong with his mission. After that the Bible takes on a whole new meaning."

Moon, who lectured at the Fargo Holiday Inn, said Jesus Christ's mission on earth failed partially because the Jews did not recognize him as the Messiah.

Comparing the Bible's symbols and parables to a Central Intelligence Agency code, the evangelist said the Jews were blinded by their expectations of a literal interpretation to the Old Testament prophecy about Elijah's coming again.

Moon added that John the Baptist failed in his mission to prepare the Jewish nation for Christ's arrival.

God's plan had to have Christ establish an early kingdom, Moon said. When rejected by the Chosen People, God assured Man's salvation by the resurrection.

Moon said it was an un-

necessary sacrifice, paying the price demanded after the people's failure to accept Christ as the Messiah.

Total salvation or establishing the kind of heaven on earth is still in the future, Moon said. So Christ must come again.

Moon spoke through an interpreter, Bo-Hi Pak, who translated Moon's words with a preacherlike fervor of his own. The evangelist himself spoke in rapid-fire Korean with vigorous gestures and traditional revival exhortations, pacing back and forth behind the podium.

During Moon's speech, a thin but steady trickle of people left the audience.

As spectators had arrived earlier at the Holiday Inn, they were given two-page mimeograph copies of a point by point criticism of Moon and his Unification Church. The allegations were credited to Concerned Christians and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, both of Louisville, Ky.

Distributing the material were four members of Lighthouse Ministries, a group of 10 to 15 people not affiliated with a specific local church but including several members from Calvary Baptist Church of Fargo.

One of them said they stood at the edge of the driveway because they had

been told to stay off Holiday Inn property with their leaflets.

On Saturday night, about 180 people attended a banquet featuring Moon and his New Hope Choir, an accomplished chorus of young Unification Church members who have been traveling with Moon on his current 32-city tour.

Welcoming telegrams from North Dakota Sens. Milton Young and Quentin Burdick as well as Rep. Mark Andrews were read both nights.

About 70 Unification Church members from other points of the United States and other foreign countries spent a month in Fargo-Moorhead in advance of Moon's coming, canvassing the town, from door to door. They attended both the speech and banquet, traveling in a fleet of large vans licensed in Virginia.

Moon's tour which included a speech in Sioux Falls, S.D., Friday night, takes him to Missoula, Mont., Tuesday.

During his lecture, Moon pointed to a "heartbreaking thing," that "those who criticized me in advance" of his speech "didn't have the decency to come and hear me first."



Rev. Sun Myung Moon

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'The New Future Of Christianity'

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean founder of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, or Unification Church, will make a public appearance Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Governors Room of the Florence Hotel.

The Unification Church, which promotes a goal of world Christian unity, was founded in 1954 and has grown to a membership of more than two million persons in 40 countries.

Moon, a controversial figure wherever he goes, will speak on "The New Future of Christianity." He is on his third speaking tour of the United States, beginning in Portland, Maine, in February and ending April 20 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Members of the Unification Church in Missoula will host a "Day of Hope" dinner Monday at the Edgewater Restau-

rant at 7 p.m. Seventy members of the international One World Crusade, the mobile-team of the church, have preceded Moon to prepare for and publicize his speech. Touring with Rev. Moon are the International New Hope Singers, his 55-member choir.

Born in Pyungan Buk-Do, North Korea, Moon is said to have experienced a childhood of prayer and meditation, and claims that Jesus appeared to him at the age of 16, telling him he would have a mission in the fulfillment of God's will.

He spent the next nine years in preparation and study, beginning his public ministry after the liberation of Korea from Japanese occupation. Moon was later arrested by Communists and sent to a prison camp for about three years, until his re-

lease in 1950 during the Allied northern offensive in the Korean War. He officially began his church in 1954.

The Unification Principle revolves around the contradictions of man's life and the hope created by promise of uniting conflicting elements of the world, such as idealism and materialism, religion and science, in the search for truth.

The emblem of the Unification Church symbolizes the unification of Christianity. A circle in the center presents God, the 12 rays coming from the center represent 12 gates to the new Jerusalem mentioned in the Book of Revelations, and the arrows encircling the symbol represent the universal give and take among God, man and creation that is the basis for harmony and union.

Rev. Moon claims to foresee an age of goodness if peoples of the world will seek God's will and unify around it, and he envisions the "Kingdom of Heaven on Earth" as a possibility through strengthening Christian foundation and understanding God's will. Moon believes that the United States is the key nation from which to spread this unity, saying that God has directed him to carry this message to the American people in the form of three public speaking tours.

The general introduction of the Unification book, "Divine Principle," predicts a "new truth" which will unite all denominations of Christianity.

However, it says, this truth cannot come from man's research,

but "this truth must appear as a revelation from God Himself." And, it says, that this new truth has already appeared — "God has sent His messenger to resolve the fundamental questions of life and the universe. His name is Sun Myung Moon."

The text goes on to say that he has "wandered in a vast spiritual world in search of the ultimate truth;" and in this way, came in contact with saints in paradise, including Jesus, and "has thus brought into light all the heavenly secrets through his communion with God."

Moon and his followers have established several international organizations, including the Freedom Leadership Foundation — to promote their principles and refute Marxist ideas.

Churchmen Refute Moon's Claim to Christianity

Rev. Sun Myung Moon is touted and praised by many who hear him because of the message of hope he gives them. But, on the other hand, many see him as a threat to Christianity, a "false prophet."

Members of the Evangelical Ministerial Alliance of Missoula have what they call "documented proof" that Rev. Moon is not what he proclaims to be. In a mimeographed article brought to The Missoulian, a group of "Concerned Christians," with a return address from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky., have outlined research done in the last two years from observation of the Unification Church and its activities.

The report says that Moon and members of the church are involved in occult practices — palm reading, clairvoyance, telepathy, communication with the dead and reincarnation, citing sources from Time magazine, the Christian Campus Liberation Front and enrollment of church leaders in a "Psychic Phenomena" class at the University of Louisville.

One of the One World Crusade members who has preceded Moon to Missoula, Ulrike Schutz, told The Missoulian that Moon's divine inspiration comes from meditation and

prayer and from years of searching for the truth. His deep understanding of God and His will comes from his relationship with the spiritual world, she said. "It's not like he was contacting somebody's dead uncle," she said in defense.

The researchers criticize Moon's practice of performing weddings en masse, with couples living together in communal missions and separated by Moon at will. They say, therefore, that Moon rationalizes adultery (divorce and remarriage), because he is married to his second wife, citing a passage from the Bible, "Whosoever putteth away his wife, and marieth another, committeth adultery; and whosoever marieth her that is put away from her husband committeth adultery." (Luke 16:18).

The Missoula Alliance members and the persons compiling report are concerned that Moon is trying to convince people that he is Jesus Christ, the "second coming." The researchers say that in personal interviews with leaders of the Unification Church, they were told that "Jesus Christ had already returned to earth, except he had a different name and was born in Korea. Some refrained from identifying who he was while others openly confessed

that Moon was Christ." The report says that in a book by Moon, Divine Principle, the minister rejects the scriptural account of Christ's return (descending upon the clouds of heaven), and that Moon says God has sent him as the interpreter of the Bible. His authority comes from Christ because he claims to have been in heaven and to have met Jesus Christ and John the Baptist, according to passages cited in the report from the Courier Journal.

Schutz said Moon considers himself a prophet of the second coming, a modern-day John the Baptist. She said members of the church believe in a "kingdom of heaven on earth," using the Lord's Prayer as inspiration — "... Thy will be done, on earth as in Heaven ..." Schutz said the world is God's Creation, and Unification people believe that goodness and love can come forth in His creation, on Earth.

Also according to the report, the book Divine Principle says the crucifixion of Christ was not sufficient for the complete redemption of fallen man, because Jesus could not fulfill redemption into spiritual and physical since he died before marrying. The report cites an article in Christianity Today (March 1, 1974) as saying that

the Unification Church believes that marriage is a prerequisite to salvation, and to be saved, one must work to pay off the "indemnity" of his parents. A Bible passage is again quoted, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; nor of works, lest any man should boast." (Ephesians 2:8-9).

The writers of the report also criticize Moon's apparent wealth, citing passages from articles in Time and Christianity Today, which say that his holdings in various enterprises may point to America's "affluence rather than influence" having "something to do with the Unification Church's concentration of efforts here ..." The articles also say that Moon and his family live in a 35-room stone mansion near Barrytown, N.Y.

Schutz countered the accusations by saying that Moon "may have a big car and house, but he spends very little time there, has very little time to relax, and when he is at home, why not be able to have a nice place?"

Members of the Ministerial Alliance and the research group refute Rev. Moon's claim to Christianity, saying that Moon's

message defends the following propositions which contradict the Bible's teaching:

"That the reason for a second coming is because God aborted the first salvation tried by Jesus when the people sinned and failed to understand Jesus as Messiah."

"The second coming of the Lord will be to restore man to his original good and perfection."

And that Moon "warned against blind faith in the Bible and stated that nobody has understood Christianity until now because they didn't have the benefit of the special revelations which God has given to him alone."

Bible passages refuting these ideas are John 17:4 — "I have finished the work which Thou gavest me to do;" Matthew 24:4, 5 and 24:23-25, warning against false prophets and false Christs.

In conclusion, the report states "This brochure represents the concern of clergy and laymen of Baptist, Church of Christ, Presbyterian and Pentecostal persuasions ..." The Missoula Evangelical Ministerial Alliance has also purchased an advertisement in The Missoulian, warning citizens against the message of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

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STREET CORNER EXHORTATIONS — Yasuko Takahashi shouts of her faith Tuesday at the corner of Higgins and Broadway while Seiichi Ohkawa waits his turn. Other disciples of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon gave vocal witness

downtown, occasionally darting into traffic to pass out pamphlets and exhort drivers to listen to Moon's remarks Tuesday night. See story on Page 2. (Staff Photo by Harley Hettick)

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Moon Sees Christ's Early Return

By HEIDI GASSER
Missoulian Staff Writer

To Christians the world over, there is a promise that one day Christ will make a second appearance on earth. The Bible does not specify a particular time or place, but says "they will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory." (Matthew 24:30)

Traveling throughout the United States on his third national speaking tour has been Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a Korean who is proclaiming the second coming of Christ within our lifetime. Moon, with the aid of an interpreter, Bo Hi Pak, spoke in Missoula Monday and Tuesday nights.

Preceding the founder of the Unification Church has been the establishment of a Unified Family Center in Missoula as early as last summer, and a group of about 70 of Moon's followers, members of One World Crusade (the mobile unit of the church), who came to Missoula two weeks ago to publicize Moon's coming.

Controversy Follows

With these people and the publicity came controversy. Letters and documented articles were sent to local ministers and to The Missoulian from churches in cities where Moon had been. These churchmen are concerned that Moon is purporting to be Jesus Christ, that he is a false prophet.

Moon's prophecy, although he uses many passages from the Bible, is much different from the Bible, because he claims to have had revelations from God on how to interpret it. He said that the book was written in code and that God occasionally sends someone to tell the world what it means. This is the explanation for the deviation in ideas from the way the Bible is traditionally taught.

At a press conference Monday afternoon his interpreter delved into some of the basic ideas underlying the beliefs of the Unification Church.

As Moon said in his speech Tuesday at the Florence Hotel, man has come under the rule of Satan since the fall of Adam and Eve, and therefore, God has had to wage a war with the devil, laying a foundation for the coming of His son, who would restore the world to perfection. The first coming failed, Moon said, because Christ was crucified, something Moon claims was logically not the will of God.

So there has to be a second coming, to carry out God's plan for a perfect world, Moon claims, and this second coming is at hand. Pak, his interpreter, explained at the news conference (Moon was not there) that this year has been singled out according to the historical pattern of events related in the Bible.

Cornerstones

The first 2,000 years constituted the first cornerstone, from Adam and Eve to Abraham, the so-called founder of the faith. The next cornerstone was the preparation for the first



KOREAN PREACHER Sun Myung Moon exhorts audience at Florence Hotel to accept his doctrine of early return of Christ and to join his Unification Church. Religious writer Lester Kinsolving has characterized Moon as like "Charlie Chan in convulsions." (Staff Photo by Randy Rasmussen)

coming of Christ, which failed, Pak said, so Jesus promised to return because his mission was left undone; thus, another 2,000-year cycle.

The fact that Moon received this revelation from God points to the second coming soon, otherwise there would be no use for God to do this, Pak said. Pak neither denied nor admitted that Moon was Jesus Christ, saying, "Rev. Moon has never told me he is. I know him as an instrument of God." But he did admit that Unification thought points to Korea as the place where Jesus will appear. He said this was based on something from the book of Revelations about Christ "coming from the East."

Everyone is born of a false, satanic lineage, Pak said, and will have to be purified by Christ's coming. Those most blessed, he explained, will be people who are living when he comes, those who accept him in the flesh. Once deprived of the flesh (once they are dead) they are deprived of the opportunity to instantaneously become perfect. Pak said—Without the body, the soul cannot become perfected.

During this time of perfecting man, Pak said, a second heaven will be created on earth. However, according to his explanation, eventually all men from this earthly heaven will go to the true heaven, and even those who were dead, therefore doomed, would be saved and eventually go to heaven. Man is indestructible, he said, once born, we are here for eternity. It will merely take time, perhaps millions of years, to perfect all men after Christ has come to earth a second time, said Pak, and those who accept him and become a divine spirit, will go to the high heaven.

Perfect Family

Marriage is essential to salvation, according to Unification principle, because God formed man in two images of himself—one female and one male, and together they represent God 100 per cent. The "Lord of the Second Advent" will marry, it is written in their book, Divide Principle, to establish a perfect family, from which the ideal world will begin.

Pak said there is no restriction on the number of children members should have. He said they believe that the world has an infinite capacity and that shortages are the result of mismanagement.

Moon presented his speech in Korean, and has been described by religious columnist Lester Kinsolving as "neither quietly Confucian or Shangri-La-like," coming on like "Charlie Chan in convulsions" with "alternately howled and hissed blend of clichés, simply fundamentalism, oriental incomprehensibilities and anticommunism."

Many have questioned the group's source of funding for such activities as the banquet Monday night at the Edgewater Restaurant where invited guests were served New York steaks without charge. Moon reportedly lives in a 35-room mansion near Barrytown, N.Y., and the sect owns property throughout the United States. Local leader Robin Kuhl said that funding comes from members' sale of silk-screen printed cards, tea and decorative items, and that they are not backed by any large organizations or contributions.

'Militaristic' Tactics

Local ministers have reported encountering "militaristic" tactics from Unification people who travel with Moon and attempts to squelch any opposing movement. Several ministers passed out literature expressing their concern about Moon's teaching and citing Bible passages that the oriental has set into dispute with his revelations, at the banquet and at Moon's speech. One minister reported that members of the church group told them to "get off" the property (the Edgewater premises outside the restaurant) and that they couldn't pass out their literature.

The minister said, "They were constantly hassling us, and finally a young Korean man gave us a little shove, saying 'Get out of here.'" This happened several times, he said, and one of the members apparently called the police to remove the ministers. Permission was asked of the restaurant manager to stay and they were allowed to.

"I have a feeling," the minister said, "that if there hadn't been a lot of people around that they (Unification members) wouldn't have hesitated to force us out of here. They're trying to unify the churches by force."

The reaction of one Florence Hotel employe was "Ick. I'm glad they're gone." She said the hotel management had nothing but problems while Moon and his entourage stayed there, with wanting to change rooms, reserving rooms and canceling, asking guests to leave, complaining because the rooms weren't clean, and bringing their own maid in.

Members of the Missoula Ministerial Association who distributed literature against Moon's teachings did emphasize, however, that the workers who invited people to Moon's speech, were courteous, friendly and respectful, and that the association does not question the sincerity of commitment of the local Unified Family members.

Moon skeptics include ministers

Editor's Note: This is the first part of a two-part news analysis and feature sequence about evangelist Sun Myung Moon and the Unified Family, a religious commune.

By Roger King
Montana Kaimin Reporter

Called a modern-day John the Baptist by an estimated 2 million of his followers, and an "aging, oriental Marjoe" by his detractors, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean evangelist, visited his Montana flock of the faithful, the curious, and the skeptical in Missoula last week.

news analysis

The Rev. Moon, who mixes fundamental Christianity and anti-communism in his revival tours across the country, is the inspirational leader to an international following of mostly college educated persons who have given up lucrative jobs to sell everything from peanuts to propaganda and preach unselfish service to mankind and the doctrines of the "Divine Principle."

The "Principle" is a 536-page book written over a number of years by the Rev. Moon after God revealed himself to the reverend one Easter morning on a mountaintop in Korea.

The "Divine Principle," a sort of "Book of Mormon" to the Moonites, and called by one critic "Moon's recipe book of Salvation," attempts to explain the parables, hidden truths and symbols of the Bible. The text of the message combines a mixture of Ying-Yang Dualism (masculine and feminine, positive and negative), and homey parables, which one critic likened to the "deceptiveness and simplicity of a Conoco energy ad."

According to the "Principle," man's problems began with the Fall of Adam and Eve. Eve does not eat the forbidden fruit of the tree described in the Bible, but fornicates with the devil symbolized by the serpent. Thus begins the Hell on earth.

Critics say that Moon's version of the Fall is the result of a linguistic

misinterpretation of the Bible. They find a striking similarity between a Korean slang term that "to eat the fruit of a woman, or to pick the fruit of a woman" means to fornicate with her."

The Christian world has been promised that one day Christ will make a second appearance. Mathew 24:30 says: "They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of Heaven with power and great glory." According to the Rev. Moon, "Christ will be born as a man out of the masses."

Again, critics site this as another example of misinterpretation. "Mool," which in Korean means "water," is formed from the same root as "Muri" meaning "the people, or the masses." And Moon writes: "What, then, is the word "clouds" likened to? Clouds denote that which is vaporized (purified) from the dirty water on the earth."

Moon also claims that "Jesus Christ will come again in our time." According to Moon, Christ did not accomplish his mission with the first coming because the people sinned and failed to understand Jesus as a Messiah, and that Christ only consummated a limited goal and will come back to continue that mission.

The "Divine Principle" states that Jesus will arise in the East. Japan worshipped Amaterasuomkami, a mythological god, for centuries and persecuted Christians in Korea during the 1910-1945 Japanese occupations. For this reason and because China is a communist nation, Moon claims that Christ will arise only in Korea.

At a press conference in the Florence Hotel, Col. Bo Hi Pak, Moon's interpreter and special assistant, was asked if Moon was the Christ. Pak answered that "the Rev. Moon has not told me he is Jesus," but added, "God's announcement of the second coming may be through the Rev. Moon."

The Rev. Moon has not attended a press conference since the tour began, and according to an aide, Moon's "busy schedule" including

time devoted to prayers and meditation does not allow him time to personally attend.

"The Rev. Moon spends half his life on his knees," Pak said.

According to Pak, the Rev. Moon sees the Watergate crisis as a test of the United States's durability of faith before its 200th anniversary. Moon writes in his "Answer to the Watergate Crisis," a 16-page pamphlet of political Moonisms that "America is slowing killing her president."

"A bullet killed Kennedy," Moon writes. "This time the 'Bullet' of hatred is capable of destroying not only the President, but the nation with him. In a war of hatred no one is the winner."

Moon, who has a special affection for the United States and sees it was a sort of "second Israel," returned for two weeks to Korea where God revealed himself to the reverend.

Moon said, "the first word God spoke was 'Forgive.' What shall we do with the person of Richard Nixon?" asked Moon.

"... the second word God spoke to me was 'Love.' It is your duty to love him. We must love Richard Nixon.

"I continued in prayer, and the third and last word God spoke to me was 'Unite.' America must 'Unite' in the spirit of forgiveness."

On Dec. 1, 1973, the Rev. Moon declared a 40-day period of prayer and fasting for his followers to awaken the nation "to this national emergency."

Two weeks preceding Moon's visit, Montana communities were blitzkrieged by persons representing ten different countries. They distributed pamphlets, sang, and paraded to announce their leader's coming. The group, 70 young people in eight rented vans, also sold peanuts, candles, and silk screen stationery to raise money "to spread God's word."

The Missoula Ministerial Association, local ministers opposed to the teachings of Moon, wrote in a pamphlet distributed at the revival

that they were "concerned about the teachings and the organization," and characterized the recruitment procedures as "highly regimentalized" ... which, may contribute to the exploitation of persons." But the ministerial group also added that "they did not question the sincerity or commitment of the "local" unified family.

"There is an almost militaristic attitude and precision about the group," one Missoula minister said.

The young men, short cropped hair, clean shaven, and well dressed, look something like boxboys away from the supermarket. Some of the young men alternate as missionaries and bodyguards. They roam the corridors of the meeting hall, ready to oust "suspicious looking persons" who may have a revelation of their own for the Rev. Moon, or who may start a religious debate with an early departing guest not convinced of Moon's message. Forty-six such persons of the over 450 attending "The Day of Hope" meeting left the Governor's Room of the Florence Hotel Tuesday night.

Demure young girls, properly coiffured, and wearing red and white banners proclaiming a "New Hope for America," ushered the guests to their seats and handed out literature at the door. One is reminded of the "Goldwater Girls" of ten years ago, but with an added pentacostal twist.

Gone are the days of the informality and simplicity that characterized the tent meetings through the nation's Bible belt at the turn of the century. Moon's movement functions with the

smoothness and deliberation of a well-oiled political machine, and with the organizational mind of a business enterprise.

The revival tent has become the motel banquet room. Chicken, a staple of the church dinner, is now a New York steak cooked medium-rare. The 55-member Unification Church chorus called the "New Hope Singers" provides a musical diversion, and a 30-minute movie of the Movement's Korean dance group called "The Little Angels," which according to the film's introduction "will dance and sing their way into your hearts," finalize a typical evening banquet. Over 200 "dignitaries and invited guests" attended Tuesday night's \$8.50 a plate dinner.

"It's integration by entertainment," one critic said.

According to Chan-Hie Kim of the University of Montana Department of Religion, Moon's evangelical group is similar to over 200 "modified Christian movements" in Korea today.

"In terms of their sociological makeup," Kim said. "The groups are similar in that they combine large business enterprises and evangelism. The Unification Church related businesses consist of: a tea company, titanium production, pharmaceutical, air rifles, retreat ranches and others. Kim also added that "all of the groups have claimed to have received a divine revelation."

Kim, who attended Monday's banquet, found Moon to be "typical of Korean evangelists."

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Moon's followers live his teachings

Editor's note: This is the second part of a two-part news analysis and feature sequence about Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon and the Unified Family, a local religious commune.

By Roger King
Montana Kaimin Reporter

In an unlikely setting for a religious commune, along the rows of fraternity and sorority houses, the house at 324 Daly St. is the home of 20 young people who call themselves the Unified Family.

The Family, a communal living group of the Unification Church, is dedicated to serving God and mankind. It is united in this purpose by an obedience to the Puritan ethic, the fight against communism, a belief in Bible fundamentals and the teachings of the *Divine Principle*, a book written by the group's inspirational leader, the Rev. Sun

Myung Moon, a Korean evangelist.

The *Divine Principle* used by the Unification church as a guideline by which to live is based on the Old and New Testaments.

Mary Ellen McCabe, a 22-year-old former resident of New Jersey is the local family representative. McCabe, who considers herself a reborn Christian is committed to making the world center around God in a practical, non-ideological way. "The churches theorize and intellectualize," McCabe said. "The church of today is dead. ... it is more attached to itself than to mankind."

"We're building a new foundation of love," she said. "Not a foundation of self-love, but a love of mankind."

Robin Kuhl, state coordinator for the group and formerly from England, said in a letter to the *Montana Kaimin* that the Unified Family provides "a home where people can share and

exteriorize their desire for spiritual growth." Kuhl added that the Unified Family is "like the spiritual resistance movement which Roman Imperialism drove underground."

Kuhl said that "members of the Unified Family have found in Christian morality and the teachings of Jesus, not a religion at all, but an approach to experiencing the love of God, in giving and taking, and thus the key to the reality of our existence."

McCabe, who said she comes from an upper-middle class, liberal Catholic background, studied with the Rev. Moon at the church's international training center in Tarrytown, N.Y., before coming to Missoula. The training center, situated on a 270-acre estate near the Hudson River, is one of three estates owned by the Unification Church. According to McCabe, the Terrytown estate was purchased for

\$850,000. The money was raised in one month of selling candles throughout the United States.

The family subsists by selling peanuts, silk screen stationary and candles. It also operates a cleaning business called the New World Cleaning Service.

Family members charge a minimum of \$2 for their products. Many times people donate money McCabe said the group's selling efforts have developed a love for the community. "People greet us negatively at first," she said, "but they soon change their minds."

"Money isn't the most important thing," McCabe added. "It is only a means to accomplish God's ends."

The young people, most between the ages of 18 and 30, live in the two-story house on Daly Street. McCabe said members of the household "live celibately. as brothers and

sisters." The Missoula commune is one of 120 throughout the United States.

All material possessions are held in common. Income for a week's work is placed in a checking account. McCabe did not disclose the total weekly income of the Family, but said they always seemed to be "short of money."

On weekends, the Unified Family holds workshops in the mountains around Lubrecht Forest, and on weekdays has evening discussion groups.

One local minister characterized Moon's followers as "people who are interested in an ideal and mystical religious experience, and unsatisfied by the current religious atmosphere."

"They may be naive," another added, "but they're a nice bunch of kids."

Honorary Citizenships were received from the mayors of the following cities:

Great Falls	Eureka
Billings	Philipsburg
Butte	Three Forks
Helena	Stevensville
Kalispell	Manhattan
Anaconda	Browning
Deer Lodge	Valier
Whitefish	Fairfield
Conrad	Twin Bridges
Columbia Falls	Darby
Choteau	Dutton
Townsend	Alberton
Ronan	Kevin
Boulder	Rexford
Belgrade	

Proclamations were received from the mayors of the following cities:

Butte
Helena
Billings

Letter of Welcome was received from the Missoula Area Chamber of Commerce.

Moon Says Man Victim of Satan

By HEIDI GASSER
Missoulian Staff Writer

Mankind has become the victim of Satan since the "fall" of Adam and Eve, and the mission of God is to restore the world to his original idea, that of goodness and perfection, through the second coming of Christ, Rev. Sun Myung Moon said Tuesday night.

The Korean founder of the Unification Church, who claims to be a prophet of the second coming, spoke to a capacity audience in the Governors Room of the Florence Hotel.

Through the disobedience of Adam and Eve, man has become separated from God, has become a patient who needs a cure, a physician, Moon said through an interpreter, Bo Hi Pak.

Since man has separated from God, he has come under the influence of the false master, the devil, he said, who is the real ruler of the world today, not God.

This has created a war of thousands of years between God and the devil, Moon explained, adding that God has been working on a foundation for restoring his perfect world.

The first coming of Christ was supposed to be the fulfillment of God's idea, but failed because people did not accept him as the Christ and crucified him, Moon said, and the failure came about partly because of the personal failure of John the Baptist. Moon said the belief that Christ was predestined to die is illogical, that it was not

the will of God to have his son murdered after thousands of years of meticulous preparation.

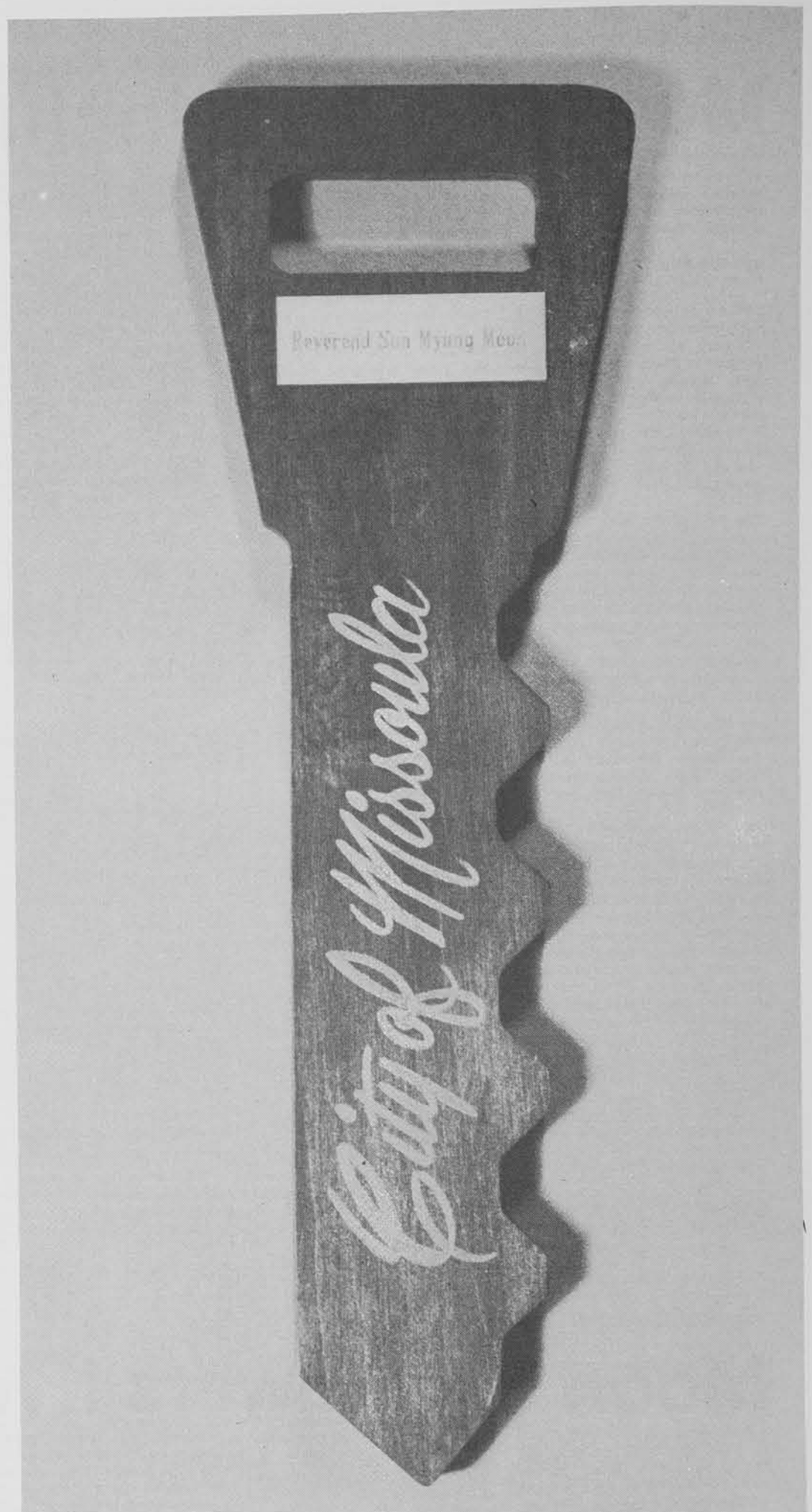
Therefore, Moon said, God had to lay the foundation again for the second coming of Christ, and this, he claims, is what he is doing. He said the Bible is written in codes so that the enemy cannot understand and that he sends his own interpreters to decode it. Moon claims to have been in Heaven, to have talked with Jesus Christ and with John the Baptist and to have received the divine revelation to interpret the Bible the way God meant it to be written.

Jesus is coming, he said, "like a thief in the night." And, he added, we can't make the same mistake twice, but must be prepared to accept that fact, even though it seems to be apart from our understanding.

Prior to Moon's speech, members of One World Crusade, the mobile unit of the Unification Church, held a "street-sing" and demonstration at the corner of Higgins and Broadway in honor of Rev. Moon.

In opposition, ministers from the Evangelical Ministerial Alliance and Missoula Ministerial Association distributed literature in which they express their concern about the message and method of Moon's teaching. They claim that he is refuting the teaching of the Bible and putting himself forth as a false prophet.

— The Missoulian
Missoula, Montana
April 10, 1974



Key to the City of Missoula presented to Our Master by a representative of the mayor's office, who said: "Here is the key to our city. This key should open every door in Missoula, and I hope it opens every heart. I pray your message of unity will open the hearts of all humanity."


The State of Montana



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REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

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 grateful appreciation for _____ contribution to
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 Dated this second day of April 19 74



 ACTING GOVERNOR BILL CHRISTIANSEN

State of Montana



WHEREAS, The State of Montana, has beauty, warmth, and hospitality,
and;

WHEREAS, It is on the foundation of unity that our state has been
able to flourish, and;

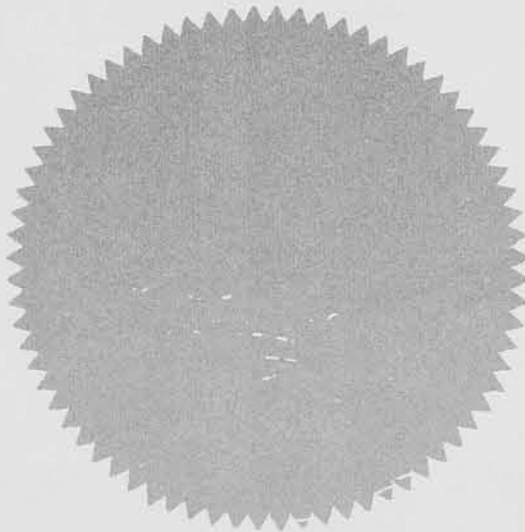
WHEREAS, In these times of increasing conflict on every level of
our society, the State of Montana is aware, that hope is the element
that gives us strength, and;

WHEREAS, Growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all our
citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, BILL CHRISTIANSEN, Acting Governor of the State
of Montana, do hereby proclaim the day of April 8, 1974 to be


DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION


in Montana.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto
set my hand and caused the GREAT SEAL OF
THE STATE OF MONTANA to be affixed.
DONE at the City of Helena, the Capital, this
second _____ day of April _____, in the
year of our LORD, one thousand nine hundred
and seventy-four

ATTEST:


FRANK MURRAY
Secretary of State
By: Ed M. Swann, Chief Deputy


~~THOMAS L. JUDGE~~
~~Governor of Montana~~
BILL CHRISTIANSEN
Acting Governor of Montana

PROCLAMATION

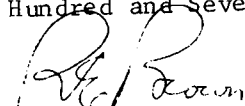
WHEREAS, in recognition of the fact that unity and understanding strengthens our city, and that growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all citizens of the City of Missoula; and

WHEREAS, all responsible citizens are called upon to unite in their affirmation of our country's birthright, and of our national dedication and hope, guaranteeing freedom for all men; and

WHEREAS, visiting in our midst is one whose life, message and challenge is dedicated to men of all political, social and religious persuasions, that being the REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON:

NOW THERE, I, Robert E. Brown, Mayor of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana DO HEREBY PROCLAIM Monday, April 8, 1974 as the day set aside in Missoula for the "DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION," and urge the citizens of this city to cordially welcome REVEREND MOON to our city.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have herunto set my hand and caused the great seal of the City of Missoula, in the State of Montana, to be affixed at Missoula, Montana this 2nd day of April in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy Four.


Robert E. Brown
Mayor

Some evidence of organized opposition to the scheduled appearance of Unification leader, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, in Boise April 10 and 11 is apparent, a spokesman for the Unification movement said Wednesday.

Mrs. Sara Mazumdar, Boise, mobile unit commander of Idaho, said that newspaper campaigns and distribution of pamphlets opposing the Korean minister's philosophies have been evident in cities where he has appeared recently, and that a similar attempt seems to be beginning in Boise.

Introductory lectures preceding the Rev. Moon's arrival are being held nightly at 7:30 p.m. at 715 North Ninth, she said.

Rev. Moon is founder of the Unification church which Mrs. Mazumdar says "sees the need for Christians to overcome denominational barriers."

— *The Idaho Statesman*
Boise, Idaho
April 4, 1974



RALLYING MOON SUPPORT — Youthful followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church put on an enthusiastic show in downtown

Boise Monday noon in preparation for their leader's appearance here Thursday, but drew only brief glances from passersby.

A Lot to See, But Nobody Looked

What would you do if you gave a demonstration and nobody came?

If you were one of the 40 youths gathered at noon Monday on the corner of Ninth and Main in downtown Boise, you'd go ahead proclaiming with song and testimony the Thursday appearance here of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church.

The only applause the youths gained was an approving bark or two from a German shepherd in a passing pickup. Most passersby gave the rally only a cursory glance while waiting for the traffic light to change. A police car cruised by a time or two, but made no effort to ask the demonstrators to move on.

The sky was blue, the sun was warm — and it was a great day for singing, even without an audience.

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Unification Leader Moon to Discuss Christianity's Role in World Future

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon will bring his "Day of Hope" tour to Boise when he speaks on "The New Future of Christianity," at 8 p.m., April 11 in the Boise State University Student Union Ballroom.

Rev. Moon is founder of the Unification Church, officially the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, a movement began in Seoul, Korea in 1954.

The church has spread throughout the world and is now established in more than 40 countries, with 250,000 members in Korea and two million worldwide.

The Unification Church

was one of the first groups to call for fasting and prayer for national repentance and for the spiritual well being of the country. Besides its own practice, which was scheduled for 40 days, it has been taking its plea to the country's largest cities.

The church stirred an interest in Boise recently when it held its One World Crusade at the Statehouse in support of President Nixon. Rev. Moon's statement, "An Answer to Watergate: Forgive, Love, Unite," appeared in a full-page advertisement in *The Statesman*, the day of the rally.

When Rev. Moon appears in Boise, he will be accom-

panied by several busloads of youthful Unification Church proponents from surrounding states. A banquet, by invitation only, will be held Wednesday, April 10 at the Rodeway Inn, preceding his public address Thursday night.

Through his teaching, which springs from his Christian background, as well as his knowledge of Oriental culture, Rev. Moon has brought thousands to a fuller understanding of God and Christ, according to Mrs. Sara Mazumdar, coordinator of the Boise Day of Hope appearance of Rev. Moon.



REV. MOON
... Boise speaker

THE IDAHO STATESMAN

Controversial Rev. Moon Explains Beliefs in Boise

By PAT WYNN
Statesman Religion Editor

"Everyone in Boise has been asking, 'Who is this Rev. Moon?', well here I am, I'm Rev. Moon," proclaimed Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon in Boise Wednesday night.

The founder of the Unification Church brought his Day of Hope visit to the Rodeway Inn where approximately 25 Boiseans turned out to hear the first lecture of two. He speaks again tonight at Boise State University.

Approximately 80 youthful and energetic "One World Crusade" missionaries were in attendance to hear and applaud their leader.

The menu for the opening night welcome banquet featured an international flair. Guests and church members dined on chilled vichyssoise, macedoine of fruit in avocado, roast prime rib of beef, au jus, baked potatoe d'hotel, broiled tomatoe and Mushroom



REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
... center of controversy

au Beurre and for desert, la fraise glacee.

Speaking through his interpreter, the Rev. Moon complemented the State of Idaho, saying its people are as "good natured as its potatoes."

His talk was sprinkled with humor and much animation during the evening. He also shared, briefly, his beliefs and convictions in regards to "man's spiritual search for true love, true peace and true joy."

The Rev. Moon's visit to Boise stirred controversy with many of the churches adhering to evangelical and Bible-based beliefs. During the Rev. Moon's remarks Wednesday night, no direct reference was made to the Bible.

Evangelical ministers and concerned laymen placed a full-page newspaper advertisement in opposition to the Rev. Moon's teachings from the "Divine Principles" — his book of divine revelation.

— *The Idaho Statesman*
Boise, Idaho
April 11, 1974

No Warm Welcome in Boise

Unification Leader's Future Visit Stirs Criticism

By PAT WYNN
Statesman Religion Editor

Unification Church leader the Rev. Sun Myung Moon will speak on "The New Future of Christianity" next week in Boise, but he'll have to go it alone.

Most local churches have indicated they want no part of the Korean evangelist's futuristic ideas.

The church founder's "Day of Hope" impending visit to this city has stirred criticism and sermons against the "Divine Principles" of the 20-year-old movement began in Seoul, Korea.

The church, also known as the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, has met opposition in the form of newspaper campaigns and distribution of pamphlets at the Rev. Moon's hopeful tour stops in many of the 32 American cities.

Letters to many area ministers and to the Idaho Council of Churches have been re-

ceived from other cities warning against "an event which could have serious repercussions in your community."

One letter in particular, from the Iowa Council of Churches, Des Moines, related trouble experienced "after the triumphal entry and departure of Dr. Moon" in that city.

A news story in the March 26 issue of The Des Moines Register carried a report of a student convert to the teachings of the Unification Church who suffered a mental breakdown and who was placed in a mental ward of a local hospital.

A Unification follower, when asked to comment on the Des Moines incident, said only "that it is not the demands of the Unification Church that are so tough, but it is God who demands total dedication..."

The primary objection to the teachings of the Unification Church comes in the

church's emphasis on Moon as the "possible Messiah."

Although church followers do not proclaim Moon as the Christ — they don't actually deny the role either. The sect publicly declares Moon as a "modern-day John the Baptist" preparing the way for "Third Adam" the "Lord of the Advent."

The church also practices communication with the dead—Moon having sat in on several seances, according to an in-depth study of the sect by Christianity Today. "Divine Principles" also teach that marriage is essential to salvation because the coming Christ will marry and the union will typify the perfect family relationship.

The Holy Spirit is the "feminine" element of the Trinity and bears a special affinity with Eve. The Coming Christ (who will have been born in Korea by 1980) is the male element of the Trinity. Jesus of Nazareth accomplished man's spiritu-

al salvation. But since Jesus was crucified before he could marry, he (the second Adam) couldn't finish man's physical salvation. Moon approves every marriage within the church.

Unification workers have diligently been preparing for Moon's visit for the past several weeks. Invitations to a free banquet set for next Wednesday night in the Rodeway Inn have gone out to Boiseans in the business, religious, political and educational fields. Mrs. Sara Mazumdar, director of the Boise Unification Church Center, would not comment when asked, 'how many' invitations were sent.

The Rev. Moon's past support of President Nixon and plea to Americans to "Love, Forgive and Unite" has enabled the church leader to gain support of many business and political officials. His strongly worded statement in support of the President appeared in many lead-

ing newspapers. President Nixon later thanked Moon in



a letter and statement.

His appearance in Boise will not be as warm as in other locations. The local Evangelical Ministerial Association is planning to contradict Moon's teachings through a newspaper advertisement.

Although both the Governor's and Mayor's offices were approached by Unification members, no proclamations or keys to the city were presented as in other communities.

— *The Idaho Statesman*
Boise, Idaho
April 6, 1974

MOON MADNESS or SCRIPTURAL SANITY

"THE BIBLE ANSWERS THE 'REV.' SUN MYUNG MOON

"I marvel that ye are so soon removed from him that called you into the grace of Christ unto another gospel: Which is not another; but there be some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed," (Galatian 1:6-8).

CREATION

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"The universe did not suddenly come into being without a lapse of time, but it took considerable time for the generation of the universe to take place," (Divine Principle, p. 52).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth," (Genesis 1:1). "And God said . . . and it was so," (Genesis 1:11, 14, 15, 24). "By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; . . . and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth" . . . "for He spake, and it was done; He commanded and it stood fast," (Psalm 33:6-9).

THE FALL

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"The fruit of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was not a material fruit, but a symbol," (Divine Principle, p. 67).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"Wherein the Lord God commanded the man, saying, 'and of every tree of the Garden thou mayest freely eat, but of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil thou shalt not eat of it,'" (Genesis 2:16, 17).

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"We must conclude that Adam's sexual part became the place of transgression, because Adam committed sin through that part." "The root of sin lies in adultery," (Divine Principle, pp. 72, 76).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat and gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat," (Genesis 3:6).

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"Lucifer was strongly stimulated by an impulse of love toward Eve. At this point, Lucifer dared to seduce Eve . . . (and they) had sexual intercourse with each other through their give and take action." "Eve's fall consisted of two kinds of illicit love affairs. The first one was the spiritual fall through love with the Archangel. The second was the physical fall through love with Adam," (Divine Principle pp. 78, 241).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"For in the day thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die," (Genesis 2:17). "Because thou has . . . eaten of the tree that I commanded thee, saying, 'thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake,' (Genesis 3:17) 'For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners . . ." (Romans 5:19). "Marriage is honourable in all, and the bed undefiled, but whoremongers and adulterers God will judge," (Hebrews 13:4). "And God blessed them, and God said unto them, be fruitful and multiply, and replenish the earth and subdue it . . ." (Genesis 1:28).

SIN

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"Redemption through the cross cannot completely liquidate our original sin." "The original sin lineally transmitted from Adam has not been liquidated," (Divine Principle pp. 114, 148).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world, but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" "Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works," (Hebrews 9:26, Titus 2:14).

REINCARNATION

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"Jesus called John the Baptist 'Elijah' because John's body was the substitute for Elijah's body. In the last days, the earthly men in charge of specific worldwide mission are in a position to succeed the spirit men who formerly had these missions on earth, and to accomplish these missions. This is why these people in the last days claim to be either Christ, Buddha, or Confucius," (Divine Principle p. 188).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"And they asked him (John the Baptist) what then? Art thou Elijah? and he sayeth, I am not. Art thou that prophet? And he answered, No," (John 1:21). "And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment," (Hebrews 9:27). " . . . absent from the body, present with the Lord," (II Corinthians 5:8). "For to me to live is Christ and to die is gain," (Philippians 1:21) (Paul speaking). "For I am in a straight betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better," (Philippians 1:23).

UNIVERSALISM

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"The ultimate purpose of God's providence of restoration is to save all mankind," (Divine Principle, p. 190).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"Marvel not at this for the hour is coming, in the which all that are in the graves shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation," (John 5:28-29).

THE DEITY OF JESUS CHRIST

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"Many Christians have hitherto believed that Jesus is God himself, the Creator. Nevertheless, He can by no means be God Himself. It is true that 'he who has seen Jesus has seen God,' (John 14:9-10), but Jesus did not say this to indicate that He was God Himself," (Divine Principle, pp. 210-212).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood," (Acts 20:28). "Looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Christ Jesus," (Titus 2:13).

HOLY SPIRIT

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"There must be a true mother — she is the Holy Spirit." "The Holy Spirit is a female spirit." "She also cleanses the sins of the people in order to restore them," (Divine Principle, p. 215).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another comforter that He may abide with you forever," (John 14:16). "Even the Spirit of Truth, whom the world can not receive because it seeth Him but you know Him, for He dwelleth in you," (John 14:17).

THE BIBLE — THE WORD OF GOD

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"Jesus did not say that His Word was the truth, but that He himself was the way, the truth and the life." "The Bible is not the truth itself but a textbook teaching us the truth." "Biblical words are used in expressing the truth and are not the truth in itself." "The New Testament was given as a textbook for the teaching of truth to the people 2,000 years ago, people whose spiritual and intellectual standards was very low, compared to that of today." "Therefore new truths must appear," (Divine Principle, p. 131). "This message (Divine Principle) which you are studying is the highest message ever given to men by God," (Divine Principle and Its Application, page 49).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but He sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word. Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God," (John 8:42-47). "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day," (John 12:48). "Sanctify them through the truth: thy word is truth," (John 17:17).

THE SECOND ADVENT — CHRIST'S RETURN

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"It is absolutely incomprehensible to the intellect of modern men that the Lord would come on the clouds." "We need to consider the numerous Biblical records concerning the Second Advent from the viewpoint that the Lord might come on the earth by being born in the flesh," (Divine Principle, pp. 500, 501).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory," (Matthew 24:30). "And when he had spoken these things, while they beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. Two men in white apparel said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into Heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven," (Acts 1:9,11). "Behold, He cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see Him and they also which pierced Him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen," (Revelation 1:7).

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"The Kingdom of God will come with the birth of the Lord on earth, but the Christians who believe He will come again on the clouds will not believe in the Lord, who will have come again in the flesh on the earth, and thus they will not be able to see the Kingdom," (Divine Principle, p. 505).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before. Wherefore if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the desert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be," (Matthew 24:23-27).

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"Since Christ will come again, born in flesh on earth, he will look like a heretic to the saints who believe in His coming again on the clouds," (Divine Principle, p. 505). "The Lord of the Second Advent comes to accomplish the mission that Adam failed to fulfill and that Jesus left unaccomplished," (Divine Principle, p. 187). "With the fullness of time, God has sent His messenger to resolve the fundamental questions of life and the universe. His name is Sun Myung Moon," (Divine Principle, p. 16).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that anti-Christ shall come, even now are there many anti-Christ; whereby we know that it is the last time. They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us," (I John 2:18, 19).

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"The Christians of today, who are captive to Scriptural words, will surely criticize the words and conduct of the Lord of the Second Advent, according to the limits of what the New Testament Words literally speak," (Divine Principle, p. 533).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

(God speaking to Moses), "But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that shall I punish," (Divine Principle, p. 533). "How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? When a prophet followeth not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord hath not spoken, but the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him," (Deuteronomy 18:20-22).

THE "REV." MOON SAYS,

"God may not reveal the Second Advent to the Christians of today, who are blindly keeping the conventional attitude of faith, but rather to the laymen, to the heathens who are thought of as gentiles, or to men without any religious faith, but who are very conscientious," (Divine Principle, p. 534).

THE BIBLE SAYS,

"Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils," (I Timothy 4:1).

THIS AD WAS PAID FOR BY GENTILE LAYMEN WHO BELIEVE THE BIBLE WHEN IT SAYS, . . .

. . . "Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many . . ." "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many," (Matthew 24:4, 5, 11).

"For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore, it is no great thing if his ministers

also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works," (II Corinthians 11:13-15).

"All authority is given unto me in heaven and in earth," (Matthew 28:18).

. . . this is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him," (Matthew 17:5).

THE BIBLE SAYS, "God who at sundry times and in diverse manners spoke in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son, whom He hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds; who, being the brightness of His glory, and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by himself purged our sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high," (Hebrews 1:1-3).

CITY OF KUNA

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The City of Kuna is noted for its warm welcome to citizens of all nations, races and religions, and its desire to promote world peace and harmony, and

WHEREAS All mankind seeks a clearer understanding of the principles of God by which the building of a better world may be accomplished upon the foundation of God-centered families, and

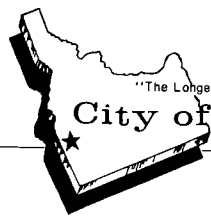
WHEREAS The Reverend Sun Myung Moon, visiting our state on Wednesday April 10th 1974, has constantly striven courageously and sacrificially for these principles, that the suffering of God and men might be ended:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, James A. Crowe Jr., of the council of the City of Kuna, Idaho, do hereby proclaim Wednesday April 10th 1974 as "Day of Hope and Unification" in the city of Kuna.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, AND BY
AUTHORITY OF THE POWER VESTED
IN ME BY THE MAYOR OF KUNA,
I SET MY HAND THIS 9th day of April 1974 A.D.

James A. Crowe Jr.

James A. Crowe Jr.



Area Code 208
Phone 452-1421

P. O. Box 324
FRUITLAND, IDAHO 83619

April 9, 1974

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Anderson hereby proclaims Wednesday April 10, 1974 as Unification Day in the City of Fruitland.

This is an unifying effort to help promote peace and understanding among all races.

W. T. Anderson

Mayor

CITY OF MARSING

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS The City of Marsing is noted for its hospitality, its loyal service to God and the cause of freedom among men, and its desire to see harmony among people of all nations, races and religions, and

WHEREAS The world today faces a crisis in human relationships and moral values, and

WHEREAS The Reverend Sun Myung Moon brings to our state a message of New Hope for America, and unity among individuals, families, societies and nations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold Curt, Mayor of the City of Marsing, Idaho, do therefore proclaim Thursday April 11th 1974 as

"DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION"

in the City of Marsing.

Given by my hand this 10th day of April 1974

Harold Curt
Harold Curt, Mayor.

Salt Lake City

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean founder of the Unification Church, will be honored at a banquet by that organization Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the TriArc Travelodge, 161 W. 6th South.

He will also speak April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Travelodge on "The New Future of Christianity."

Friday has been proclaimed "Day of Hope and Unification" in Salt Lake City and Utah by Gov. Calvin L. Rampton and Mayor E. J. Garn.

— *The Salt Lake Tribune*
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 6, 1974



Reverend Paul Werner's International One World Crusade brass band welcomes Our Master to Salt Lake City.

The Public Forum

Watergate Spinoff?

Editor, Tribune: A full-page advertisement in *The Tribune* March 24 suggested one of the most curious — and possibly the most lucrative — of the sideshows produced by the Watergate scandals is the religious-political crusade of Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon, founder of Unification Church International.

I have concluded that Nixon in desperation has decided to enlist the aid of a prophet, seer and revelator and the aid of God, Jesus and the Bible to assist him in regaining his lost credibility.

When Congress convened in January, about 1,000 of Moon's disciples marched on Capitol Hill with placards pleading for the beleaguered President: "Pray for Nixon" and "Forgive." At the lighting of the National Christmas Tree they waved signs saying "God Loves Nixon." The evangelist himself was given a private audience with the President on Feb. 1. Moon reportedly prayed fervently in his native tongue before telling the President, "Don't knuckle under pressure. Stand up for your convictions."

Two weeks later, Moon made a 32-city tour to invoke sympathy for Nixon. In December he placed full-page advertisements in newspapers throughout the country announcing a 40-day "National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis" and offered Moon's simple solution: "Forgive, Love and Unite."

The Unification Church is pretty much of an unknown quantity to American religious leaders and its members are rigidly disciplined. Well known or not, Dr. Moon is harvesting cash contributions at the rate of \$6 million a year, according to the *Washington Post*.

L. R. JOHNSON

— *The Salt Lake Tribune*
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 8, 1974

40 Soliciting Money

German Aliens Apprehended

Forty German aliens — apprehended by agents of the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service Tuesday in Salt Lake City — were charged with over-extension of their visas and given 30 days to leave the United States.

According to Gerald D. Fasbender, Immigration Service officer-in-charge, it is the largest group of aliens ever apprehended at one time in Salt Lake.

"We were alerted that the group was operating in Salt Lake by local law officials

after they arrested one young person for soliciting money without a city license," Mr. Fasbender said.

The group operates under the auspices of the Unification Church of Washington, D.C. They have been traveling across the U.S. selling candy and collecting money in the name of the organization, officials said.

Mr. Fasbender said the Immigration Service has attempted to locate the group for several weeks after an appeal by the Unification

Church to extend the visas and grant the group status as industrial trainees was denied.

"This is the largest group ever apprehended in Salt Lake. Immigration officials also apprehended a similar group sponsored by the same organization in Texas today," Mr. Fasbender said.

The aliens were not held, but were put on the agency's control list.

He said the number of deportable aliens has increased dramatically.

— *The Salt Lake Tribune*
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 10, 1974

Rev. Moon information meeting Thursday

An informal information meeting for persons interested in the Unification Church and the ministry of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon will be held Thursday at 7:30 p.m. at 1167 Windsor Street (840 East).

Purpose of the session, according to Salt Lake Unifica-

tion Church Director Dietrich Seidel, is to clear up any misunderstandings area residents may have about the Rev. Moon, who was a recent visitor to Salt Lake City.

Several charges have been made concerning the Korean evangelist's movement which

Seidel hopes to clear up in a question and answer session.

"It's dangerous to be a blind believer," he said, "but it's also dangerous to blindly reject an idea. I would hope our meeting can make us all see things in their proper perspective."

— *Deseret News*
Salt Lake City, Utah
Wednesday, April 24, 1974

The Rev. Moon—Is he a danger or a savior?

By Kathy Helms
Deseret News religion writer

Cheered by proclamations in his honor from Salt Lake City, Murray, Midvale and the State of Utah, a Korean evangelist visiting Salt Lake City last weekend told SRO crowds of Utahns his philosophies of life.

While he was speaking, however, a Salt Lake church stationed its members outside the convention center with tracts charging the Rev. Sun Myung Moon is a danger to Christianity, and a local bank official reportedly told his employees not to accept checks from his movement because the Unification Church is defrauding banks in the area.

Who is right? Both sides claim the truth, and Moon's Unification Church is trying to arrange a confrontation with its attackers.

Dietrich Seidel, director of the Salt Lake Day of Hope Committee and head of the Unification Church in Utah, told the Deseret News his movement has had "this kind of opposition since it has existed."

Tracts distributed by Moon followers say the Korean has been "tortured and brutally beaten" and imprisoned in a labor camp to die for his beliefs. And while those who believe the Rev. Moon's words are legion, so are those who say his persecution is justified.

The Rev. Gene Higney, pastor of Agape Christian Church (a church for youth which meets in Liberty Park) spearheaded the anti-Moon campaign in Salt Lake City. Members of his congregation approached Moon's audience

with tracts denouncing his philosophies as heretical.

The tracts, incidentally, were supplied with funds from the Salt Lake Christian Businessmen's Association.

Charges made by the literature said the Unification Church and Rev. Moon are "deeply involved" in the occult, practice "marriage by witchcraft," see Moon as Jesus Christ, teach a "false, man-made salvation" and are "deceptive and dishonest."

Chief among the complaints, however, is that Moon's followers allegedly say that Jesus Christ failed in what he set out to do and that Sun Myung Moon is fulfilling Christ's purpose with his own life.

"Jesus Himself said he had completed the mission he was sent here to do," the Rev.



Rev. Moon

Higney said. "By saying he's fulfilled Christ's purpose for the second coming, Moon has also fulfilled Christ's prophecy of false prophets.

"Unfortunately," he continued, "the average person is not educated enough as far as the Bible is concerned to understand this. This man Moon is taking a lot upon himself to say he's going to succeed where Christ has failed."

The Rev. Moon's Salt Lake emissary, Seidel, explained his

church's position on the matter.

According to Seidel, Jesus was supposed to "fully accomplish" the mission of Adam. This mission, says the Unification Church, included "the ideal of creation — fulfilling the prophecy of the 'marriage of the Lamb.'"

The Savior died, though, before this marriage could be fulfilled: "So this was a reason that the kingdom of heaven couldn't be established 2,000 years ago. It would have had a start in this first perfected couple." The Rev. Moon, then, claims to be here to fulfill this part of Christ's mission.

Seidel was quick to say the "failure" was not on the part of Christ.

"In order that this blessed marriage could have happened, a certain response from the Jewish people was necessary," he said. "But the Jewish people rejected Christ. He did everything on His part. The failure was on the part of the people."

Contrary to the foundation of most Christian beliefs, the Rev. Moon and his followers say it "wasn't God's will that Jesus should die on the cross." Seidel said there are 40 Old Testament prophecies saying Jesus would build the Kingdom, while there are only a few prophecies announcing the suffering of the Lord.

"If Jesus would have accomplished everything, no Second Coming would have been necessary," he said. "We know that Satan is still ruler of this world: Why does he still have such a strong hold on the people?"

Seidel said persons in his group do not believe Sun

Myung Moon is the Christ.

"I cannot say yes to this, that the Rev. Moon is Jesus Christ come back," he said. "They are two different persons; we never say they are identical."

He did admit, however, that "there are all different perceptions about the person of Rev. Moon. I personally believe that Rev. Moon is a forerunner to prepare the coming of Christ, stir up the people and make them aware of new answers."

"Also concerning this question — if I look back 2,000 years ago, Jesus could only reveal to His closest disciples what He was in person. Nobody would have understood Him. Finally, it turned out that He was the Christ.

"People's response was their following of his teaching — after He went through a lot of persecution."

Seidel said he sees the Rev. Moon's mission "in a similar light. It depends on a people, how close their living relationship to God will be according to His teachings. The only stand I want to take is I definitely believe he is a forerunner for the Second Coming."

If the Unification Church doctrine seems unorthodox to other Christians, their tactics are more so. The Rev. Higney claims he tried to attend the Rev. Moon's addresses in Salt Lake City, but church members "threw us out."

"We were carrying Bibles — they told us we couldn't come in because we were carrying Bibles," he said. Elaborating, he added a member of the Day of Hope movement was "pushing around" one of the girls in his group. When the Rev. Higney

asked her to get the man's name and give it to the police, he said, "then they kicked us out."

Before the day which was proclaimed in Utah as the Day of Hope, some of the Rev. Moon's followers had a minor run-in with the federal government.

According to the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service, a record number of illegal aliens were apprehended in Salt Lake City April 9, members of the Unification Church.

"Their visas had expired sometime in March," said Gerald D. Fasbender, Immigration Service officer in charge. "One of them was picked up by the local police for soliciting money without a license," but it was later determined such a license was in existence.

The illegal aliens were not actually deported, but were told to leave the country.

Finally, an anonymous bank employe told the Deseret News her employer instructed tellers in the bank not to cash checks written by the Unification Church. According to the source, the bank officer said church officials had accounts in several local banks, and they were covering checks written on one bank with checks from another.

Regarding the information, a bank official told reporters his bank "has not refused to cash Unification Church checks — we're under obligation to cash their checks as long as they have money to cover 'em.

"We're watching everything close," he continued. "We've checked 'em out as much as we can, and we've found nothing derogatory to this point."

—Deseret News
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 20, 1974

Church seeks unity through communication

The Unification Church is here to provide a "forum of thoughts" to bring together divided Christianity, the Salt Lake City leader of the movement told a group of area residents this week.

Answering charges brought against the church founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Dietrich Seidel said Christians must look with "heart and reason" to see if the Unification Church will bring them together in the long run. Seidel is director of the Salt Lake Unification Church.

"It takes patience to deal with any new point of view," Seidel said. "However, all people have a desire to communicate with God, to understand Him. This is a common task we must work together to achieve."

The Unification Church leader compared the relationship between God and man to a "lightbulb with two wires."

"God is a big wire — much love can flow through at His end," he explained. "We have a small, frail wire to give energy back to Him, and the bulb can only light to the extent of the thin wire. We must expand our wires to communicate better with God."

One key word of the Unification Church is "communication," and members of the 40-nation organization depend

on person-to-person contact with the people. Salt Lake City saw the program at work early in April, when young church members campaigned door-to-door to invite them to the Rev. Moon's lecture.

Seidel said this facet of Unification Church work is essential, because "nothing goes beyond personal contact. . . . You can get to know people on a heart level like that," he added.

While the majority of Salt Lake City residents received the Unification Church delegation well, (Seidel said persons frequently stopped his members to talk about their own faiths), others "were apathetic. They just didn't care," he said.

Still others were openly hostile. One church group passed out tracts in Salt Lake City charging the Rev. Moon's group is "deeply involved" in the occult, practices marriage by witchcraft and is "deceptive and dishonest."

This week's meeting was to refute those charges. Seidel invited his attackers to confront him. When they did not appear, he answered the questions himself.

Referring to the implications about the occult and witchcraft marriage, he said, "I have no idea where they

got this — it must have been pulled from some strange quarter. I would have to deny this is a part of the movement."

The leader said perhaps writers of the literature had been "confronted" with "people who claim to have knowledge of this." He stressed again, however, that no official church position would support such claims, and he "has never seen any Unification Church member who is involved in the occult."

"If a person really wants to look honestly for new answers, he wouldn't be shy to come into personal confrontation," he continued. "Since this has not happened, I cannot agree this is a serious criticism."

Finally, Seidel said, problems have beset the Unification Church that always plague new, smaller groups — the problem of numbers.

"People are first concerned about numbers," he said. "How big are you? If you're big, you must have the truth."

"That's not so," he added. He charged that some of the big churches "haven't learned to build bridges — to reach out to our brothers in the name of Christ. That is what the Unification Church is trying to do."

—Deseret News
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 27, 1974



GALVIN L. RAMPTON
GOVERNOR

STATE OF UTAH
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
SALT LAKE CITY

D E C L A R A T I O N

WHEREAS, the motto of the state of Utah, "Industry," shows that the establishment of this state has come about through the effort and struggle of its citizens with cooperation and unity; and

WHEREAS, we are now facing a crisis in politics, economics, religion and all spheres of human society that will demand a great effort and struggle to overcome; and

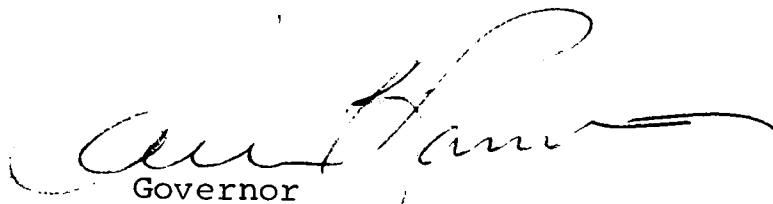
WHEREAS, it is the tradition of the citizens of Utah to stand together and support the Will of God, be it within their own families, the state, the nation or the world; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon is visiting our country, and his message of hope is helping the political, social and religious leaders of our nation:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Calvin L. Rampton, Governor of the State of Utah, do hereby declare that Friday, April 12, 1974, be known as a

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Utah, and urge all citizens to give their utmost cooperation and support to this effort.


Governor

SALT LAKE CITY CORPORATION

E. J. GARN
MAYOR

OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

JEFF M. BINGHAM
ASSISTANT

114 CITY AND COUNTY BUILDING
SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH 84111

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, it is recognized throughout America that Salt Lake City was founded with the intention of creating a city not only beautiful to behold, but also a city of unity and harmony amongst its citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is the tradition of the citizens of Salt Lake City to endure all difficulties with a determination to further the will of God, and that the present crises in our country can only serve to strengthen us for the tasks that lie ahead; and

WHEREAS, it is our desire to set a standard of cooperation and trust for future generations to follow; and

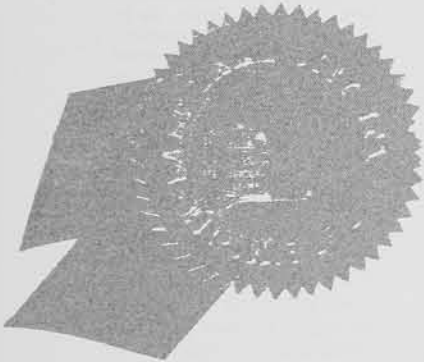
WHEREAS, we are privileged to welcome to our city a man who has dedicated his life to building the way for all men to unite in true brotherhood, that being the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, E. J. GARN, Mayor of Salt Lake City, Utah do hereby proclaim Friday, April 12, 1974, as

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in Salt Lake City, and invite all citizens to welcome Reverend Moon to our city and to wish him all success on his 32-city speaking tour.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Salt Lake City to be affixed this 22nd day of March, nineteen hundred and seventy-four.




E. J. GARN, Mayor

Proclamations were received from the mayors of the following cities:

South Salt Lake
Clearfield
Orem
Centerville
American Fork
Roy City
Bountiful
Ogden
Sandy City
Sunset
Midvale
Murray
North Ogden
South Ogden
Pleasant Grove
Layton
North Salt Lake
West Bountiful City
Syracuse City
Provo

You are directly under Our Master and directly under His strategy. You are moving, campaigning, and crusading around the world. It is very important that, from different cultural and national backgrounds, you are coming here to participate in this movement and crusade. You are receiving a blessing, not only for yourself, but for your own people. You are serving as a bridge for their blessing. The heavenly blessing goes across your bridge and reaches your own people, your own clan, and your own tribe.

The sovereignty of heaven will be erected in a certain way. A certain tradition will be learned. You will see the system, the way of life, in true happiness. We need a kingdom; and we do not have that kingdom.

You came to America to find the land of opportunity. We have come for the opportunity to build the Kingdom of God. I am, in a way, disappointed that America has only 50 states. I wanted to work with 70 states. Every two days the tour is moving to a different state. Each state is in the position of a nation, because it has its own government, its own constitution and law.

—Parents Day, 1974
Sun Myung Moon
March 24, 1974

Church founder visits

Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, will speak at the Portland Hilton Ballroom on April 15th at 8:00 p.m. Moon is on a speaking tour of the United States.

Moon was born in what is now North Korea in 1920. He states that at the age of 16, Jesus appeared to him revealing that he would have a great mission in the fulfillment of God's providence. The next nine years were spent in prayer and study.

With the liberation of Korea from Japanese occupation, forty years of religious prosecution ended. Moon began his ministry but was soon imprisoned by the North Korean government and was released three years later, in 1950.

Moon began the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (known as the Unification Church) in Seoul, Korea in 1954.

Moon teaches that the great hope for bringing about a harmonious world lies in finding a reconciliation between the seemingly contradictory world views of idealism and materialism, religion and science.

The Unification Church is now established in over 40 countries throughout the world. In the United States the majority of members are young people in their twenties.

Reverend Moon recently received national attention through his message "Answer to Watergate", in which he asked Americans to love President Nixon and forgive him.

The church has established a number of activities, one being the D.C. Striders Track Club. The club was organized by a church member in Washington, D.C., Glenda Moody, who serves as its coach. Aside from its great success in national competition, the Striders have made it possible for 200 young Black men to attend college throughout the nation.

—Portland Observer
Portland, Oregon
April 11, 1974



FOUNDER of Unification Church, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, will present sermon on "The New Future of Christianity" at 8 p.m. Monday in Hilton Hotel Ballroom B.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon To Speak

"The great hope for bringing about a harmonious world lies in finding a reconciliation between the seemingly contradictory world views of idealism and materialism, religion and science," says the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church.

Monday at 8 p.m. in Ballroom B of the Hilton Hotel the Rev. Mr. Moon will deliver a sermon on "The New Future of Christianity." Scheduled also Monday evening will be selections by the International New Hope Singers, his 55-member choir. The public is invited.

Samuel Pell, Oregon state director for the Unification Church, says that the Rev. Mr. Moon received an enthusiastic response from the public on his 1973 tour, winning congratulations from individuals ranging from Senator Alan Cranston (D-Calif.) to President Richard Nixon.

Pell said that more than 35 proclamations issued by governors and mayors, commended his dedicated work and asked citizens to join in a day, week, month or, as in one case, a year of hope and unification.

Touring the country with the Rev. Mr. Moon are young people from all over the world. In Portland, says Pell, more than a hundred of these youthful evangelists have been visiting churches, residents, and businessmen.

Also included in their activities was a "Rally for God" earlier this week in downtown Portland. As on-lookers watched, about 90 young men and women sang, danced, clapped and cheered in Lowndale Square, inviting the public to hear the Rev. Mr. Moon at the Hilton Hotel Monday night.

"Rev. Moon is in America because of his conviction that God is working actively and directly with the world today and that America has a particularly important

role," said Pell.

He recently said, "God blessed America because its people were united into one centering on the Christian ideology, transcending national feelings.

"If America practices true democracy on a universal scale by loving people of the world, she will be in the leading position among all nations and enjoy God's blessing. But the United States is on the verge of being deprived of this blessing. A great crisis is at hand here in America."

Convinced of man's intrinsic goodness, the Rev. Mr. Moon believes the "Kingdom of Heaven on Earth" can be a reality if people truly understand and join God's dispensation at this crucial time in history.

Pell explained that the Unification Church was founded in 1954 in Seoul, South Korea, by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

He said that Moon was born in Pyungan Buk-Do province in what is presently North Korea on Jan. 6, 1920. Even as a child his life was centered on prayer and meditation.

"When he was 16," said Pell, "while in deep prayer on Easter morning, Jesus appeared to him, revealing that he would have a great mission in the fulfillment of God's providence. The next nine years were spent in preparation through intense prayer and study. During this time he sought the hidden meaning of the parables and symbols in the Bible and the origin of human suffering.

"Later he studied engineering at Waseda University in Japan, yet continuing his deep spiritual life.

"With the liberation of Korea from Japanese occupation, 40 years of religious persecution ended. At this time, the Rev. Mr. Moon began his public ministry,

teaching that God will restore man by the same Principle with which He created him.

"However, as communism arose in North Korea, its repression of religion, especially Christianity, surpassed that of even the Japanese. The Rev. Mr. Moon had gathered a considerable following, but due to his initial success he was considered a threat.

"He was arrested by the communists, mercilessly beaten, and left for dead. Fortunately, his followers found and cared for him. He recovered but was again arrested and this time sent to Hungnam prison camp. In this camp, the average prisoner's life span was six months, yet he survived for nearly three years — despite torture, insufficient diet, and forced labor. He obtained release from the prison camp in 1950 during the Allied northern offensive in the Korean War."

Pell said that following its founding in Seoul in 1954, the Unification Church (also known as the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity) spread to more than 40 countries throughout the world.

In 1959 the first missionary arrived in the United States, Miss Young Oon Kim, professor of New Testament and Comparative Religion at Ewha Women's University in Seoul. In the United States, said Pell, the majority of the church members are young people in their twenties.

In 1960 the Rev. Mr. Moon began a successful movement for the conversion of hardened communist political prisoners considered by South Korean officials to be incorrigible.

More information on the Rev. Mr. Moon, his speaking tour, and the Unification Church may be obtained by calling (503) 232-9121.

—Oregon Journal
Portland, Oregon
April 12, 1974

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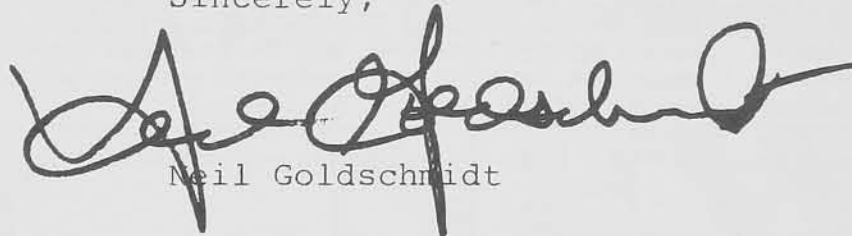
The Rev. Sun Myung Moon
c/o Portland Day of Hope Committee
Portland International Airport
Portland, OR

Dear Rev. Moon:

As Mayor of the City of Portland, I extend a warm and cordial welcome. Since I will be out of the city during your brief stay in Portland, we will be unable to meet, but I am confident that you will find a spirit of hospitality and friendship among the Portlanders you meet during your stay here.

I sincerely hope that your visit to the United States can be considered both pleasant and productive and that your time in Portland will establish for you a warm memory of our "City of Roses."

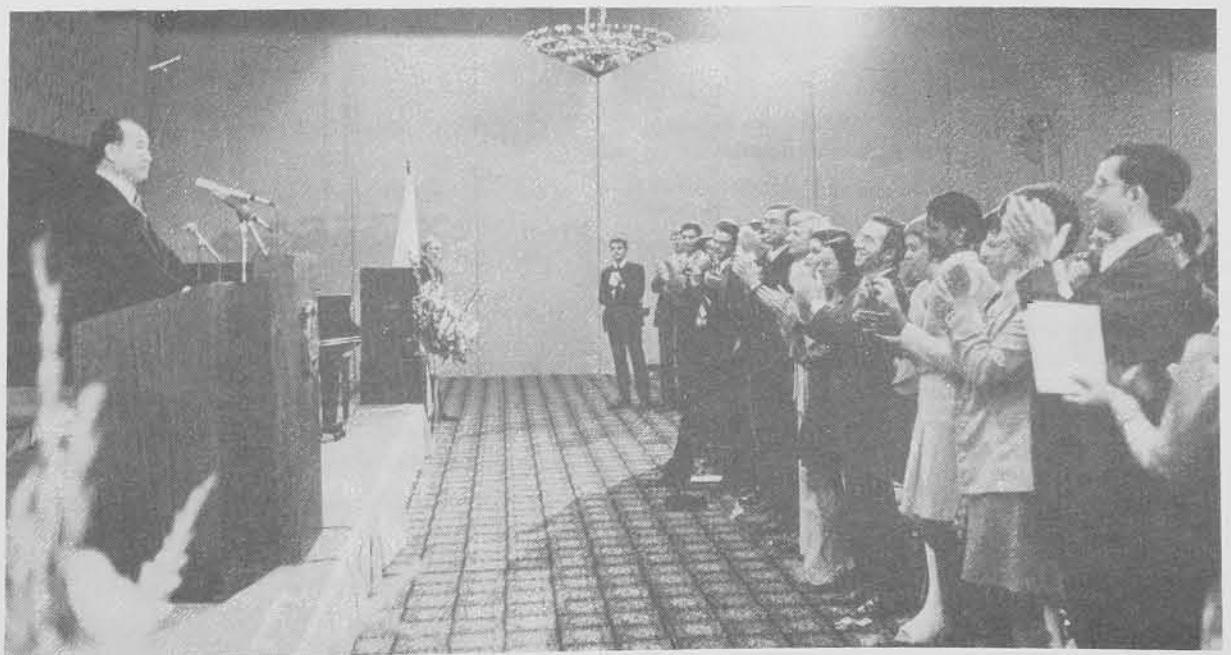
Sincerely,



Neil Goldschmidt

Proclamations were received from the mayors of the following cities:

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right: A standing ovation for Our Master at the Portland speech.

By JUDY SHULER
Times Staff Writer

The membership, says the young president of the Unification Church, is a group "any minister would be really proud of."

"They are outstandingly zealous, there is a certain sheen and exuberance in their eyes lacking in most young people. We have all the things that Christians are supposed to have," contends Neil A. Salonen of Washington, D.C.

Although strong in their beliefs, they are not judgmental, he said. "We don't speak out against other groups the way they speak out against us."

Founded and led by Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon, the Unification Church is beginning to inspire as much passion among its detractors as its followers.

At least two Anchorage area clergymen distributed to their congregations on Easter Sunday a five-page typed bulletin entitled "The Satanic Beliefs of 'Rev.' Moon." It attacked his alleged occult practices, marriage by witchcraft, Biblical interpretation and supposed claim that the Rev. Mr. Moon is Christ returned.

According to Salonen, most of it is a lie.

A similar brochure was prepared by a drop-out from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary who was disclaimed by even his old school, Salonen said yesterday afternoon in an interview.

Dr. Moon himself does not grant interviews while on tour, leaving it to his followers to interpret the faith to the press.

As Salonen explains it, the



EVANGELIST RECEIVES FLOWERS

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife, right, received bouquets of carnations Tuesday upon their arrival at Anchorage International Airport. Presenting the flowers are Barry Cohen, left, and Linda Marchant. Cohen is one of three full-time

workers for the Unification Church in the Anchorage area and Miss Marchant, of McLean, Va., does public relations work for the church's Day of Hope tours.

teachings are based on the Rev. Mr. Moon's revelations from Jesus Christ, and "no Christian on earth understands Jesus Christ as well as Rev. Moon or has had as many personal relationships with Him."

"There isn't anyone who has the same authority to speak as Rev. Moon," Salonen believes.

Among these revelations are the concept of the Trinity composed of God the father, husband and wife. No man or woman alone can reflect the total nature of God, they say, laying heavy stress on marriage.

While he denied marriage by witchcraft or selection of mates by Dr. Moon, Salonen confirmed that couples must refrain from sex for 40 days after the wedding ceremony.

"The marriage unit is the key to restoring God on earth," he explains. And with marriages breaking up as fast as they are formed, "it is clear we need a more elevated concept of marriage." The early days of marriage are to be used by each partner to "perfect themselves."

The movement also stresses unity — between God and man,

among men and among nations — as preparation for the second advent.

Also, unity of ideology, "the main conflict in the world today."

Salonen does not believe that such unity would destroy personal freedom because "every snowflake is different" and individuality could exist within certain limits.

However, such deviations as "alcoholism, drug addiction, prostitution and pornography don't need to be among the choices," he added. And although he denies political

involvement, the group is strongly anti-Communist.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon will speak at 8 tonight in the Discovery Room of the Captain Cook Hotel.

The thrust of his speech, according to Salonen, will be the belief that Jesus came to earth to establish the kingdom of heaven and failed because people wouldn't accept Him.

At the second advent, evil will be destroyed on earth if people are ready, but "Christians are as unprepared for the second advent as the Jews were for Jesus."

—Anchorage Daily Times
Anchorage, Alaska
April 17, 1974

Crusade founder sets visit

By DONN LISTON
Daily News Staff Writer

Some 40 members of the Unification Church are preparing both for their founder's visit to Anchorage and to celebrate the resurrection of Christ.

The international team preparing Anchorage for Rev. Sun Myung Moon will have representatives of the church from 11 countries. They will go door-to-door throughout the community distributing tickets to a banquet in Moon's honor to be held at the Captain Cook Hotel, April 17 at 8 p.m. The effort is being financed by another team in California which is presently raising money for Moon's Alaska visit.

"This will be a time of resurrection, not only of individuals but also for America as a

Christ-centered country," explained Barry Cohen, Anchorage representative of the church. "Just as God prepared the nation of Israel to receive His son, so today, before Jesus can return there must be a nation to receive him."

Cohen, himself a Jew, says the One World Crusade has reinforced his religion, serving as a fulfillment of Judaism. "Because of the faithlessness of those around him, Jesus was unable to fulfill his desire to make the Kingdom of God here on earth," Cohen said.

There are now six Anchorage devotees of the Divine Principle, which Cohen's organization promotes. He explains the religious development of man as a plant, with Judaism as the root, Christianity as the trunk and the Divine

Principle the flower.

"We're trying to stimulate service to God and our fellowman, which is the essence of Jesus' message," continued the Alaska leader. "The traditional Christian church has been accused of lip-service only with regard to these ideals. Now, God has demanded that Christians serve physically."

Originally from Korea, Moon is Chairman of the board and founder for the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity. In 1960 he began a successful movement for the conversion of hardened Communist political prisoners considered by the South Korean Officials to be incorrigible.

—Anchorage Daily News
Anchorage, Alaska
April 6, 1974



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CITY OF ANCHORAGE ALASKA



April 12, 1974

Reverend Sun Myung Moon
Chairman of the Board & Founder
Unification Church

Dear Reverend Moon:

I find I will be gone from Anchorage on City business while you are visiting our community. Therefore, I will not have the opportunity to meet you personally.

The citizens of Anchorage have been known for years for the friendship and warmth they extend to visitors. I am sure you will have the opportunity to experience this genuine hospitality while you are with us.

I look forward to meeting you at some future time in Anchorage.

Sincerely,

George M. Sullivan
Mayor

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WILLIAM A EGAN GOVERNOR

ANCHORAGE DAILY NEWS

Thursday, April 18, 1974

Moon mission fizzles

By DONN LISTON
Daily News Staff Writer

Rev. Sun Myung Moon says he has a new revelation from God about Christian unity. At least that's what his interpreter said he says.

The Korean Christian promoting the One World Crusade spoke at the Upper Deck of the Captain Cook Hotel Thursday as members of the Anchorage Jesus movement milled about in the hall passing out tracts saying Moon was promoting demonism.

"They deny the blood of Jesus Christ as the perfect atonement of God," said Dan Huckabay of the Anchorage Christian Mission.

SOME 250 to 500 persons attended the free lecture on The Future of

Christianity. Moon spoke in his Native Korean language followed by an interpreter's message in English. As viewers tired of the dramatic sermon, many filed past Moon followers who encouraged them to stay.

"I came because I met a beautiful lady with lots of love in her heart who asked me to," explained Jim Kelly, one Anchorage resident who left early.

The program began with a male soloist. Another follower then introduced the speaker as a wonder-child product of a torn Korea. He told in great detail how Moon's Christian faith saved him from the horrors of a Communist prison camp.

BUT THE big pitch came when the spiritual leader was said to have spent

time talking to Jesus Christ, John the Baptist and other persons from the Bible.

"You must have the faith of a little child rather than have preconceived ideas," added the speaker.

Four Loomis guards were on hand for the presentation. One of them, said in confidence that a threat had been made on Moon's life before.

One follower of Moon explained that many people didn't understand him because of information his former wife had spread about him. The devotee, who said she was from England, explained that his first wife didn't understand Moon's mission in life. That mission, as explained in material distributed by the group, is to prepare man for the second coming of Christ.

ANCHORAGE

DAILY NEWS

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 1974

Readers write...

Moon's church hit

Dear Editor:

This is to protest and provide information concerning the unification church whose leader, Dr. Moon, was in your city this past week.

This organization is moving towards politically violent activities and should be investigated, especially since they are secretive about their structure and accounting systems.

One of their many slogans has been "One World Church-One World Government."

In the public streets of Louisville, Ky., and Indianapolis, Ind., these people have been violently antagonistic to citizens distributing leaflets containing documented statements from Time magazine, and other sources, that this organization is founded in non-Biblical practices and beliefs.

They consider any public opposition to be illegal, and continuously harass and threaten anyone opposed to their activities.

Since the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America guarantees freedom of speech, press, and assembly, we of Christ Covenant Church must declare this organization to be un-American and definitely anti-Christian.

David H. Bell
Minister of Education
Christ Covenant Church
Louisville, Ky.

ANCHORAGE, ALASKA, SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 1974

Readers write...

Views on Moon visit

Dear Editor:

This letter is sent to clear up the gross misrepresentations expressed in this column on April 20 by the Minister of Education of Christ Covenant Church, Louisville, Ky., concerning Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Unification Church.

For religious reasons, we have participated in many rallies for the National Prayer and Fast Committee for the Watergate Crisis. All were peaceful as you can find by asking any police department in any of the large cities where these rallies were held. The National Prayer and Fast Committee sponsored Rev. Moon's Watergate Crisis Statement, a plea to heal the breach between the presidency and the people of America. His solution to the Watergate crisis was solely to forgive, love and unite and not to destroy and break down.

Rev. Moon's purpose for being here is to shore up the spiritual foundations that made our country great. He deeply loves America and is grateful to America for what she has done for South Korea. His message is one of hope and unity for Christians in a time of increasing world and national crisis. Christians must be united at this time, especially with the constant threat of communism, having an anti-Christian base as one of its main tenets. However, our position on church unity could never be construed to mean "One World Church-One World Government." This has absolutely never appeared in any of our literature nor has it ever been a "slogan" of our church! The idea of threats, harassment and violence to others is the farthest thing from the truth.

"Christ Covenant Church" is not a real church, but a non-incorporated group of 16. Its name is not even in the Louisville phonebook. David Bell and his associate Tom Riner, both are unordained "ministers" being sued by our church for damages due to their 'documented' statement mentioned in Mr. Bell's letter, called cryptically the "Satanic Beliefs of Reverend Moon." Mr. Riner is a Southern Baptist Theological Seminary dropout who has falsely used the name of this seminary, thus giving credence to these lies. Their group is totally discounted as an extremely fanatical one by the churches in their area.

It is our prayer that we can have equal space in your newspaper to present the facts as they really are. Yours in Christ,

Barry D. Cohen
Director
Unification Church
of Alaska

Dear Editor:

Although I find myself at somewhat of a disadvantage since I wasn't there, I found myself embarrassed by Donn Liston's "review" of the Rev. Moon's presentation last night. I'm not sure I can recognize good reporting, but have little difficulty in recognizing what is bad. I thought that this effort was bad.

Jack Peterson

Dear Editor:

I have been interested in your coverage of the visit by the Reverend Mr. Moon of the Unification Church. I think your reporter, Mr. Liston has overall done a responsible job of reporting the controversial event.

I do question the heading used in the article in this morning's paper, "Moon Mission Fizzles." A fizzle, to me, means that a promising explosive fails, in whole or in part. Had the mission received no attention or challenge, it would indeed have fizzled. Rather, the effect was dynamic, and probably sustained. I suggest a better word would have been "Sizzles."

Priscilla Bacon

Honolulu

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose "unification principle" philosophy led to the founding of one of the world's most rapidly growing new religions, will speak in Honolulu April 20, it was announced yesterday.

Moon's visit here will come at the conclusion of a two-month speaking tour of 32 cities on the Mainland.

The Unification Church, a Christian denomination, has developed a following of more than two million persons in 40 countries since it began in Seoul, Korea, in 1954.

Moon will speak at the Roosevelt High School auditorium at 8 p.m. April 20.

—Honolulu Advertiser
Honolulu, Hawaii
March 9, 1974

CHURCH BRIEFS

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, whose Unification Church has been referred to as "the fastest growing faith in the world," will conclude a 32-city tour with a speaking appearance here next Saturday.

Moon, of Seoul, Korea, will speak at 8 p.m. at the Roosevelt High School auditorium.

His Church, which has grown to about two million members in 40 countries since it was founded in 1954, is dedicated to unifying all Christian denominations and ultimately all religions.

Through this unification, Moon believes, a true world brotherhood and a future free of war will result.

Moon has centered his efforts on the United States. "He believes God has ordained America to a leading role in the world," according to local church president Bruce A. Brown.

Hawaii supporters will welcome Moon with a banquet at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel Friday night.

Regular lectures on the unification principle are offered at 7:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Unification Church of Hawaii, 2828 Kaimuki Ave.

—Honolulu Advertiser
Honolulu, Hawaii
April 13, 1974



Honolulu Star-Bulletin Saturday, March 16, 1974 ●

April's Guru

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, will be here April 19 for a welcoming banquet at the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel. On April 20, he'll speak at the Princess Kaiulani Hotel.

Early in April, his followers say, an advance delegation of 70 will arrive to arrange for his appearance.

Interesting is Martin E. Marty's comment in "Context" (a commentary on the interaction of religion and culture) that's published by the Thomas More Association in Chicago.

"People ask: Who is the Rev. Sun Myung Moon? I answer: 'Until you hear of him, you will never have heard from him. Then he will bring his movement to your city, and you will hear from him.' The religious press, bored by the religion of 100 million Catholic and Protestant believers, turns to the guru of the month — from Maharishi to Maharaji to Moon.

"His face will be on every lamppost and bulletin board. He is supported with millions of dollars. He is Founder, Unification Church International, a home-made religion which combines some themes garnered from Korean Presbyterian missionaries with Korean ancestor-worship and family-obsession, and, for spice, some do-it-yourself improvisations by Moon.

"Forget it, if you can — which you can in a couple of years, after the fad passes."



Mankind, throughout history, has been blind, not knowing why they lived, where they came from, or where they are going. They did not know the purpose or goal of history. They have not known what time it is according to God's timetable. And they have not known how the future will be. Why? — because they have not had one central point — true parents as their true ancestors. They did not have that.

So far, in this universe, no central parents have existed. We have had only false parents, who brought the elements of distrust and betrayal day in and day out. Therefore, there have been no true brothers and sisters, and no true husband and wife. True parents were not there, and true, sinless children were not there. In other words, the heavenly family was lost. That family is the center of the universe, all people, and the world. Really, this one God-centered family is the axis or central point of the entire universe. Even God is looking for that central point, all of human history is aiming toward that central point, or God-centered family, which is the one point in which God and men become one, and the history of the past, present, and future are united into one.

—Parents Day, 1974
Sun Myung Moon
March 24, 1974

Honolulu Star-Bulletin

HONOLULU, HAWAII Thursday, April 18, 1974

Religious Crusader Will Speak Here

By Nadine W. Scott
Star-Bulletin Writer

Ken Sudo, crusade commander, and his mobile team of 37 workers from the Mainland are busily organizing for the appearance here tomorrow and Saturday of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

Moon, founder of the Unification Church, International, is completing a barnstorming tour of 32 U.S. cities where he has conducted his 1974 "Day of Hope" campaign since early this year.

Sudo explained that, to give more than 1,200 community leaders the opportunity to meet Moon, they have been invited to a free banquet at the Molo-

kai Room of the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel tomorrow.

"Close to 400 are coming," he said. Sudo said 37 members of his mobile team of 71 are following-up on the invitations. He said the mailing list was obtained from local contacts, one of which is the Central Book Store, which specializes in books and artifacts that deal with the occult.

SATURDAY, Moon will discuss "The New Future of Christianity" at 8 p.m. in the Waiialae Room of the Princess Kaiulani Hotel.

This is pretty much the format followed by Moon in his Mainland appearances. In each city one of the mobile teams — and

there are 10 — organizes the free meal and his speaking engagement.

Sudo said the teams are like his, with members from Europe, Asia and America living communally and working and talking together "just like a family."

On his mobile team are 16 persons of German descent, 12 from France, 13 from America and 30 from Japan. He brought 37 members with him.

COST OF THE Honolulu crusade, Sudo said, will be from \$15,000 to \$20,000. All events are free, he stressed, but if anyone wants to make a contribution to support Moon's work it will be accepted.

Crusades are supported, Sudo continued, by a number of fund raising projects. "We sell peanuts and candy and many people contribute to our work," he said.

(According to Time Magazine of Oct. 15, 1973, Moon, 53, is a millionaire in his own right with holding in various enterprises including ginseng tea, titanium production, pharmaceuticals and air rifles.)

One of the mobile team members noted that selling ginseng tea and candles are two more fund-raising activities.

Sudo said Moon went to the Mainland "to serve America and to love America."

Many of his followers in Asia "shed a tear when he came to America," Sudo said.

But Moon is not very well known in America. Sudo said about two million people around the world are "helping" with the work of the Unification Church.

He said there are 300,000 or 500,000 members in Korea, 100,000 in Japan, about 40,000 in the United States and 40 different centers in the world.

In Hawaii, 13 members of the church live communally at 2656 Namaau Drive. That's where the visiting mobile team members are staying as they prepare for Moon's appearance.

