

# National Prayer and Fast



PRAY  
FOR  
AMERICA

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GOD BLESS  
AMERICA  
AND OUR PRESIDENT  
RICHARD NIXON

GOD  
SPEAK

GOD  
HAS THE  
ANSWER

WE HAVE  
FAITH  
IN THE  
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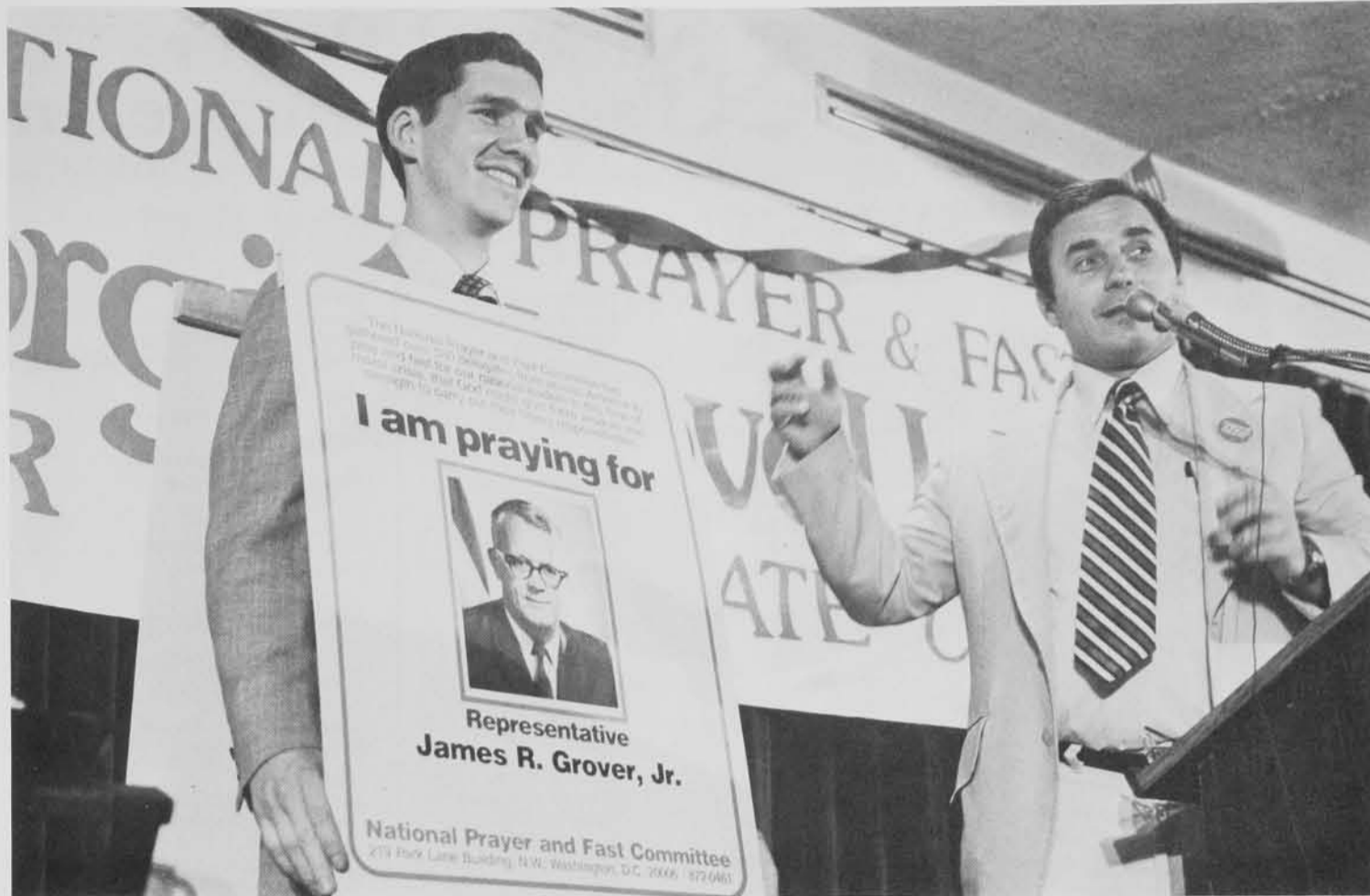
**Three Day Fast  
for  
the Watergate  
Crisis**

# Preparing for the fast



1 During early morning Sunday speech, Public Relations team receives direction from Our Master concerning the Watergate Prayer and Fast.  
2 Our Master, Ye Jin and Hyo Jin look over album of Senators and Congressmen prepared by the Public Relations team.





*We must be responsible for the shortcomings of this nation, for its difficulties. What are the most difficult problems in this nation? First is the ruin or crisis in the Christian world. In this nation not only the Christian ideology, which was the founding ideology of this nation, is being corrupted and is collapsing. If families are*

*collapsing it means that the nation is collapsing. The God-denying ideology of Communism is infiltrating the nation and undermining the hearts of the people and separating them from God.*

*Sun Myung Moon  
July 14, 1974*



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Cong. Olin E. Teague  
Cong. Bill Archer  
Cong. Bob Eckhardt  
Cong. Jack Brooks  
Cong. J.J. (Jake) Pickle  
Cong. W.R. Poage  
Cong. James C. Wright, Jr.  
Cong. Robert D. Price  
Cong. John Young  
Cong. E. (Kilka) de la Garza  
Cong. Richard D. White  
Cong. Omar Burleson  
Cong. Barbara Jordan  
Cong. George H. Mahon  
Cong. Henry B. Gonzales  
Cong. James M. Collins  
Cong. O.C. Fisher  
Cong. Bob Casey  
Cong. Abraham Kazen, Jr.  
Cong. Dale Milford

Utah

Sen. Wallace F. Bennett  
Sen. Frank E. Moss  
Cong. K. Gunn McKay  
Cong. Wayne Owens

Vermont

Sen. George D. Aiken  
Sen. Robert R. Stafford  
Cong. Richard W. Mallary

Virginia

Sen. Harry F. Byrd, Jr.  
Sen. William Lloyd Scott  
Cong. Thomas N. Downing  
Cong. G. William Whitehurst  
Cong. David E. Satterfield 3rd  
Cong. Robert W. Daniel  
Cong. M. Caldwell Butler  
Cong. J. Kenneth Robinson  
Cong. Stanford E. Parris  
Cong. William C. Wampler  
Cong. Joel T. Broyhill

Washington

Sen. Warren G. Magnuson  
Sen. Henry M. Jackson  
Cong. Joel Pritchard  
Cong. Lloyd Meeds  
Cong. Julia Butler Hansen  
Cong. Mike McCormack  
Cong. Thomas S. Foley  
Cong. Floyd V. Hicks  
Cong. Brock Adams

West Virginia

Sen. Jennings Randolph  
Sen. Robert C. Byrd  
Cong. Robert H. Mollohan  
Cong. John Slack  
Cong. Ken Hickler  
Cong. Harley O. Staggers

Wisconsin

Sen. William Proxmire  
Sen. Gaylord Nelson  
Cong. Les Aspin  
Cong. Robert W. Kastenmeier  
Cong. Vernon W. Thomson  
Cong. Clement J. Zablocki  
Cong. Henry S. Reuss  
Cong. William A. Steiger  
Cong. David R. Obey  
Cong. Harold V. Frehlich  
Cong. Glenn R. Davis

Wyoming

Sen. Gale W. McGee  
Sen. Clifford P. Hansen  
Cong. Teno Roncalio

District of Columbia  
Delegate Walter E. Fauntroy

Guam

Delegate Antonio Borja Won Pat

Jeff Scharfen  
Sharyl Nelson  
Oakley Aman  
Lisa Jensen

Peggy Kercz  
Bruce Biggins  
Claire Allen  
Jerry Marshall  
Will Winfrey

Shirley Gricar  
Renee Stueckrath  
Rosemary Guy

Kathy Donovan  
John Doroski  
Julie Turner  
Steve Bradshaw  
Paulette Martin  
Richard White  
Pat Sheffield  
Carla Ellis  
Sherry Westerlage  
Alva Lines  
Estaban Galvan  
Virginia Riggs  
DeWayne Allen  
John Oldham  
Joni Gentry  
Ray Thompson  
Dan Gressett  
Robbie Meripol  
Mark Hernandez  
Larry Moffitt  
Ted Miller  
Sarah Willingham  
Mary Ann Viscardi  
Richard Root  
Kevin Aldridge  
Ann Aldridge

Larry Trenbeath  
Leonard Norman  
Ron Allen  
Rob Kittel

Nels Erickson  
James Garland  
Pat Eaton

William Baum  
Susan List  
Nanette Semha  
Ray Brogan  
William Gertz  
Reginald Rush  
Gerald Mullins  
Sandy Payne  
Debbie White  
Terry Luizzi  
Michael Jacula

Kris Heckel  
Patty Zulkowski  
David Baise  
Debbie Smith  
Mary Oliver  
Sandra Hilts  
Lee Shapiro  
Kent Eng  
Ellen Boyd

Dan Stein  
Harry Baisden  
Wanda Crowder  
Terry Darby  
David Misner  
David Gordon

Thomas Wojcik  
David Hager  
Gary Kragenbrink  
Sandra Jarrett  
Dan Marsolic  
Tom Olson  
Tommy Kong  
Lynn Nessa  
David Andrew  
Shirley Salts  
Cynthia Shea

Michael Cate  
Kathy Stanley  
Frank Zochol

Isaiah Poole

Wanda Mylar

Eleven people are fasting for the members of the Cabinet.



# PRAY FOR CONGRESS PRAY FOR THE PRESIDENT PRAY FOR AMERICA'S FUTURE

Beginning July 22, over 600 people will be praying and fasting on the Capitol grounds. Each person will be praying for a specific national leader—for his Congressman, the Chief Justice, the President, the First Family, Cabinet members—and our nation as a whole. Citizens of at least a dozen foreign nations will also participate. The major group of young people, from all parts of the country, are members of the National Prayer and Fast Committee (NPFC), founded by Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Formed in January of this year, NPFC found its inspiration in Rev. Moon's "Watergate Declaration" proclaiming the need for forgiveness, love and unity. Since then the Prayer and Fast movement has spread throughout the nation and many parts of the world. NPFC members have come from every state for purposes of this solemn assembly. They have determined to fast for a minimum of three days to demonstrate their concern.

## What Are We Praying For?

We are praying to bring God's spirit back into the life of OUR COUNTRY. We believe that God longs to express His will today. The United

States is uniquely suited to be the vanguard nation of a better world. Nowhere else is there such an abundance of resources and creative opportunities. No nation can compare with America's potential for goodness in a world ridden with poverty and corruption. God has assembled in America people whose ancestors originated from all nations, societies, races and cultures of the world, in order to create a universal society in microcosm. God has given America special blessings and a particular responsibility of moral and material leadership in this age.

Recognizing this, we all feel mixed emotions about the ramifications of the Watergate crisis. On the one hand, we cannot for a moment condone the placing of politics above morality, either in national or international affairs, by any of our nation's leaders. On the other hand, we know that our democracy requires a strong and independent Presidency. A delicate balance between the separate branches of government must be maintained. If any one of them is significantly weakened, particularly the Executive, serious instability may develop. We have only to look at recent events in Europe to see that if the Presidency is reduced in effect to a *prime ministry* subservient to the whim of parliament, neither the cause of unity,

*Above and right: Leaflets used during Watergate urging Americans to support the efforts of Unification church members in the 3 day prayer and fast.*

nor of progress, nor of responsibility in international affairs may be served. We should take note that both Hitler and Lenin took power on the heels of leaders made impotent by constraints upon their office and lack of cohesive support.

**We are praying for the people of the United States.** In the wake of Watergate many Americans feel deceived and compromised. We want to ask God to keep the hurt from growing into bitterness. As Watergate unfolds, we find its roots everywhere—not only in the White House, but in deteriorating moral standards at every level of our society. We have hope that God will lead us into rebuilding our national and personal characters in His image.

**We are praying for Richard Nixon,** who especially needs God's love and guidance at this time. We detest the attitude of those who consider him an inherently evil man whose removal will somehow purge our nation of corruption. He has guided our country through a perilous course in international affairs—a delicate if imperfect settlement in Vietnam, peace in the Middle East, and sensitive negotiations with the Soviets. We call on Richard Nixon to fulfill the role of the office of



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the Presidency. May our acceptance of him as a brother during his time in office inspire a relationship of trust between him and his people and a high, God-centered example of leadership.

**We are praying for God's help** so that there will be no more Watergates. This goal will not be achieved simply by removing one man from office. Rather, all of us must make a recommitment to the democratic process. United in hope and purpose to create a great nation for the sake of the world, Americans can

build a good society with a moral government maintained by honest, conscientious people.

**Our Congressmen** represent that hope. We are praying that God will be with them as they near their critical decision so that His spirit may prevail in whatever course is taken. We also believe that God's will requires a partnership with men. To be guided by God, men must pray with humble hearts. We stand behind our elected representatives as God's representatives in a democratic society. We are confident in their leadership. We love and support them. And we have faith that as a result of our prayers and fast, God will make His will known and realized.

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## THE NATIONAL PRAYER AND FAST COMMITTEE

- I would like to join NPFC. Please send me more information.
- I want to help financially. Enclosed is my contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_.
- I pledge to pray and fast for America's future for \_\_\_\_\_ days.

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ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

219 PARK LANE BUILDING, N.W. WASHINGTON D.C. 20006





*In place and singing, fasters filled the east steps of the Capitol Building.*

*Those who cannot love their own country cannot love God.  
Sun Myung Moon  
September 15, 1974*

## President Salonen briefs fasters on seriousness of their mission

I think most of you are aware of the fact that this is a crucial time. We're at almost the final moment when an effort can be made to change the course of history and to redirect the nation in fulfillment of God's will. Now is the time for everyone to repent, to reunite, and to center America firmly on fulfilling the will of God.

If through this fast Master can find in us hope and reason to believe that we can change the course of this nation, then he can really find hope that our mission in this three year period can be accomplished successfully.

I know most of you realized last November when we first unveiled the Watergate Declaration that Master did not lightly involve himself in these things, that it was a serious question, one which he held off from being involved in for a long time because he didn't want our movement to be accused of partisan political interest. And we don't have those goals. No matter how we may be criticized to find some self-serving purpose, the very underlying principle of this whole activity and

this whole demonstration is one of sacrifice. Our movement has been criticized and our members have been abused because of it. Very possibly there have been individuals who would have joined our movement except for the barrier of understanding our political involvement. But it's so important and so crucial that Master has been willing to make those sacrifices in order to stand up for the direction he feels the country must be going at this time. Before we can hope to win America through what we know is the most internal struggle, we have to fight this external battle.

I know that each one of you has come here with a deep commitment, but I expect that all of us will deepen our commitment beyond what it has ever been, so that as we march off, even this handful of people—just like the handful of people that took responsibility for founding the nation, our movement can take responsibility for re-founding it, or founding it again in God. I know that's the deepest desire of each one of our members.



*The President called—collect!—to address Rabbi Korff's banquet, which 2,000 people attended, including 300 Family members.*



*At an early morning briefing, Dr. Sheftick showed fasters the signs they would be wearing and explained the purpose of the fast.*

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# THREE DAYS AT THE CAPITOL

by JOY SCHMIDT

Three solemn days in July—America's top leaders debating the fate of a President and 610 of America's youth praying for a new vision and new direction for America and her leaders.

Rabbi Baruch Korff, in planning a second annual Citizens Congress for Fairness to the Presidency in Washington, thought of holding a prayer and fast vigil as part of the program. The only volunteers for a three-day fast were members of the National Prayer and Fast Committee.

The fast was planned for July 22-25, to take place on the East Capitol steps. Each faster would carry the name and photograph of one person, for whom he would pray during those three days. Reverend Sun Myung Moon, whose Watergate Statement stirred wide interest when it was issued on November 30, 1973, planned the focus of the fast and promised to go fishing for enough fish to feed 610 fasters at the end of three days.

As events turned out, the week chosen for the fast was a



momentous one. The Supreme Court handed down a decision limiting executive privilege. The House Judiciary Committee opened its final debates to the public and at the end of the week passed three articles of impeachment. Not long afterwards, when transcripts of Presidential conversations showed Nixon was indeed aware of the Watergate break-in

and ordered its cover-up, Nixon announced his resignation.

This was a time for serious prayer, as has been the American tradition during times of past crises and new beginnings. As the 610 prayed for Nixon and leaders of Congress and the Supreme Court, they will continue to pray for America's new President, Gerald Ford.

National Prayer and Fast Committee President Neil Salonen briefed the fasters on July 19, 1974, in Barrytown, New York. "The underlying principle of this whole demonstration is sacrifice. We must demonstrate a deeper heart and more dedication than others who have come to the Capitol to demonstrate. Each one of you has come here with a deep commitment, but I expect that you will leave with a deeper commitment than when you came."

Mr. Salonen explained according to the Divine Principle the reason for supporting the Presidency. The functions of government in American democracy are divided into legislative, executive, and judicial branches. These three functions are comparable to the three main organs of the human body, the lungs, heart, and stomach, which function according to the directives of the brain. Ideally, in human society there should be smooth give and take among the legislative, executive, and judicial branches, centered on the will of God. But the executive

branch, comparable to the heart, is the most central organ. If the heart is ruled by the stomach (as when the legislative branch controls the executive branch) the organism cannot move forward. Mr. Salonen gave as an illustration of this point recent political developments in Europe, where Prime Ministers are often subservient to the legislature and therefore the governments cannot be truly stable. "The President should not be tied to the internal struggles of Congress," he concluded.

He explained further, "When God gives His forgiveness, He does it in an unconditional way. Peace will never come about by one side clobbering the other; peace only comes through a perfected relationship between a Cain and an Abel figure."

"It is a historical occasion when over 600 young people make a fast for something," he began. "This is fantastic—to make a fast for the purpose of a whole nation." He urged the fasters to sing and pray and do all things as if they were not fasting, and to seriously pray and summarize the purpose of the fast before breaking it.

"Your ancestors came to this nation as exiles," he continued, "and now your nation is in crisis, not fulfilling God's will. If we have no clear view of our nation, and no clear view of our family, where can America go? Because of the present individualism, people don't care about the nation of America."  
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I am praying for  
  
Representative  
Ray Thornton

I am praying for  
  
L. Scott

I am praying for  
  
Representative  
Ruffield III

The National Prayer and Fast Committee has gathered over 550 delegates from across America to pray and fast for our national leaders in the time of moral crisis, that God might give them wisdom and strength to carry out their heavy responsibilities.

I am praying for  
  
Senator  
Hubert H. Humphrey



Now there is no tie between the nation and the family. Each individual goes his own way, and each family goes its own way, and each nation its own way."

"Who will stem the flow?" he challenged. "Christians as individuals and as groups do not have this power. We are the only ones who carry this destiny on our shoulders. Because of you, your ancestors' expectations will be fulfilled."

Reverend Moon recounted how ethical decay and corruption has been the cause of the fall of nations in the past. "This is going on in this nation," he affirmed. "But if people have a positive stimulus, maybe this will change."

He attributed the loss of faith in God and the rising individualism to the failure of Christianity. "Therefore, God is raising up spiritual groups to bring a new tradition for the new future of Christianity. By 1977-78 we have to fulfill this part."

"You are making a tradition for the future," he encouraged the fasters. "This is a great hope for God. You are going to restore morality to God's standard. You will be the great champions to reconstruct the heavenly family. Because of you, a new America shall be born."

Washington, D.C. National Prayer and Fast Committee members had worked day and night in preparation for these three days on the Capitol steps. About 560 posters were silkscreened and identified with the photograph and name of a senator, congressman, Cabinet member, Supreme Court

official, or the President and his family. Each senator and congressman was informed in advance about the prayer and fast vigil and invited to come out to meet the person who was praying and fasting for him. Also, permission had to be obtained from police and Secret Service and Parks Department officials for the various activities planned during the period.

By 11:00 a.m. Monday all arrangements were completed and the 610 fasters arranged themselves on the central steps of the east front of the Capitol. Mr. and Mrs. Neil Salonen donned the placards of President Nixon and his wife Pat, and Mr. Salonen gave an opening speech before the fasters, newsmen, congressmen, and passersby.

"Over 600 members of the National Prayer and Fast Committee will be praying for congressmen, senators, Cabinet members, the President and his family, and the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court," he began. Continuing with a history of the founding of the National Prayer and Fast Committee with Reverend Moon's Watergate Statement and its subsequent action, he said, "We are determined to pray and fast on these steps for at least three days, so that God's spirit can move in this land."

After recounting Nixon's achievements in international affairs, Mr. Salonen expressed hope that our "acceptance of him as our brother will inspire him and his workers to good leadership. America can build a good society

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maintained by conscientious people."

"We hope that as a result of our progress, God will make His will known," Mr. Salonen continued. "We hope that God will accept this sacrifice and that it will bring His presence to the Supreme Court, the Presidency and the Congress."

Following this speech, Mr. Salonen led in an opening prayer for the nation and its leaders. Congressman Tim Lee Carter of Kentucky also addressed the crowd: "It gives me great pleasure to be here today and to take part in this prayer for the people of America and the world. We return to the principles that have made this country great—Jesus Christ and his teachings. Let us put them into practice."

Rabbi Baruch Korff of the Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency briefly visited the opening ceremony and added, "I have come to declare my personal solidarity with these young people who are following the path of their forefathers who 198 years ago declared a day of prayer and fast." He pledged to fast for one day in the spirit of the demonstration.

There was little chance for boredom during the three days. Eighty-one congressmen and senators came out to briefly address the fasters. Song and prayer services four or five times a day developed a deep spirit of love for America and her leaders and a strong desire for God's will to become known and carried out in a time of national crisis.

Monday evening the demonstrators rode to the Washington Monument for a prayer service. The next afternoon's activities included a march on foot the three miles from the Capitol Building to the Lincoln Memorial. The 610 marched and sang down Pennsylvania Avenue, the traditional route of violent anti-war demonstrators, and Constitution Avenue. A color guard and costumed dancers dressed in period clothes of the revolutionary era added considerable interest to the parade.

At the Lincoln Memorial, a candlelight service captured the tradition of American visionaries calling for a land of freedom and justice under God. At the Lincoln Memorial in 1963 Martin Luther King delivered his renowned "I have a dream" speech. "With this faith," proclaimed the American civil rights leader, "we will be able to hew out of the mountain of despair a stone of hope. With this faith we will be able to transform the jangling discords of our nation into a beautiful symphony of brotherhood. With this faith we will be able to work together, to pray together, to struggle together, to go to jail together, to

stand up for freedom together, knowing that we will be free one day."

Col. Bo Hi Pak, who had just finished a ten-city tour with the Celebration of Life program calling Americans to a new spirit of love for God and Christ, joined the marchers. At the Lincoln Memorial he announced, "This is my greatest day, walking down Constitution Avenue with all of you. In spirit hundreds and thousands of brothers and sisters will join you. There are millions of people

around the world who will join you in the cause of the brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.

"It's worth every minute of it!" Mr. Salonen exclaimed at one point in the three days. With each succeeding day, congressmen and senators who came to speak to the fasters expressed more amazement that young people should be so dedicated to God and their country to sacrifice so much. Over and over they stressed that if ever America needed prayers, it was now. Many speakers stressed that

they could definitely feel the impact of prayer on their own lives and in their work.

The first day of the fast was a typical sunny and very hot Washington day. The lines back and forth to the water jugs never ceased. But the sun descended below the Capitol building about 4:30 and brought welcome relief. The afternoon and evening of the second day brought intermittent light rain, and the Capitol police allowed the fasters to retreat under the central portico to doze during





After the Washington Monument prayer meeting, fasters marched down the hill to join a tent revival meeting being held by "Christ Is The Answer." Mr. Salonen had secured permission for the fasters to join the tent meeting and so they surged in and up the aisle to the front, where many jumped up onto the stage along with the leaders of the revival. The two groups sang and prayed together.



In a foot-stomping, fast-moving testimony, Pastor Luke told the revival audience that, "These people [the Unification Church] love God with a 24-hour sanctification. I took the advice of the Holy Spirit and I just humbled myself, and these folks taught me a lesson. . . . Don't hold yourself away from these people; they love the Lord."



At the Washington Monument, fasters assembled on the grass for an inspiring sunset prayer meeting.

the night. After this, the weather was kind.

Many tourists and employees of the Capitol stopped to try to listen to the singing, speeches, and prayers throughout the three days, but the police consistently forced them to move on, preventing the rally from having a substantial impact on the minds of the passerby.

One professor at Asbury Theological Seminary in Kentucky noticed a picture of the

prayer and fast and told his students about it. Five of them drove through the night and arrived in Washington, D.C. about 8:00 a.m. They stayed for about four hours, observed the rally, and talked with Gary Fleischman, Unification Church state representative in Kentucky. According to Gary they were moved and inspired by their experience.

Some visitors came from even farther away. One was Mr. Heinz Seal from Germany. Last March God told him to go to America to

help support the President and help America be one nation under God. "God is giving the U.S. a new chance," he said, "to live under prayer, and to live in peace and joy for many generations. This can only be done through God's grace." Mr. Seal met the fasters during their first evening's service at the Washington Monument and joined in the remainder of the prayer and fast.

However, news reporters and photographers abounded because of the Supreme Court hearings and

the House Judiciary Committee debates. More than 350 stories and/or photographs appeared in newspapers throughout the United States. Overseas wire services carried photos and stories to Europe and Asia, which appeared in print in Spain, France, Germany, and Denmark. Television coverage was extensive, especially the first and last days. Barbara Walters interviewed Mr. Salonen and Susan Hughes on NBC-TV's Today Show for five minutes on Thursday morning. (continued)

Los Angeles Church of God pastor, William H. Luke, addressed the fasters at the Washington Monument

"If you want to see our sick land healed, God is the answer! He promised, 'If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.' (II Chron. 7:14)"

Fasters ranged from the youngest, Jo-Ann Lurie (age 11) from New York, who told us, "I have never loved America before as much as I do now," to the oldest, Dorothy Haley (age 66) from Florida, "I now have many sons and daughters that I am very proud of."

The first night the House Judiciary Committee's hearings were open to the public, the fasters returned from the Lincoln Memorial to sing and pray in the East courtyard. One reporter (Saul Kohler) covering the event must have been struck with the difference in atmosphere inside and outside and wrote,

"It was pitch dark outside the massive marble-and-granite Rayburn House Office Building... and voices of six hundred persons—still musty after two days without food or sleep—sang to the glory of God and nation...."

"Outside, clearly it was nicer. The full foliage on the trees blocked out the light of the mercury vapor lamps, and if you have never heard the 'Star Spangled Banner,' 'America the Beautiful,' the 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' and 'A Generation of Righteousness' under those conditions, you haven't quite led a full life."

The heavy atmosphere that had settled around Washington for the past two years during the investigations of the Watergate scandal pressed more heavily during this critical week. The 610 gathered for fasting and prayer felt like representatives of all of America calling upon God for forgiveness for this land and for guidance for the leaders of America. Many received new visions of the mission of America and the depth of God's personal love and care.

And praying was as natural as breathing during those three days, whether led by Congressman John Ware, or at 6:00 in the morning as the fasters prepared to begin another day, or under the big tent with the "Christ is the Answer" crusade. Throughout the day, individuals and groups sat quietly and studied the Bible or prayed quietly as well.



President and Mrs. Neil Salonen fast and pray for President and Mrs. Richard Nixon.

*The Unification Church members did not come for comfort, did not come for the relaxation, did not come here for games. We are here to give ourselves, to be summoned for this cause of sacrifice, so that we shall be used on the altar of God, so that God might save this world.*

Sun Myung Moon  
September 15, 1974

## The Way of the World

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Pastor William H. Luke shares his heart at a Washington Monument prayer service.

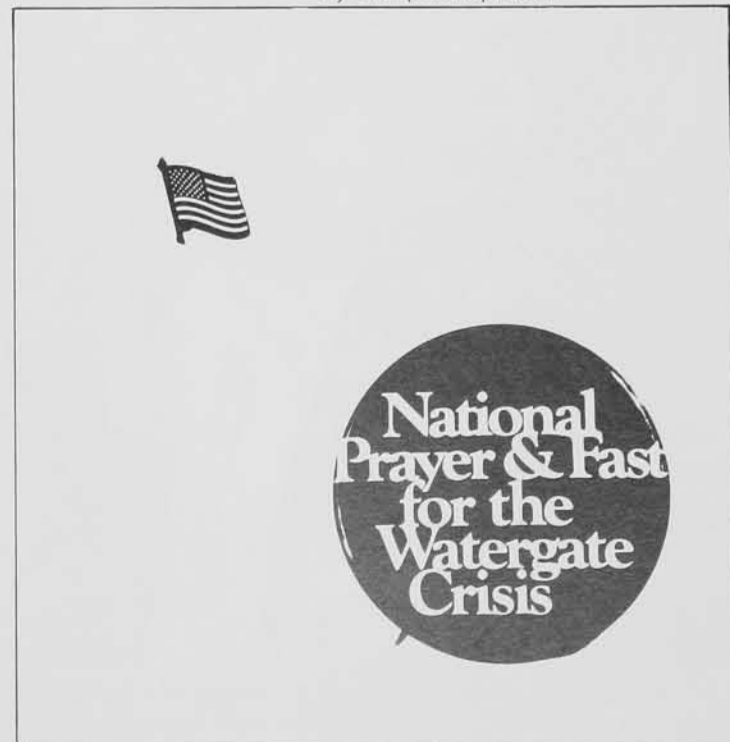
*I have so far met many Senators and Congressmen, but I've never found a single man who was really patriotic in such a way that he would think about the future of this nation without considering the opposition in power. On the contrary, each was thinking of how to remain in his position longer. Some of them, of course, are patriotic and think this nation is faced with great peril. They are anxious to save this nation, but they think, "Well, I'm the only person who thinks like this; how can one person save this nation?" So they give up. Before it is too late, those who are really anxious about this nation must be mobilized and rise in a common effort to save this nation.*

Sun Myung Moon  
February 23, 1975



Pastors lead in singing and prayer in the "Christ is the Answer" tent on the Washington Monument grounds.

Button and American flag pin worn by fast participants.







*Once we awaken to God's way of life and return to Him to the absolute degree that He expects of us, then we shall truly see that all the problems of this country will dissolve. Great joy and happiness will blossom in this land and through this nation the rest of the world will have hope.*

*Sun Myung Moon  
October 8, 1974*

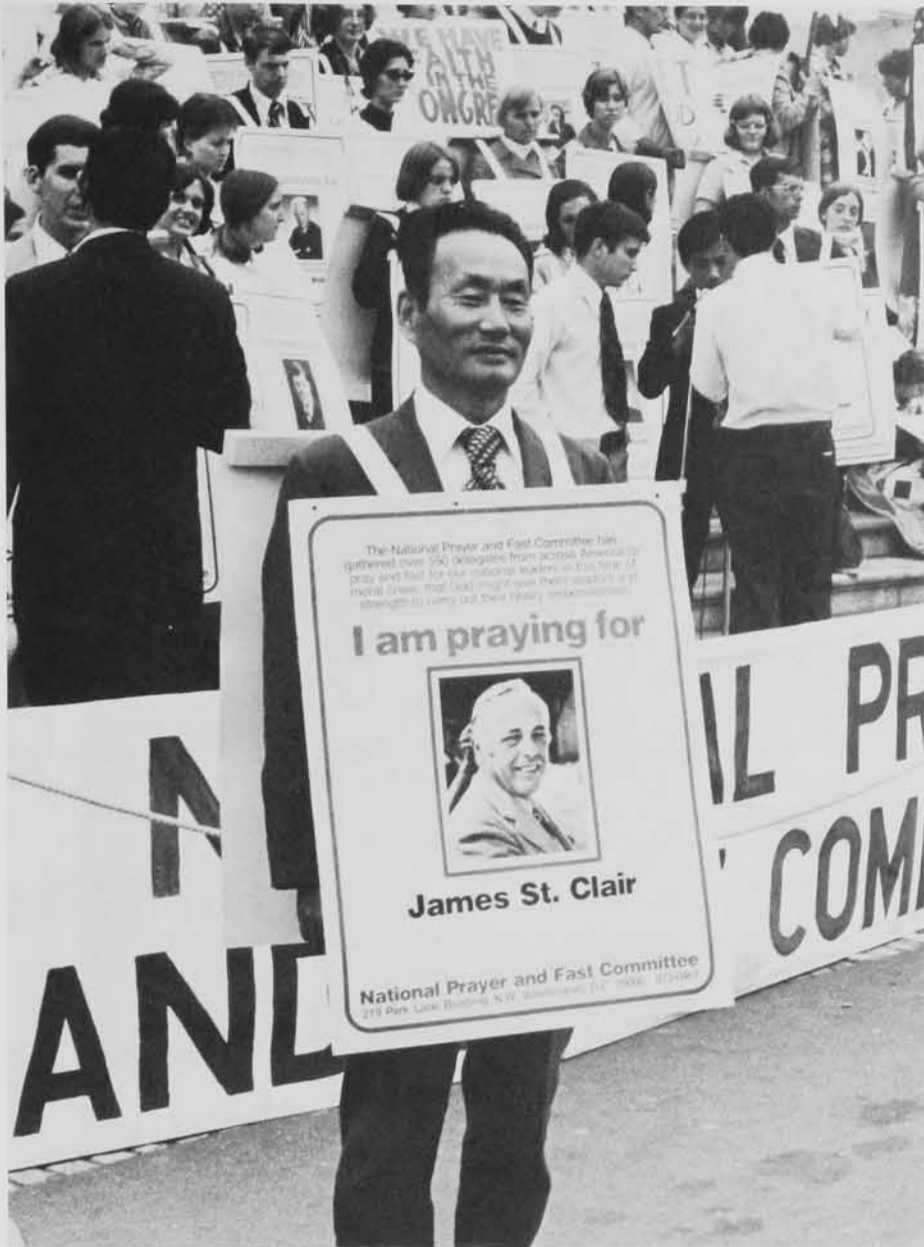


*Mr. Salonen asked fasters to pray to God "to keep the hurt in our nation from turning into bitterness, to lead us to rebuild our national character and image in His pattern."*









If America goes on like this any longer, then the youth will be ruined, and this nation will perish. Already "America has no future" is the view of the people. If this nation is going to be saved at all, it is the youth who will do the job. But you look at the facts: the young people in this country are being corrupted, moral decay prevails here and there is family disintegration. You have no notion of what your country means to you.

If you remember your Puritan forefathers who erected this nation, and realize that all their work is being destroyed, then won't you mobilize yourself now to fight against the negative power and rebuild this nation?

Sun Myung Moon  
February 16, 1975

All of today's problems—the world problems, national problems, social problems, and the problems of each individual—come from one thing: everyone thinks only of himself. We forget that God created us to serve others and others to fulfill our own lives.

Sun Myung Moon  
October 8, 1974

Mr. David S.C. Kim wears placard for attorney James St. Clair.



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## A REPORTER IN WASHINGTON D.C.

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**M**ONDAY morning. A bright, clear day—not too warm. This is the week that will have been. By the end of the week, according to the House Judiciary Committee's predictions, it will have voted on articles of impeachment. Over the weekend, members of the committee have been considering the articles offered by the staff last Friday, and studying the three-hundred-and-six-page summary of the case presented that same day by John Doar, the special counsel to the committee. Doar recommended that President Nixon be impeached. Albert Jenner, the minority counsel, joined Doar in this recommendation. Since Jenner, on the ground of his own belief, had refused to present the case against impeachment, the committee Republicans asked

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Outside the hotel, it is chilly and raining. Near the door on Michigan Avenue are picketers with signs saying "IMPEACH NIXON," "NIXON PAY YOUR TAXES," "NIXON IS A CROOK." Someone in this group is playing a tuba. Across the street in Grant Park, demonstrators are carrying neatly lettered signs that say "GOD BLESS AMERICA" and "GOD LOVES NIXON." Many of them are also waving red-white-and-blue paper pennants that say "SUPPORT OUR PRESIDENT," "GOD LOVES AMERICA," and "GOD LOVES NIXON." A man, using a bullhorn, is leading them in a singsong chant: "God Loves America." They are followers of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the evangelist from Seoul, Korea, whose trucks circled Lafayette Park blaring prayers for the President after he fired Archibald Cox, and whose followers have been turning up for the President—at a Christmas-tree lighting, at a prayer breakfast, at crucial moments—ever since. One of them, a young man in his twenties, tells me that the Reverend Moon has about three hundred and fifty followers in Chicago. He says that the man with the bullhorn came to Chicago from Washington to organize this demonstration. The man with the bullhorn, who appears to be in his mid-thirties, is staring intently at the Hilton and seems lost in his chant. He changes the chant to "Support the President."

### III—SUMMER NOTES

Jenner's deputy, Sam Garrison, a thirty-two-year-old Virginia attorney and former member of Vice-President Agnew's staff, to prepare an anti-impeachment argument. He will present it to the committee this morning. The President has now been in San Clemente for ten days, on a "working vacation." According to his aides, he has been taking long walks on the beach, swimming, and working on the economy. His aides, meanwhile, have been continuing their attacks on the committee. Following up the accusation by Ron Ziegler, his press secretary, that Doar had conducted a "kangaroo court," Dean Burch, a Presidential counsellor, called the committee's proceedings "a black spot on jurisprudence." Burch added that the President himself thought the committee had acted unfairly. Within the next few days, the Supreme Court is expected to rule on the question of whether the President must surrender the tapes subpoenaed by Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski. During the noon recess today, the committee Democrats will caucus to plan

the debate on the articles. Nobody seems to have a clear idea of just what form the debate will take. The process is still being invented as it goes along.

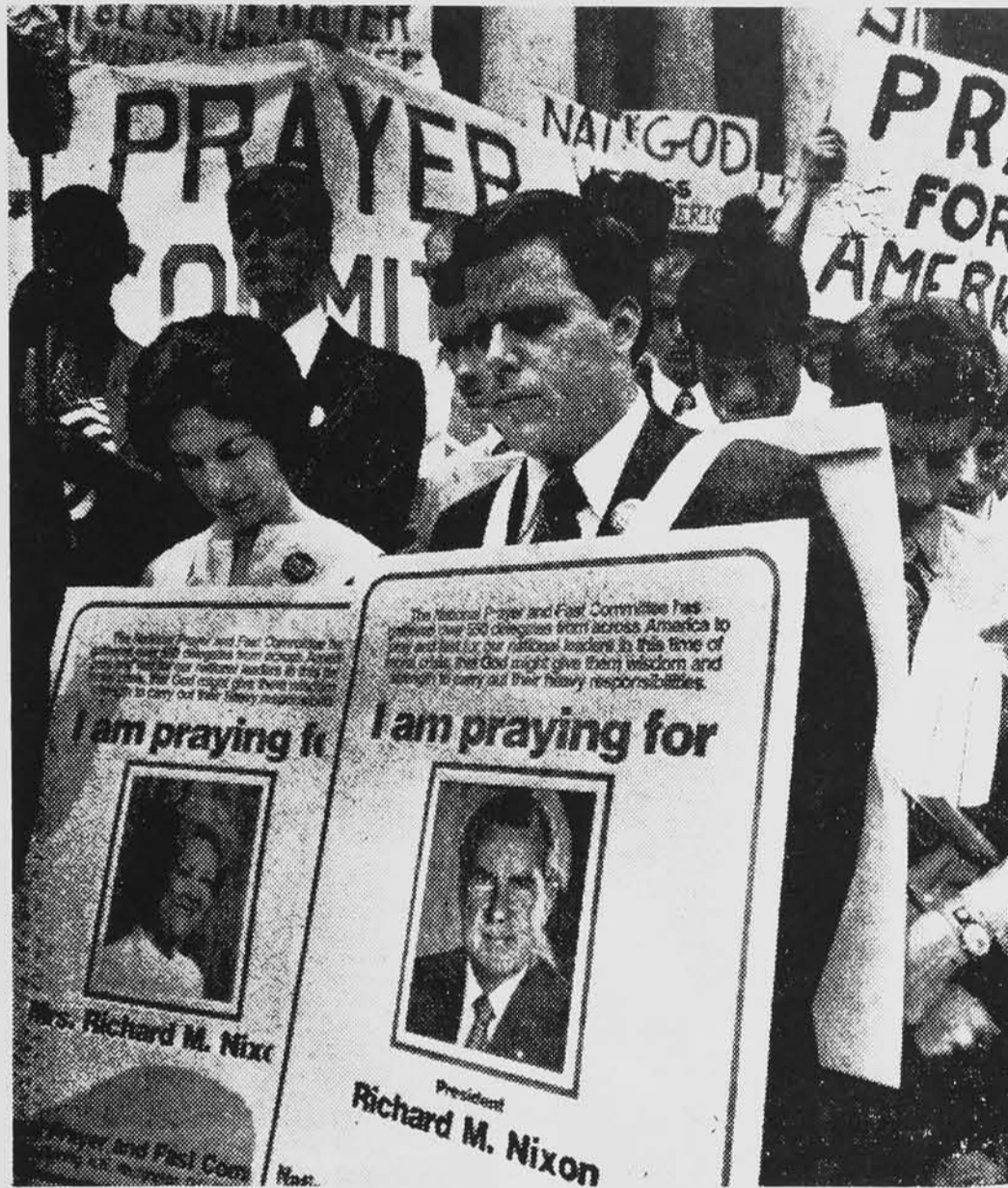
This morning, on the steps of the Capitol, Neil Salonen, president of the National Prayer and Fast Committee, is holding a press conference. He is wearing a red button that says "NATIONAL PRAYER AND FAST," and an American-flag pin is in his lapel. A few dozen people are with him, and he says that six hundred are expected. The committee was founded in late 1973 by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the evangelist from Korea whose followers have been turning up for the President at crucial moments since then. At twelve-fifteen, Mr. Salonen says, Rabbi Baruch Korff will arrive and express solidarity with this group. The White House has worked closely with Rabbi Korff, helping him organize his National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency. Most of the people standing on the Capitol steps with Mr. Salonen are young, wearing heavy suits with flags in their lapels. Most of them stand very quietly, looking intent. This group has an ascetic look—a look of religiosity and apartness. They look neither like the anti-war demonstrators nor like the clean-cut young Nixonians who turned up at the 1972 Republican Convention shouting "Four more years!" Members of the Prayer and Fast Committee will maintain a three-day prayer vigil this week for individual members of Congress, hoping, Mr. Salonen says, that "God's will will be revealed" to them. Under questioning, one of several public-relations representatives of the Prayer and Fast Committee says, "Many people feel that it is God's will that the President should not be impeached."

The striking thing is how little demonstrating over this issue—this issue that was to inflame public passions—there has been. Aside from the people on the Capitol steps, hardly anyone is here, and Rabbi Korff and Reverend Moon do not, to put it politely, seem to represent great masses of Americans. And no one is marching on the Capitol for impeachment. There seems to be some unspoken understanding that marching is not in order. And many Americans seem not to care, or figure that the politicians will or will not handle it. Many are on vacation, or are home worrying about inflation. And so the country is not being, as so many predicted, "torn apart" by the question of impeachment.



# The New York Times

NEW YORK, TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1974



## Nixon Backers Begin Fast and Prayer Vigil at Capitol

WASHINGTON, July 22 (AP)—About 350 supporters of President Nixon gathered on the steps of the Capitol today to begin what they said would be a 72-hour fast and prayer session.

Standing beneath American flags and signs saying "God Bless President Nixon," the crowd heard speeches decrying the impeachment proceedings against Mr. Nixon as no solution to the "Watergate morality."

"We should take note that both Hitler and Lenin took power on the heels of leaders made impotent by constraints upon their office and lack of cohesive support," said Neil Salonen, president of the National Prayer and Fast Committee.

The organization, which claims a nationwide membership of about 25,000, was

come to Washington for a week of rallies and anti-impeachment efforts by the Citizens Committee for Fairness to the President.

Rabbi Baruch M. Korff, chairman of the citizens committee, briefly addressed the Capitol rally, saying the group was emulating the "founding fathers who, 198 years ago, declared a day of prayer, a day of fasting."

"Now that we are undergoing a crisis of the gravest dimensions, it is incumbent upon us to seek spiritual divine guidance," he said.

founded in January by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, head of the Unification Church of America. Mr. Moon, a Korean, sponsored several weeks of pro-Nixon activities in the capital earlier in the year.

Mr. Salonen said that some of those at the Capitol had

Neil Salonen, president of the National Prayer and Fast Committee, and his wife on the steps of the Capitol yesterday as they began their demonstration.

# The Washington Post

TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1974

## Pro-Nixon Fast, Vigil Launched

By Marjorie Hyer

Washington Post Staff Writer

Rabbi Baruch Korff and followers of the Korean evangelist, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, joined forces in defense of President Nixon, yesterday as the time nears for the vote on impeachment.

The rabbi, founder of the National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, proclaimed his "solidarity" with several hundred young followers of Mr. Moon who took over the east steps of

the Capitol to launch a 72-hour fast and prayer vigil in support of the President.

Rabbi Korff said his doctor would allow him to fast for only one day with the young people, who have organized themselves as the National Prayer and Fast Committee for their current effort.

Last week's nationwide Citizens' Congress of Rabbi Korff's organization saw the involvement of "close to 300" of the youthful Moon followers, according to Janet Cook, who answered the telephone in Rabbi Korff's office but identified herself as "with the National Prayer and Fast Committee."

As the fast and prayer vigil of the young people got under way yesterday some 20 members of Congress slipped out at intervals during the afternoon to address informal re-

marks to the gathering.

"God bless you for what you're doing. Your right motives should be continued," said Rep. Don Young (R-Alaska).

He told a reporter his remarks were addressed to the emphasis of the young people on prayer and that no political implications should be "read into it."

Each member of the vigil wore a professionally prepared sandwich board with the name and photograph of a member of Congress, the Cabinet or the Nixon family under the legend: "I am praying for —"

In addition, colorful placards exhorted passers-by to "Pray for Congress" and "Pray for America's Future."

The placards did not specifically mention the impeachment issue but Neil Salonen,



president of the National Prayer and Fast Committee, Inc., made it clear where the group stands on the question.

"We do not think the President should be impeached," he told a visitor.

# Washington Star-News

• WASHINGTON, D. C., TUESDAY, JULY 23, 1974 —44 PAGES



—Star-News Photographer Wa

Supporters of President Nixon on the impeachment issue spend the night on the Capitol steps.

## *Nixon Backers Keep Capitol Vigil*

By Lance Gay  
and Gloria Borger  
Star-News Staff Writers

The East Steps of the Capitol were turned into impromptu pews today as about 300 persons clustered together in prayer for national unity on the second day of a three-day fast and vigil to show support and concern for the President.

"God Bless Richard Nixon," read one of the signs carried by a follower of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's National Prayer and Fast Committee. "Let he who is without sin among you cast the first stone," read another.

THE GROUP maintained the vigil throughout the night after marching to the Washington Monument and the White House yesterday with Rabbi Baruch Korff's contingent of the National

Committee of Fairness to the Presidency.

Early today, members of the group maintaining the vigil at the Capitol had unrolled sleeping bags and blankets and were dozing on the cold white marble steps in a sitting position.

Dan Fefferman, executive director of the group, said U.S. Capitol Police had told the group it couldn't camp on the Capitol steps and would have to remain awake.

"So a lot of people are trying to sleep sitting up," Fefferman said.

POLICE WATCHED the crowd as they walked their regular beats around the Capitol, and occasionally would remind protest leaders that sleeping on the Capitol steps was not permitted. However, police this morning reported

no arrests during the night.

Earlier this month, members of the Vietnam Veterans Against the War/Winter Soldiers Movement were forced to leave their encampment on the Mall because they were sleeping in violation of National Park Service regulations.

However, U.S. Capitol Police Chief James Powell said there are no specific statutes outlining regulations for demonstrations on Capitol grounds — which come under the jurisdiction of Congress and not the National Park Service.

"We do not have the right to legally evict demonstrators for anything other than if they interfere with the orderly conduct of the business of Congress," Powell explained.

"As long as they police themselves, don't litter or become public nuisances . . . they have their First Amendment

rights to stay and demonstrate," he said. "If they sit and pray without disturbing anything, I don't know of any law pertaining to use that they would be violating. Everything is pretty vague."

**POWELL NOTED** that the law which forbade demonstrations at the Capitol grounds was declared unconstitutional in a May, 1972 U.S. District Court ruling. Before that ruling, only the Speaker of the House or the Vice President of the United States could give special permission for demonstrations — and that was usually during national holidays or inaugurations.

The vigil group had sent a letter to Speaker of the House Carl Albert recently requesting permission for its prayer session and fast on the East Steps.

Some Vietnam veterans, however, were unhappy last night that members of the National Prayer and Fast Committee were sleeping on the steps and complained to the police, who then ordered group leaders to keep their members awake.

The police action generally was in line with the way U.S. Capitol Police handled lines of people who gathered at

the Supreme Court two weeks ago to hear arguments on the President's refusal to give tape recording to the special prosecutor's office.

**THE VIGIL** began yesterday with a "prayer breakfast" addressed by Korff.

"Just as our Founding Fathers declared a day of fast 198 years ago, so do I commend these young people for committing themselves to divine guidance," Korff told the group in an appearance greeted with applause and song.

Armed with a mile-long brown paper scroll containing a pro-Nixon petition and "Let God Decide," and "God Loves Nixon" placards, the demonstrators heard Neil Salonen, president of the National Prayer and Fast Committee, say, "We should take note that both Hitler and Lenin took power on the heel of leaders made impotent by constraints upon their office and lack of cohesive support."

Each in the group had picked a congressman, Cabinet member or a Supreme Court justice to pray for in hopes, they said, that God would make them reach righteous decisions.

**Bill Ponstein, 23, of Kansas City, Mo.,**

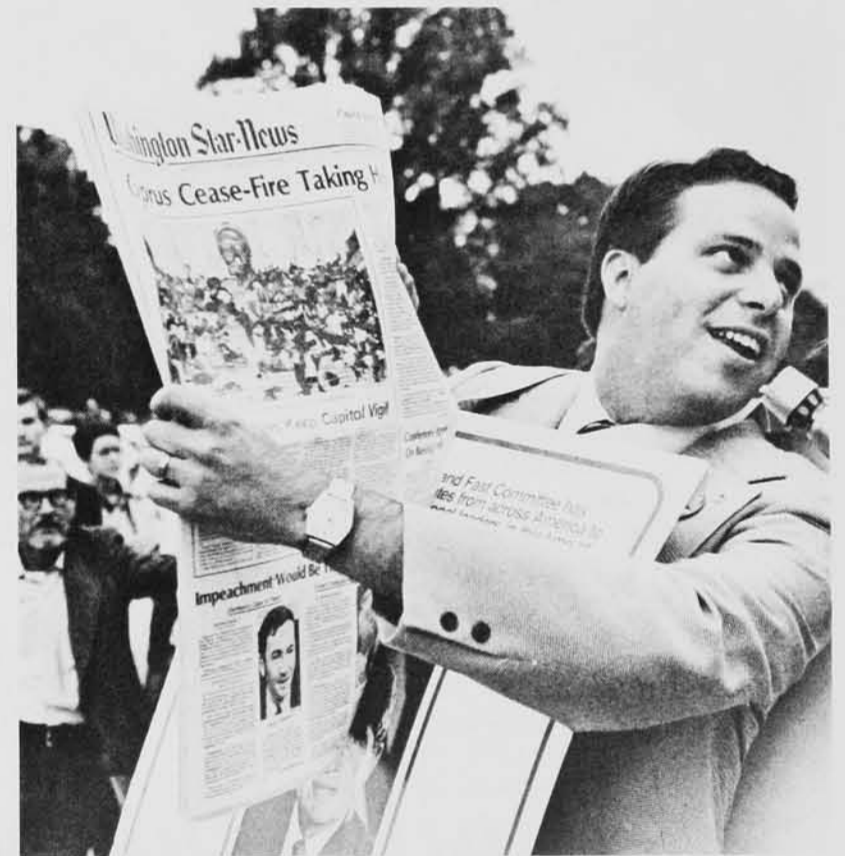
chose Rep. Richard Bolling, D-Mo. as the congressman he was praying for. "I'm praying that God will work through him, that he will become an extension of God's arm . . . so he will make a God-centered decision," Ponstein said.

**"I'M PRAYING** in general that all Congress will seek the will of God in this (impeachment) matter," said Robert Herring, 23, of Miami, Fla. "God can use this Congress in any manner He wants to keep him (Nixon) in office or do what he wants done here," said Herring, who opposes impeachment.

Mark Hickler, 23, of Boston, said he also opposes impeachment of Nixon. "In my personal opinion, I don't think it's God's will. The office of the president is something that has to be respected," he said.

Peggy Sanborn, a member of Korff's group from Dearborn, Mich., said, "If we have one theme in this whole thing, it would have to be love. We must love our President and we must be aware that his mistakes are not worth pulling our country apart for."

Mr. Salonen shows fasters the Washington Star-News' front page story on their vigil. The accompanying photograph shows fasters dozing on the Capitol steps late Monday night.





# THE DAILY NEWS

TARRYTOWN, N.Y. Tuesday, July 23, 1974



**PRO-NIXON VIGIL** — Members of an organization supporting President Nixon begin a three-day vigil

Monday on the Capitol steps in Washington. Rabbi Baruch Korff, who heads the group, said Nixon has not

committed anything wrong that was not done by other presidents. — AP Photo.

## IMPEACHMENT

### *Unification sect spearheading pro-Nixon fast*

A three-day prayer and fast vigil by supporters of President Nixon who belong to a committee organized by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of Unification Church on South Broadway in Tarrytown, is underway in Washington, D.C.

More than 500 members of the National Prayer and Fast Committee, one for each congressman and cabinet member, began their fast Monday at 10 a.m., according to a volunteer who was manning telephones at the committee's headquarters in Washington today.

According to a press release read by the volunteer, the theme of the vigil is to promote "Congressional sensitivity to God's guidance on crucial decisions facing Congress this month." The statement is apparently a reference to the impeachment articles which are due for action by the House Judiciary Committee in the near future, the volunteer said.

According to the volunteer, the members of the prayer and fast committee consist of followers of Mr. Moon and Rabbi Baruch M. Korff, founder of the Committee for Fairness to the President and author of a recent book on Mr. Nixon. The church followers come from Unification centers throughout the country, the volunteer said, and they met in Tarrytown before making the trip to Washington.

Each participant in the fast is wearing a sandwich board bearing the name and picture of a government official, the volunteer said. The vigil began on the east steps of the Capitol and eight members of Congress addressed the demonstrators, according to the volunteer.

Many demonstrators carried American flags and signs saying "God Bless President Nixon." Speakers decried the impeachment proceedings as no solution to the "Watergate morality."

Neil Salonen, acting president of Unification, said, "We should take note that both Hitler and Lenin took over on the heels of leaders made impotent by constraints upon their office and lack of cohesive support."

From 1 to 2 p.m., the volunteer continued, the demonstrators participated in a motorized and walking parade from the capitol along Constitution Avenue.

The marchers stayed at the Washington Monument until 7 p.m. and then paraded to the ellipse. Starting at 8:30 p.m. the demonstrators stood vigil outside the White House and then they returned to the capitol steps to sleep for the night, the volunteer said.

# The Philadelphia Inquirer

Oldest Daily Newspaper in the United States—Founded 1771

Wednesday, July 24, 1974

## Songs at Capitol Open Vigil to Back Nixon

By LAURA BERMAN  
Inquirer Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — Six hundred supporters of the President unfurled flags and sang on the steps of the Capitol Monday in the opening event of a three-day vigil for national unity.

"Let He Who Is Without Sin Among You Cast the First Stone," read one sign. "God Bless Richard Nixon," read another.

Most of the group are members of the American Prayer and Fast Committee for the Watergate Crisis, founded last year by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean minister.

Their theme is "Forgive, love, unite."

"We all feel mixed emotions about the Watergate cri-

sis," said Albert Salonen, the group's president. "We cannot for a moment condone placing politics above morality by any of our nation's leaders. But on the other hand, we know our democracy requires a strong and independent Presidency."

Salonen, who wore a sandwich board sign with a picture of the President on it, said he would pray for Mr. Nixon in the next few days. His wife will pray for Pat Nixon.

Each member of the group will be praying for a specific congressman, Supreme Court Justice, or Cabinet member. Their message, they say, is more spiritual than political.

"The damage impeachment would do to the country is greater than the good that

will come from uncovering corruption," said Dan Fefferman, the group's executive director.

"We are committed to the moral regeneration of the nation — not just Watergate but the roots of decay that caused Watergate."

As caravans of supporters unloaded, demonstrators already on the Capitol steps cheered and applauded.

The group sang "America the Beautiful" and "The Star Spangled Banner" with tears and smiles.

Several speakers addressed the crowd. Rabbi Baruch Korff, who heads the National Citizens' Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, led the group in the Lord's Prayer.



## Los Angeles Times

LARGEST CIRCULATION IN THE WEST, 1,043,479 DAILY, 1,234,006 SUNDAY

Tuesday, July 23, 1974

## 350 Nixon Supporters Fast, Pray

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"We should take note

that both Hitler and Lenin took power on the heels of leaders made impotent by constraints upon their office and lack of cohesive support," Neil Salonen, president of the National Prayer and Fast Committee, said.

The organization, which claims a nationwide membership of about 25,000, was founded in January by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, head of the Unification Church of America. Mr. Moon, a Korean, sponsored several weeks of

pro-Nixon activities in the capital earlier in the year.

Salonen said some of those at the Capitol had come to Washington for a week of rallies and anti-impeachment efforts by the Citizens Committee for Fairness to the President.

Rabbi Baruch Korff, chairman of the fairness committee, briefly addressed the Capitol rally, saying the group was emulating the "founding fathers who, 198 years ago, declared a day of prayer, a day of fasting."

"Now that we are un-

dergoing a crisis of the gravest dimensions, it is incumbent upon us to seek spiritual divine guidance," he said. Rabbi Korff's remarks were met with applause and cheering from some of the tourists who paused to watch the rally.

Salonen said each member of the group had been assigned a member of Congress to pray for. "We are praying that God will be with them as they near their critical decision..." he said.

The group was predom-

inantly young and white. Ron Gunnell, 22, a college student from Santa Ana, Calif., said that he felt he should take part in the fast "because too many people already have passed sentence on President Nixon."

"A lot of us are here because we're worried about what this will do to the country," said Gunnell, who stood in the midst of a group of young persons with signs.

"Who elected the press?" one sign said. "Let God decide," another said.

'FORGIVE, LOVE AND UNITE,' don't impeach, urge these supporters of President Nixon as they continue their fast and vigil Tuesday on the Capitol steps. The youngsters are members of the Unification Church International, founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of South Korea. Many of the youths are holding up placards with photographs of members of Congress, imploring them to vote against impeachment.

# Senators and Congressmen visit the rally and meet the person praying for them

*"None of us try to direct our prayer other than that right shall prevail. We take a solemn oath that we shall render impartial justice. At our family prayer service at the breakfast table every morning we close our prayers, 'Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall direct thy paths.'"*

—Sen. Charles Percy, Illinois

*"Let me thank you on behalf of the other 37 members of the House Judiciary Committee—we need your prayers now more than ever in our deliberations. I thank Reverend Moon for what he is doing for the people of this nation and the world."*

—Cong. Charles Rangel, New York

*"The job is monumental—I need all the prayer possible. It will require all the wisdom man has, bolstered by divine guidance."*

—Cong. Mario Biaggi, New York

*"I'll pray for all of you. I'm glad I found the person who is praying for me."*

—Cong. Henry Reuss, Wisconsin

*"I think the three most powerful words in English are love—for our nation and each other, prayer—for the future, and freedom—the desire for continued freedom."*

—Cong. Ralph Regula, Ohio

*"I don't believe that there has been anything more exciting or memorable to me than seeing you all on these steps. This must be the most constructive effort to put this country on the right footing again."*

—Cong. Bill Archer, Texas

*"Our founding fathers came to this country often because they were denied the right to pray as they wished. They had a prayer before they got off their ships. . . . They placed their destiny in the hands of their Creator."*

—Cong. John Myers, Indiana

*"I greatly admire and respect the love of your country that has brought you here. I want to assure each of you that I will make no judgments until we have all the evidence."*

—Sen. Alan Cranston, California

*"You brought something we need—enthusiasm. Also, you have something we need—a deep respect and faith in God. I receive the prayers you are offering for me with deep thanks."*

—Cong. John Wydler, New York

*"We congressmen have been receiving letters, often with a rock, which read, 'He that is without sin among you let him cast the first stone.' All of us need the strength that comes from God."*

—Cong. Garner Shriver, Kansas

*"The thing that inspires me more than anything else is the prayers of the people in my district. I really feel it is the thing that enables me to go on."*

—Cong. Marjorie Holt, Maryland

*"I hope you are hungry like I am for truth and fair play. If there ever was a time in the history of our nation or the world that we need a real spiritual revival, now is the time. Ask God to exorcise the hate in the hearts of people and fill that vacuum with God's love. I am satisfied if that happens, that the future of this nation is secure."*

—Cong. Bill Young, Florida



Among the 81 congressmen and senators who visited the rally and met the person praying for them were Cong. Seiberling (above) and Cong. Zion (below).



*"I had some practice sleeping sitting up, too. I don't know about fasting, but I do know about praying. Thank you very much."*

—Cong. Albert Quie, Minnesota

*"You have been a great inspiration to all of us."*

—Cong. Donald Clancy, Ohio

*"We have so many blessings, we haven't thanked God enough. I pray, 'God, I don't ask you for anything more, just let me keep what I have a little longer.' Forty-nine countries changed hands last year. Time was when people would pray for their leaders instead of condemn them."*

—Cong. Tennyson Guyer, Ohio



*"You bring clear air to America, to a somewhat polluted Washington. You are praying for us and we will pray for you."*  
—Cong. John Zwach, Minnesota

*"Please tell all the young people I admire their determination and to please keep up the work."*  
—Cong. Charles Wiggins, California

*"Continue to remember us as we go about our difficult work. I promise you, we will come up with some answers that will make you proud of your nation."*  
—Cong. Victor Veysey, California

*"You are clad in the armor of a righteous cause."*  
—Cong. O.C. Fisher, Texas



Marjorie S. Holt (left) and Rep. Gene Snyder (above) meet and speak to the fasters at the Capitol steps.

*"Although I came here yesterday, I just can't stay away. This sort of patriotic enthusiasm does catch hold of me. One congressman said at a very high level meeting what an exciting experience he had this morning. I came by to see how you are bearing up. You are doing very well. Maybe we should all do that. We must be positive, we must be confident."*  
—Cong. Earl Landgrebe, Indiana

*"You are like a warm embrace. It is very difficult unless you have people like you around."*  
—Cong. George O'Brien, Illinois

*"I think it is a marvelous thing you all are doing—praying for this country. We all need it, not just members of Congress."*  
—Cong. Henry Smith III, New York

*"I believe that we are one nation under God, and that God listens. I believe our prayers will be answered if we but listen. I think that with God's help our nation will remain strong and be a beacon of light to freedom-loving people around the world."*  
—Cong. Chalmers Wylie, Ohio

*"Thank you for your love and faith. It is one of the evidences of what is right in America and with a great Christian movement. Thank you for giving us a demonstration we can be proud of."*  
—Cong. Barber Conable, New York

*"I don't know if you know what it means when you people come and visit our office. You don't know how much your prayers mean to us. It is very difficult to make decisions sometimes, and your prayers do help."*  
—Cong. Angelo Roncallo, New York

*"There is nothing wrong with this country that a good, old-fashioned revival won't cure. Almost every Sunday I can be found in a church, no matter what denomination, speaking about God. I belong to the congressional prayer breakfast and my wife often speaks to prayer groups. Stand by God and your beliefs, and we cannot be beaten."*  
—Cong. John Hunt, New Jersey

*"It is a pleasure for us to come over and visit you. Prayer for this country and all the people around the world should be on the lips and hearts of each one of us. It's good to be with you."*  
—Cong. Bill Chappell, Florida

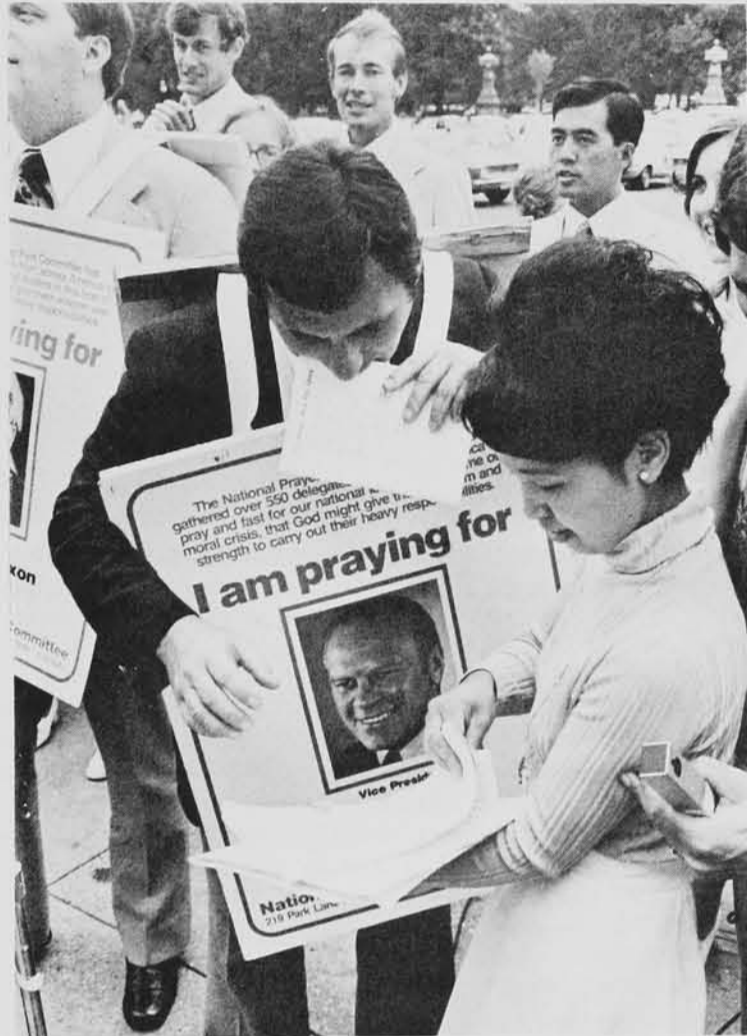
*"George Washington laid the cornerstone of this Capitol. The British burned it. It was rebuilt because of the faith of the people. We need faith in this land."*  
—Cong. Mark Andrews, North Dakota

## The Way of the World

July/August 1974

What will naturally happen is that if the Christian ideology is corrupted, conflict will come about in the political system, too. Since your homes are established under the Christian ideology and every social system is established under the Christian ideology, if the Christian ideology declines there will come about disunity and disharmony in your families, in any group or organization.

Sun Myung Moon  
August 25, 1974



PR sister Yoshiko Toyomura briefs Dr. Sheftick on Congressmen and Senators expected to come out to speak to the group and to meet the person praying and fasting for them.



Among the Senators and Congressmen to address the group was Illinois Senator Charles Percy, who said, "We in the Senate and in the House place a great deal of importance on the power of prayer. We think that prayer is mightier than the sword."



Laurie Carlson from National Headquarters won the heart of Congressman Earl Landgrebe of Indiana, who later sent her this picture. Congressman Landgrebe was subsequently responsible for getting us a room in the Longworth House Office Building to hold a Capitol Hill reception for the International Leadership Seminar students when they visited Washington.



Mr. Salonen and Susan Hughes appeared with Barbara Walters on the Today Show.

## Media coverage

Mr. Salonen described media coverage of the fast as "really excellent," and papers all across the nation carried pictures and articles about the three-day vigil, and many television stations and all three broadcasting networks showed film of the event and described it in their newscasts. Both Associated Press and United Press International carried pictures and stories on the fast which were reprinted by many member newspapers across the nation. In addition, many of the major metropolitan newspapers maintain a Washington bureau and thus had men already in the city who could easily be dispatched to report on the

event.

Among the many newspapers and news magazines who sent their own reporters to cover the vigil were *Time*, *Newsweek*, *New Republic*, *U.S. News & World Report*, *New Yorker*, *Washingtonian*, *Chicago Sun*, Knight Newspapers (a chain of 50 papers), *Congressional Press*, *Boston Globe*, *Kansas City Star*, *Village Voice*, *Philadelphia Bulletin*, *Chicago Sun-Times*, *Cleveland Plain Dealer*, and the *Washington Post* and *Star-News*.

Theodore H. White, author of *The Making of the President*, came to the Capitol steps to interview Mr. Salonen.



# Why are they here?

Like all other people  
they have parents, brothers and sisters and children,  
and the home they can go anytime to rest.

They are not crying for hunger,  
they are not crying for clothes,  
nor are they crying for individual unhappiness.

Also, indeed,  
they are not crazy people.

Then, why, the six hundred people  
like crazy people  
cry out in the streets without shame and without eating?

This country, America  
has great origin in its building,  
and proud history,  
and today, she was given the responsibility of a guide for the world.

However,  
the leaders and the citizens of this country  
leaving from God, truth and its mission,  
forgot the true meaning of true freedom and democracy  
wondering in degradation and bewilderment of ideas.

Accordingly,  
the future of this country, America, is at stake,  
tomorrow's democratic world is in peril,  
and the future of the world and its way of history is in danger.

Therefore,  
they are praying without eating,  
under the hot sun and pouring cold rain,  
look up to heaven and appealing.

They are crying out,  
to the leaders of America,  
to the citizens of America,  
to repent, forgive, love and unite.

Therefore, to safeguard the great tradition of this country, America,  
to take up the great mission for the establishment of the ideal world,  
they are appealing.

Now, even at this moment,  
it's not late, it's not late.

July 24, 1974

Kwang-yol Yoo  
Director of Cultural Department  
Unification Church of Korea







*FLF Secretary General Dan Fefferman held a flashlight for Mr. Salonen as he read a passage from the Bible to assembled fasters and guests at the candlelight service.*



### *In God We Trust*

*Now is the time for America to renew the faith expressed in her motto "In God We Trust." This is the founding spirit that makes America great and unique, God blessed America because of this spirit. Furthermore, America is fulfilling a vital role in God's plan for the modern world. God is depending on America today. Therefore, the crisis for America is a crisis for God. An answer must come from above, from God, from the one who has the answer.*

*From "Answer To Watergate"  
Rev Sun Myung Moon, Founder  
National Prayer and Fast Committee, Inc.*

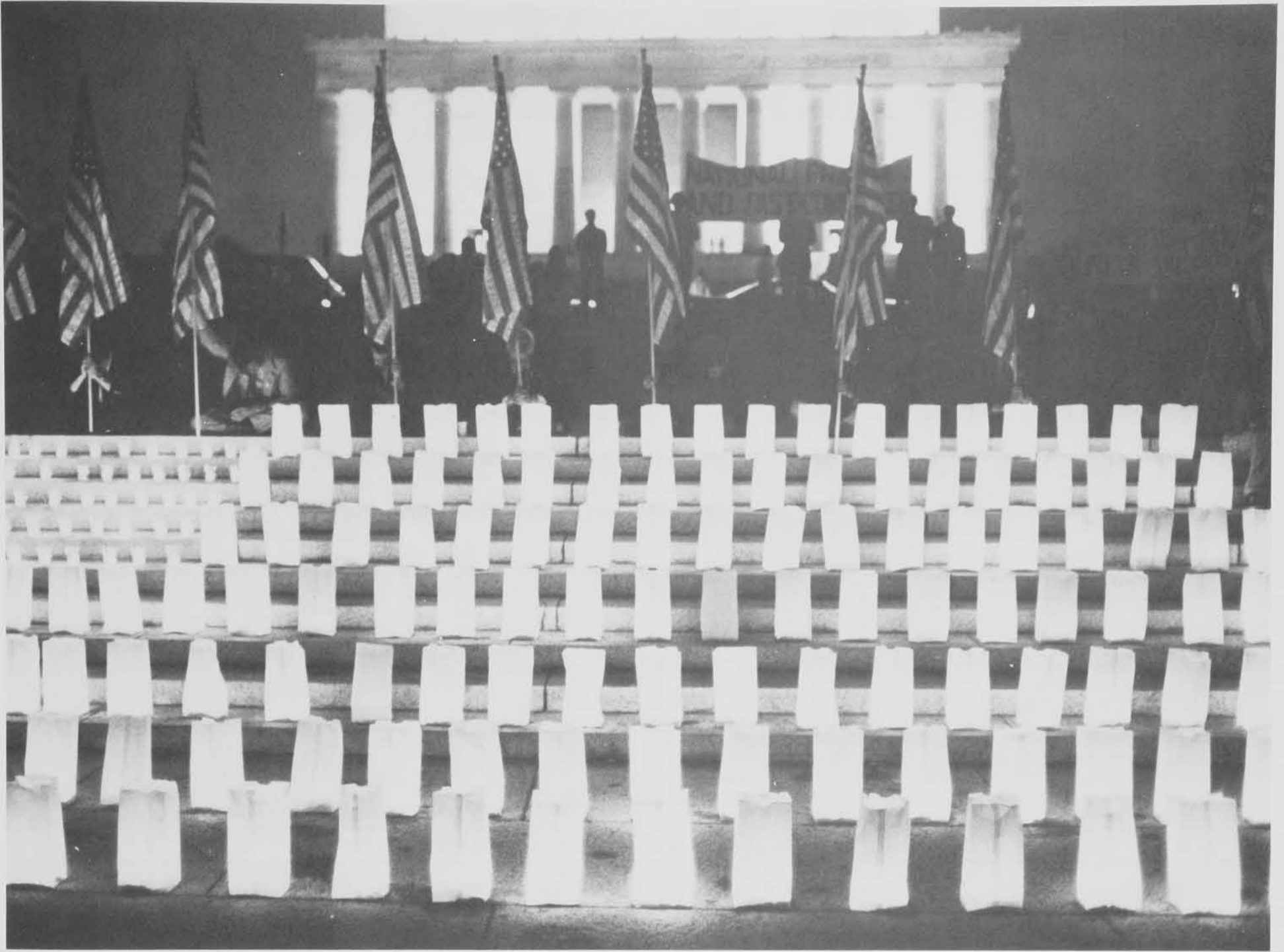


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 "I want to thank you for...  
 love and will be...  
 Thank it the price of my life."  
 "When you cry, you're not crying for yourself but for America and mankind," Dr. Sheftick had told the fasters. Father called these "tears of HOPE, shed not for himself but for God and his lost brother."

Wednesday night, the final night of the fast, a serious and reverent atmosphere prevailed as the candlelight service opened at the Reflecting Pool.

# THE ARIZONA REPUBLIC

Phoenix, Arizona, Tuesday, July 24, 1974

## Capitol demonstrators call for faith and love

United Press International

WASHINGTON — A young, well-scrubbed crowd spread over the east front of the Capitol Tuesday and with hymns and prayers asked America to solve Watergate problems with faith and love.

The youngsters, members or supporters of the Unification Church International founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, were midway

through their three-day "National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis."

They contend impeachment of President Nixon is the wrong answer and they want members of Congress to "forgive, love, and unite."

"Impeachment is a very difficult complex thing," Denise Schneps of the church's

Washington staff said. "We want God's will to govern. We do not support impeachment. We feel that would weaken the presidency — the position of the presidency."

If Nixon has done something wrong, she said, "then let him repent to God."

The crowd seemed to be mostly college age — young men mostly in suits, young women in dresses or slacks, most of them holding placards.

Capitol police kept the crowd inside yellow ropes and stanchions so that an aisle remained open for tourists to climb the steps

into the Capitol entrance.

The prayer vigil began Monday. The demonstrators agreed to go through the day with only water to drink and no solid food. One girl fainted but the group "held up really well, fantastically well," Miss Schneps said.

Many of the crowd held up placards with photographs of members of Congress. "I am praying for . . ." The placard would say, and then the picture and identification of a congressman, different for each placard, followed.

"Let God decide," some signs said. "God will bless President Nixon."

# The Washington Post

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1974

## Flag-Waving Crowd of 350 Marches to Back President

By Jane Rippeteau  
Washington Post Staff Writer

Inspired by patriotism and religious fervor, a flag-waving, placard-wearing contingent of 350 young persons marched in Washington yesterday afternoon to advertise their belief that God can help America out of a current moral crisis.

"Now is the time for America to renew her faith in her motto. 'In God We Trust', blared a loud speaker from the first in a parade of about 50 vans that followed the marchers. "God is the one who has the answer."

Yesterday's march took place on the second day of a three-day fast and prayer vigil by the National Prayer and Fast Committee, and a group formed at the direction of the Korean evangelist, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, in conjunction with Rabbi Baruch Korff's group called the National Citizens Committee for Fairness to the Presidency.

The marchers were well-dressed and had traveled from around the country for the event. They sang, clapped and chanted to scattered tourists, bemused construction workers and exasperated motorists along their Constitution Avenue route from

the Capitol to the Lincoln Memorial.

Each member of the main body of marchers wore a sandwich board with a photograph of a congressman, senator, Cabinet member or member of the President's immediate family and proclaimed that the wearer was praying for the person.

Some marchers openly opposed the impeachment of President Nixon. Others said that the political issues were not the motivation for their actions.

"I don't think it (impeachment) is in the best interests of the country," said Dan G. Fefferman, 25, executive director of the vigil committee, who carried a placard for Secretary of State Henry Kissinger.

"We have faith in the Congress to make the right decision and we're praying God will guide them to make the right decision." Should Congress vote for impeachment, Fefferman says, "then we'll have to pray for the Senate."

"We don't advocate the impeachment of President Nixon," said Jackson Bowman, 28, of North Carolina. "It's from a moral standpoint and an anti-Communist standpoint. It (impeachment) would undermine the power of the execu-

tive...and leave it open for Communist inroads. Even if the President is guilty, the crime of which he is guilty does not merit impeachment."

Bowman, who heads a subgroup of eight committee members and who carried a sandwich board for Sen. Strom Thurmond, (R.S.C.) continued, "I'm here to pray for Sen. Thurmond, that he will turn back to God completely. God is absolute, eternal and unending. He has all the answers."

The impetus for the three-day vigil came directly from Mr. Moon, according to Gary Brown, one of the committee's media representatives. "Rev. Moon started it because God told him to bring this message to America," he said.

Mr. Moon, who, according to Fefferman, is in New York and will not attend the vigil since he is a foreign citizen, founded the Unification Church International in Korea in 1959. In late 1973, he began a speaking tour of American cities, urging Americans to forgive misdeeds among its high officials and to trust in God.

He has said that in the motto "In God We Trust" lies America's key to survival and prosperity.

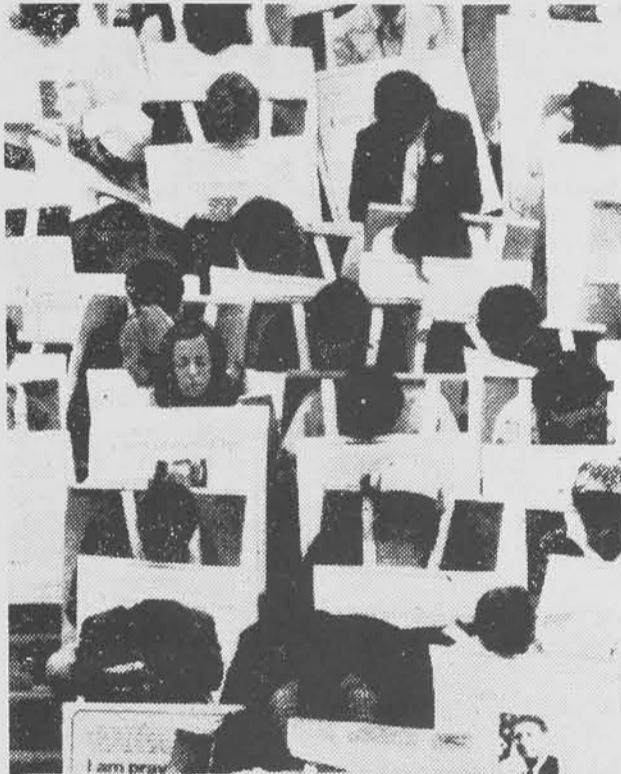


Rep. Charles B. Rangel (D-N.Y.) talks to backers of President Nixon as group held prayer rally on Capitol steps.

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## PRAYER

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### Still Praying

Supporters of President Nixon, wearing posters depicting various Congressmen, pray and fast on steps of Capitol as House Judiciary Committee prepares to open impeachment debate. Vigil was organized by supporters of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of South Korea and Rabbi Baruch Korff's National Committee for Fairness to the Presidency.

## Washington Star-News

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24, 1974

### Nixon Backers End 72-Hour Vigil Today

Undaunted by a night of light rain showers, more than 200 members of the National Prayer and Fast Committee continued their spiritual embrace of the East Steps of the Capitol today in support of President Nixon.

The mostly young and well-scrubbed followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church were allowed to sleep last night under the portico of the East Steps as they prepared a final day of rallying congressmen to national unity.

The 72-hour demonstration was to end today with a 5 p.m. parade to Lincoln Memorial, where a prayer service was slated, and then a 9 p.m. candlelight

march at the Reflecting Pool followed by a rally at the White House.

Each member of the protest has been assigned a congressman, cabinet member or Supreme Court justice to pray for. Yesterday, some of the congressmen got to see the protesters who were asking God to help them.

"I'm glad that some fella over there is praying for me," said Sen. Herman Talmadge, D-Ga., after wading through the crowd on the steps. "I appreciate it, you know. These days, people need all the prayer they can get."

"So many people have told us that it's wonderful to see young people doing this

kind of thing," said Shellie Orngard, 24, of New York City, who claimed onlookers have been enthusiastic about their efforts.

Most of the young people participating in the demonstration claim they're not political enthusiasts, but rather interested in prompting the country's spiritual identity.

"I'm not interested in partisan politics," said Laurie Toker, 23, from Montclair, N.J., "I just want to let people know that I think you can't pass judgment on any man and do to him what has been done to Mr. Nixon. This country has to turn back to the central values upon which it was founded."



# THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MONITOR

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## DIVINE GUIDANCE URGED IN IMPEACHMENT

By the Associated Press

### Washington

President Nixon and an impeachment-conscious Congress are the objects of an effort said to be aimed at assuring that "God be at the center of all thoughts and actions in our government."

On the second of what was to be a three-day effort, about 600 supporters of President Nixon prayed, sang, and listened to speakers Tuesday as they continued a fast and vigil on the steps of the Capitol.

The vigil was organized by supporters of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of South Korea and the National Committee for Fairness to the Presidency, which is headed by Rabbi Baruch Korff.

Both Rabbi Korff and the Rev. Mr. Moon have defended President Nixon against his Watergate critics, and Rabbi Korff said Monday as the vigil got under way that it was being held to express support for Mr. Nixon.

### Reference avoided

But participants in the activities Tuesday avoided any specific reference to how they thought Congress should vote on the question of whether Mr. Nixon should be impeached.

Signs held aloft by the group declared: "Pray for America." "We have faith in our Congress," and "Let God decide."

"We feel that this nation was founded by God and Congress is a representative body through which God's will can be made manifest," said Richard Wojcik, a student at the international training center run by Mr. Moon's Unification Church in Tarrytown, N.Y.

Mr. Wojcik said the vigil was not intended to pressure members of Congress in any specific political direction. Instead, he said, "we're asking that they seek the guidance of God."

Among the speakers Tuesday was Rep. Charles P. Rangel (D) of New York, a member of the House

Judiciary Committee who is thought likely to vote for impeachment.

### Prayers appreciated

"We certainly need your prayers as we deliberate," Mr. Rangel told the group.

Also speaking briefly to the group was Rep. Elford A. Cederberg (R) of Michigan.

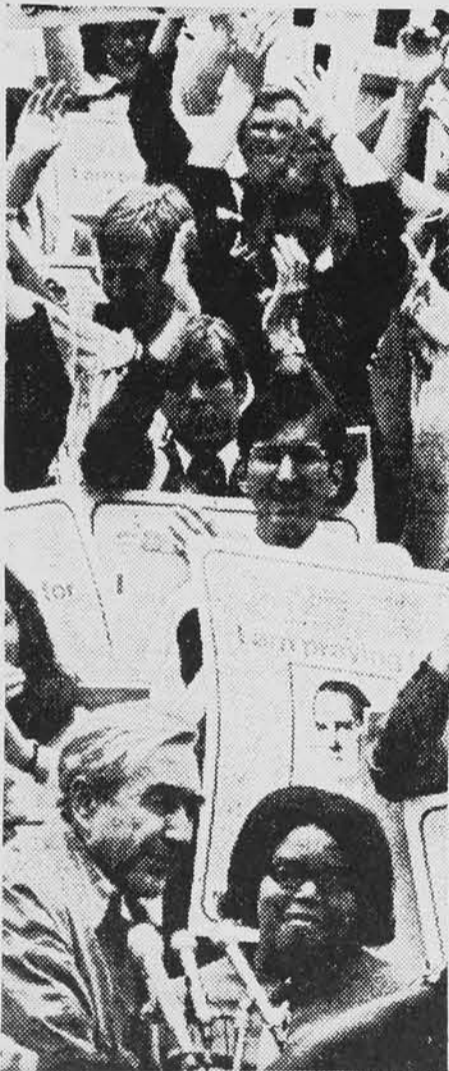
Mr. Cederberg said he was glad to see demonstrators bringing a positive message to the Capitol. "God bless you and thank you very much," he said.

Another trainee from the Tarrytown center, Richard Sapp, said he believes that the prayer effort is pertinent to the impeachment proceedings because "I think we can really revive the spirit of God giving us guidance."

Mr. Sapp, who formerly worked as a city planner in Columbia, S.C., said he views politics and religion as "both vehicles to give man a better life."

Washington Star-News

Thursday, July 25, 1974



—Star-News Staff

Rabbi Korff at vigil.

### Prayer Vigil

The National Prayer and Fast Committee ends its three-day vigil in support of President Nixon today. Yesterday, the group handed out leaflets and sang at the Capitol. Rabbi Baruch Korff, chairman of the National Committee for Fairness to the President, told the demonstrators that "You are our future; fight, fight as if your lives depended on it."

"The United States has never lost a war . . . are you going to allow us to be defeated from within?" he asked the crowd of some 250. "No," came back the loud response.



# DAILY NEWS

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## Nixon Supporters Take It Quietly

By JEROME CAHILL

Washington, July 24 (News Bureau)—Holding American flags, banners and photos of members of Congress, about 650 persons on the steps of the Capitol received word of the Supreme Court decision today, quietly, almost prayerfully.

"Certainly, we were disheartened," said Joseph Stein, 23, of Pittsburgh, a coordinator of the round-the-clock vigil now in its second day. "We felt that even deeper prayer was needed at this time."

As the group sang hymns and held out posters proclaiming their faith in God, Richard Nixon and Congress, the scene several hundred yards away, in front of the Supreme Court building, was tumultuous.

### Mask, Wearers Applauded

More than 300 persons greeted Watergate Special Prosecutor Leon Jaworski with thunderous applause as he emerged from the gleaming courthouse of white marble with word of the high court's decision against President Nixon in the White House tapes dispute.

Earlier, those in front of the Supreme Court building laughed and applauded two young men who appeared wearing masks of President Nixon and Secretary of State, Kissinger. The men joined a group carrying a banner deriding Nixon's instruction to aides to "stonewall it" before the Watergate grand jury.

Participants in the Capitol vigil and fast most of them followers of the Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon—were more concerned with President Nixon's

need for love than with his legal tactics. They also had trouble with Washington's notorious summer heat, and lack of sleep and food.

### Some Have Difficulty

"If you are feeling dizzy—and everyone does, sometimes—put your head down for a few minutes," coordinator Becky Miles of Louisville, Ky., told the group which has subsisted on nothing but water since the vigil began at 11 a.m. Monday.

Some of those on the steps sat with heads bent low. Others stared glassy-eyed toward the sun, which was obscured by haze. Some had difficulty managing their signs.

"Try to keep the signs straight," Becky urged. "If you need help, see your team leader. We have cold towels."

"Many of the people here are opposed to impeachment," said Dr. Joseph Sheftick, a Brooklyn chiropractor who gave up his practice three years ago to work World Crusade." He insisted that the purpose of the vigil was not to pressure Congress, but to beseech the lawmakers to pray, and to seek divine guidance for them.

"If the House votes to impeach Nixon, we'll probably pray for the Senate even more," Sheftick said.



Crowd waiting outside Supreme Court Building before decision was delivered.



## THE DAILY NEWS

Sat., July 27, 1974

### 'God doesn't want Nixon impeached'

Art Buchwald

WASHINGTON—They had a pray-in on the Capitol steps this week. Ardent Nixon supporters held the vigil to pray not only for the President but also for members of Congress. Each member wore a professionally prepared sandwich board with the name and photograph of a member of Congress or the President with the words "I AM PRAYING FOR—" boldly printed on it.

It was a rather scary moment for congressmen and senators who are used to being vilified but are not prepared to face up to people who are praying for them.

The other day we saw Congressman Throggsmtton walk up the steps of the Capitol to be suddenly confronted by a young man carrying a

sandwich board with Throggsmtton's picture on it.

"I'm praying for you, Congressman." Throggsmtton seemed shaken. "I have nothing to hide. My private life is an open book," he protested.

"I'm asking God to help you see the light on the President's impeachment."

"I've said many times that I will hear all the evidence before I make my decision."

"God isn't going to like that," the young man said. "God doesn't want Nixon to be impeached."

"How do you know?" Throggsmtton asked.

"Because I spoke to Him. God thinks the President is getting a raw deal by Congress and the media. He intends to punish anyone who votes against Nixon."

"See here, young man. I go to church every Sunday and God has never indicated He is for or against impeachment. As a matter of fact, He hinted to me just last week that He would like to hear all the tapes before He makes up His mind."

"I've spoken to God since then," the young man said, "and He thinks the whole procedure is a kangaroo court."

"That's ridiculous," Throggsmtton said.

"You mean you want me to tell God you won't stonewall it with the White House?"

"I will do my own talking with God, thank you. I believe I have as good a line to Him as you do. I'm sure if God wants me to vote against impeachment, He'll give me some kind of sign. Why don't you just go pray for somebody else."

"I got here late," the young man said. "Yours was the only sandwich board they had left."

"Well, I want to thank you anyway," Throggsmtton said. "In these times one needs all the prayers he can get. I'm sure whatever you're doing cannot cause any harm."

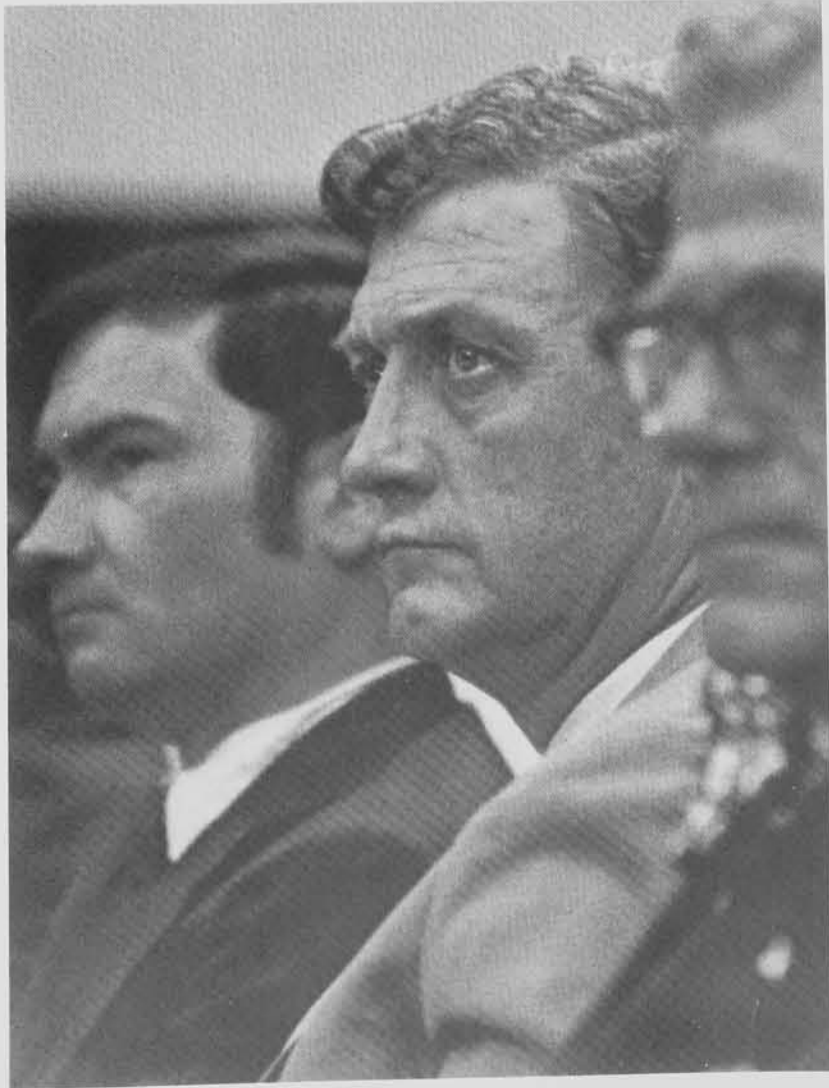
"I wouldn't be too sure of that," the young man said. "God told me if you vote wrong, He's not going to let Gerry Ford come into your district and campaign for you this fall."

# Newsweek®



*Prayers and persuadables: While a pro-Nixon group holds prayer meeting on the Capitol steps, GOP converts Hogan, Butler and Cohen (top) and committee counsel Garrison, Doar and Jenner ponder the evidence.*

Photos by Wally McNamee—Newsweek



# TIME

August 5, 1974

## THE PRESIDENCY/HUGH SIDNEY

### A Summer Week in Washington

When it is all over, it may be one of the most eloquent stories that democracy has written. Not Richard Nixon and his squalid crew of fanatics, who created the scandal. But the men, women, nation and system that patiently, fairly and inexorably unraveled the mess and moved to set it right.

The main actors in this part of the Watergate drama form a remarkable profile of America. There is Frank Wills, the black guard who found the tape on the lock of a Watergate building door and called the police. Reporters Bob Woodward, an Ivy Leaguer, and Carl Bernstein, a dropout from the University of Maryland, enlarged that slender thread into the picture of corruption. Judge John Sirica, the Italian American and old welterweight, applied common sense and created a new sense of justice. Senator Sam Ervin, with a little help from St. Paul and Shakespeare, provided the best civics lesson in 50 years. Archie Cox of Harvard, the blueblooded Elliot Richardson and Bill Ruckelshaus, a Hoosier Republican, gave individual honor a fresh luster. Leon Jaworski, the lawyer from Houston, showed principle and courage. And then House Judiciary Chairman Peter Rodino, out of the tough precincts of Newark, looking more like a Hollywood bit-player than a pol, steered his committee through investigation, hearing and vote with good will, restraint and dignity.

They still argue in the Washington clubs that it was an accident. Time and time again, we hung by a thread, and only luck uncovered this monstrous assault upon the Constitution. Maybe so. But it is interesting that all through our history those "threads" have held us together. One suspects that if the Siricas and Rodinos had not been there, others just as clear-sighted and determined would have been in their places.

Last week this remarkable odyssey of the American spirit reached a new height. Up on Capitol Hill, there was a town meeting of this nation, perhaps the first like it in our history. All three branches of our Government were at work. So were the people, looking, listening, talking and singing in the mellow summer nights with the great Capitol dome glowing above.

In the early light of Wednesday morning, Chief Justice Warren Burger climbed into his chauffeured Chevy, put up the small portable desk in the back seat, and as he rode over the Potomac River and up the Mall, looked over his notes on what he would say in a couple of hours. Sixty years ago, Burger was a boy in St. Paul whose special summer joy was eating ripe tomatoes off the vine in the family garden. On Wednesday, he read the court decision that put the most powerful man in the world back under law and the will of the people.

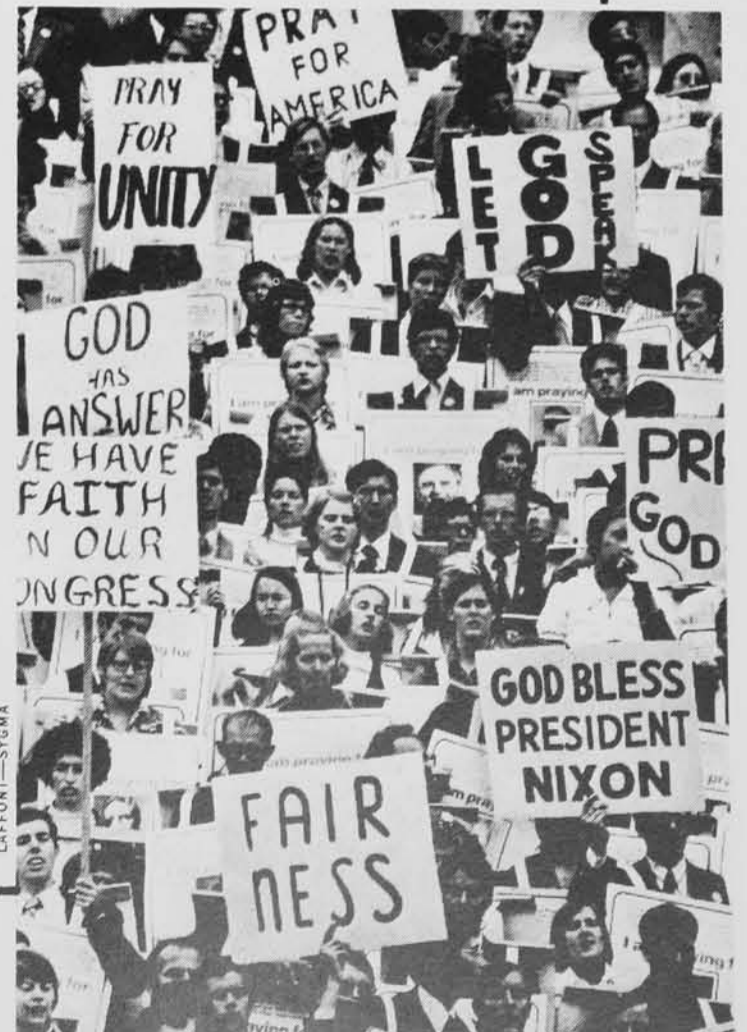
Just a block away, Rodino gaveled his Judiciary Committee into session to render their decisive verdict that Richard Nixon should be impeached. There were Southerners and Northerners, liberals and conservatives, black and white, male and female, and they came from California, Massachusetts and most places in between.

On the Capitol steps, 500 or so praying, fasting kids ended their three-day vigil for Nixon. They sang beautifully, strong voices lifting the strains of *America* and *The Battle Hymn of the Republic* out over Capitol Plaza. It reminded one of others in our history—like the Mormons—whose nourishment in times of stress came from song. White House Aide Bruce Herschensohn came round and read a message from the President, ensconced in his San Clemente mansion. A flack kept the publicity flowing. Thousands of dollars went into elaborate signs and banners. The leaders arrived in lim-

ousines. The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the committee, delivered his final exhortation in Korean, the kids, clutching their American flags, cheering in ecstasy.

All during the week, tourists poured through this scene, stopping to lift their Instamatics for a snap or two, pointing out the famous and the infamous to their children. Teddy Kennedy paused at one point in front of the Capitol to survey the scene and was instantly set upon by well-wishers and the curious. He grinned, gave a few handshakes, and ducked into a convertible with his friend Senator John Tunney. As he was riding off and the fasters were starting another song and Rodino had his committee well into the impeachment debate and Justice Burger was still at work in his hilltop citadel, a couple of joggers from the Marine barracks slogged through in shorts, cropped hair and G.I. boots. They stopped, looked at each other, grinned, wiped their brows and ran on.

NIXON SUPPORTERS ON CAPITOL STEPS







- 1 Our Master greets Rabbi Baruch Korff before the ceremony to conclude the fast.
- 2 Our Master embraces White House Aide Bruce Herschensohn, who has just delivered President Nixon's telegram.
- 3 Rabbi Korff, Mr. Salonen, Mr. Herschensohn and Our Master listen as Mr. David S.C. Kim reads President Nixon's telegram.





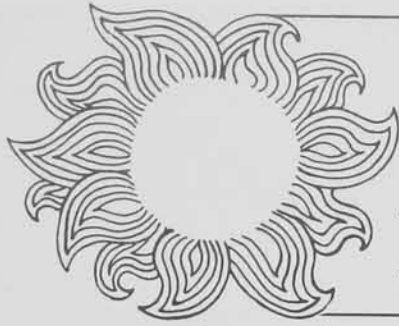
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**Telegram**

PMS NATIONAL PRAYER AND FAST COMMITTEE  
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AS YOU COMPLETE THIS THREE DAY FAST ON THE CAPITOL STEPS, I WANT EACH OF YOU TO KNOW HOW TRULY GRATEFUL I AM FOR THIS GREAT SACRIFICE YOU HAVE MADE. I REALIZE THAT MANY OF YOUR SIGNS CARRY THE WORDS, "GOD LOVES NIXON," BUT I KNOW WE ALL SHARE THE SAME BELIEF THAT THE MESSAGE OF GOD IS TRULY A MESSAGE OF LOVE FOR ALL MANKIND. THE WORLD HAS ALWAYS KNOWN THE SHRILL VOICES OF ANGER AND FRUSTRATION, BUT WHAT HAS SAVED MANKIND EVEN IN THE DARKEST HOURS OF OUR CIVILIZATION HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE VOICES THAT ARE RAISED IN PRAYER AND A SPIRIT OF LOVE FOR ONE ANOTHER. WHATEVER LIES AHEAD, I KNOW WE CAN COUNT ON YOU, THE MEMBERS OF YOUR GROUP, AND MILLIONS ACROSS THE NATION, TO MAINTAIN THIS SPIRIT, OF LOVE, SO THAT IN OUR PRAYERS AND IN OUR WORK WE WILL HELP ONE ANOTHER TO REALIZE THAT INDEED THE PEOPLE OF OUR COUNTRY HAVE THE MORAL AND SPIRITUAL IDEALISM TO CONTINUE TO MERIT GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LIVES AND ON ALL OUR ENDEAVORS.

WITH MY HEARTFELT APPRECIATION  
RICHARD NIXON



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Mr. Salonen, Bruce Herschensohn from the President's Office, Master, Mother and Mr. Kim at closing of fast.

## President acknowledges prayer and fast vigil with message of thanks; "You have completely accomplished your mission," Master tells fasters

*Our Master speaks to the fasters.*

*I express special thanks to God that under such hardship you have completed your three day prayer and fast.*

*This historic national shrine, the Capitol Building, is a symbol of America. This is the heart of the nation of America. This symbolic building is created not for America alone but for the whole of mankind, centering on God. God has always thought that this place would be the center for Him, not just for one nation.*

*When you look at the situation today, America is in crisis. If we have no oneness here—unity of Congress, the Senate and the White House—there is no oneness in this nation, and there can be no unity in this world. The reason we participate in Watergate Declaration demonstrations goes beyond national boundaries; we are centering on God's will for this nation and the whole world. We have been fighting to make unity among the Senators, Congressmen, the President and the people. Now the time has come to fulfill this goal, which all nations*

*have been striving for.*

*With more than 600 National Prayer and Fast Committee members from all over America, we initiated this three day fast right here. We represent the people of America. We are here on behalf of the Senators and Congressmen and President and Cabinet. We participated in this fast in order to bring unity to the three branches of government in this nation to become one, centering on God's will—not on their own will and not on only one nation. We spoke out on one of the biggest issues for this nation and for the whole world.*

*You are young. You must take responsibility for the state of this nation, for America and for the future. American youth are in despair, they have no place to go. Among the young people in America, very few think of the nation, of Congress or of the people. They think about themselves all the time. In contrast to these young people, you are a special breed who will take responsibility for this nation's future and destiny. The nation of America needs young people like you, centering on God. Not only this nation but the whole world needs people like*

*you, because you are centering on God, not on yourself.*

*We have to be united into one, more desperately, more solidly. We have to increase from six hundred to six thousand young people, and from six thousand to six million. We have to unite all young people who are willing to risk their lives, willing to sacrifice for the sake of the nation and the whole world. You are the ones; you must be the model. I hope you will be pioneers in this area, carrying on in the spirit of the founding fathers. Then you shall be the leaders of the nation and of the whole world.*

*I deeply appreciate all the things you have done during this period, and I thank God and thank you all. You have completely accomplished your mission of the three day prayer and fast. Also, I give my special thanks to all other people who helped, particularly Senators and Congressmen who came out to show their gratitude and cooperation with your demonstration. I thank all of you who are gathered here today for your generosity and public support, and especially I thank Rabbi Korff.*

*Thank you.*

**"We must take the responsibility for the state of this nation, for America, and for the future."**

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** *As this issue goes to press, President Nixon has resigned and Gerald Ford has been installed in the Oval Office as America's 38th President. Nevertheless, this issue is presented as an historical record of what we did, because the principles we upheld are still true and the cause that we stood up for still lives on, and because in both an external and spiritual sense, the successful completion of the prayer and fast vigil has laid an invaluable foundation for success at Madison Square Garden.*

## **Our commitment in perspective: President Salonen speaks to demonstrators in front of the White House awaiting President Nixon's resignation**

I spoke to Rev. Moon this morning when the President's resignation didn't seem as imminent as it does now, and still he made several points which I'd like to share with you because I think they're important.

The first was that our commitment was not made for personal gain or the advantage of our group. Therefore we're not in a position to alter our commitment. Our commitment was based on a principle, and it's important to make the point that no matter what may happen, from the beginning until the end our commitment and our responsibility have been the same, steadfast, and that history must know that the position which we took is the one we stuck with, the one that we remained committed to, no matter how unpopular it became.

The second point was that in the eyes of many nations the activities of other nations are crimes. There are spying activities upon one another. There is no effective international law. Within this nation there are many illegal acts performed by individuals and by institutions, and when those individual acts serve the purpose of good, then the persons committing those acts become heroes. If it were to be found out, for example, through wire-tapping or in some other way that a great crime was about to be committed, then the person performing that illegal act would be praised. But instead when he's accused of

doing those same things for some personal or selfish motive, he's criticized.

So the act itself is not what's good or bad in our society as it now stands, but rather the motivation behind it.

And because Rev. Moon believes that President Nixon has been acting for the good of this country, and because God is willing to forgive him for his wrongdoing, then man must be willing to forgive him, or else man himself can't ask God to be forgiven. That's the second point.

The third point is that all of America, collectively, has to take responsibility for the society in which we live, and that the only hope—no matter what the crimes, no matter what the faults—the only hope for this country is if we won't rather than seek to assign blame to one another, repent, acknowledge our own shortcomings, forgive others for theirs, and come back together in a spirit of unity and love to fulfill the will of God.

America is now far from the ideals upon which she was founded, and yet those are the ideals for which God blessed this nation to fulfill a certain role at this time. And if America is going to fulfill her role, we must live up to those ideals and be united around them. If we can't do that, then the reason that America was created is nullified, and the reason for God to continue to bless her is nullified, and America will dissolve.

It's true that our nation seems to be great at this time, but actually we're at the crossroads of our greatness, because if we can't continue to serve the world in the capacity that God intended, then there's no justice to our continuing to receive the blessings that we have.

For all of these reasons Rev. Moon even said that if necessary, President Nixon should have taken all the tapes at the very beginning and destroyed them and said that many things may have been done which were right or wrong, and he would repent for the things which were wrong, but call the people to support him for the sake of the continued strength of the nation.

In this crucial moment a lot of people who know they should be supporting the President have turned their backs on him because it's become politically too difficult for them to continue. Those people will bear a heavy responsibility in the future for the actions that they failed to carry out at this time.

No matter what may happen, it's important for history to record that Rev. Moon and the National Prayer and Fast Committee stood up at this time for the strength of the Presidency, for the spirit of love and forgiveness, and for a real desire to transcend all shortcomings in an effort to live up to the national mission of America. This is our responsibility.





1200 hands clapping—all around me—  
like jungle rains on the tin roof;  
filled with God's love

God's tears—  
God's joy.

Waters gathering—shining faces—  
pure and swelling the rivers.  
The End at last bursts open;  
the flood cannot be turned back!

600 voices lifting as one—in prayer—  
like Niagara waters: white, falling,  
thundering;

filled with God's power  
God's determination  
God's victory.

Waters rushing—excitement gathering—  
filling, brimming the ocean:  
"The waters that cover the seas."

Thank you, oh Father! Thank you!

B.R. Mikesell  
July 20, 1974





**“We should never feel that anything is lost.  
God can use what we did to accomplish something greater...  
There is only victory ahead, no failure.”**

When Master spoke to the Belvedere trainees on the first Sunday following the resignation of President Nixon, he said that a great storm has been coming to America. It is evident in the disharmony between the government and the people, and between the Senate and the House.

“Are people really happy to see Nixon resign?” Master asked. Answering his own question, he said that they were not, because that would be equivalent to loving to see the nation decline faster. He said that some people, however, such as the liberals and leftists, were happy to see Nixon step down, and among those the Communists were the happiest. Master stressed the importance of understanding this fact. He said that the Communists actively worked among those opposed to Nixon, and even threatened to kill him if he did not resign.

Master said that even before he published the Watergate Statement, he knew that Nixon was wrong, that the President was lying about not being involved in the Watergate cover-up. But he knew that in a world where evil already prevails, the President must have that kind of right, even the right to dissolve the Senate and House, if necessary. He said that it is critical for the President to be strong and to have sufficient power.

Master said that at this time some of the evil in the world is almost necessary evil, for example the activities of the United States CIA in fighting Communism. “Do you think what the CIA is doing is not sin? Is it written in the Constitution that to corrupt another nation is not a crime?” he asked. He said that the CIA is doing unimaginable, horrible things and that wiretaps are among their lesser activities. The CIA can even hold people hostage and kill.

Master said that in an ultimate

sense the U.S. government—the people of America, collectively—is committing these crimes. Thus the nation is a sinner. But we justify the crimes by doing them to destroy the evil power and protect America. But compared to such crimes, what Nixon did is nothing.

In a sense, Nixon’s use of the wiretaps to investigate the activities of the Democratic Party could be justified, Master said. What if he had actually uncovered Communist activities? Then he would have been praised. Possibly he might have found this in the Democratic Party, “so don’t you think he should have the right to look, to find out?”

“In my view the President has to act that way,” Master said. “Without that right he has no power.”

Master said that if we think Nixon has committed great crimes and must be impeached, then we must impeach ourselves as well, because we are all sinning, in a collective sense, in a way much worse than that.

“We’re all sinners in the sight of God, so we have no right to cast stones at other sinners. That’s why I advocated forgiveness, love and unity,” Father said.

Explaining our position, Master said we loved the Presidency, not the President, and we will never change our attitude on our way to help the nation, so we will support President Ford and help him to do the right thing. “We will never change our position,” he said. “We will help this nation in every way possible. It may be necessary to have a larger prayer and fast.”

Master said that God has so prepared this nation that the problems will be corrected. God has not yet left this nation. “That’s why I came here,” he said, emphasizing that we will not stop until we restore this nation to God’s will.

“From all this you can understand

that the President should not have resigned from his post,” Master continued. Before long, history will record that the Watergate Statement was right, and that if America had followed Master’s advice, then the danger that is coming to America would not have occurred.

“If Nixon had just pushed on, God was ready to help him. He should have taken my voice as coming from God,” Master said. But the nation and its people are not yet aware that Master is here at the call of God and that he is doing critically important things. If the American people reject him, how sad God will feel.

Master called upon Family members to be even stronger than ever, to try their best to change this nation, to stop it from going to destruction and to take it to the eternal goal.

Master said that some Family members feel that we expended so much effort with the demonstrations and the fast, and that it is already lost, but this is wrong and we shouldn’t worry about it. God will take that energy and indemnity and bring about an even greater solution. We should never feel that anything is lost. God can use what we did to accomplish something even greater.

“What you have done will be recorded in American history and known throughout the world, and our ideology will become known as the one that saved the world,” he said. “So in the history of God’s providence, what we have done will be recorded and remembered.”

“There is only victory ahead, no failure.”

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