

God Bless America Korean Banquets





2,000 Attend Korea Night

Over 2,000 Korean residents in the New York area filled the Grand Ballroom of the Waldorf-Astoria for the Bicentennial God Bless America Korean Cultural Night on Sunday, May 23. The New Hope Singers, Korean Folk Ballet, and Sunburst provided an extended entertainment program, which was very well received. Col. Pak was the principal speaker. Several other events are planned for

the Korean community in the United States prior to Yankee Stadium. Banquets and entertainment will be held for the Korean communities of Chicago and Los Angeles on May 25 and 27.

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「한국인의 밤」 프로그램

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- 6:30 리셉션
- 7:00 만찬
- 8:00 새소망합창단 (New Hope Singers II)
 - ① 애국가
 - ② 보리밭
 - ③ 희망의 나라로
- 한선무용단 (Korean Folk Ballet)
 - ① 장고춤
 - ② 팔도강산
 - ③ 사랑해
- 새소망합창단
 - ① 부채춤
 - ② 관타나메라
 - ③ 판토마임
- 특별출연
 - Sunburst Soloist: Patsy J
 - ① I wish
- 한선무용단
 - ① 강강수월래
- 영화: 여의도 「구국세계대회」
- 인사말씀: 박보희 총재
- 새소망합창단과 한선무용단
 - ① 아리랑
 - ② 우리의 소원
- 9:30 폐회

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Japanese Night





Wall Street Rally



Unification Church members organize and march to Federal Hall for the Wall Street Rally.

Attracted by the cheering and music people begin filling the streets.



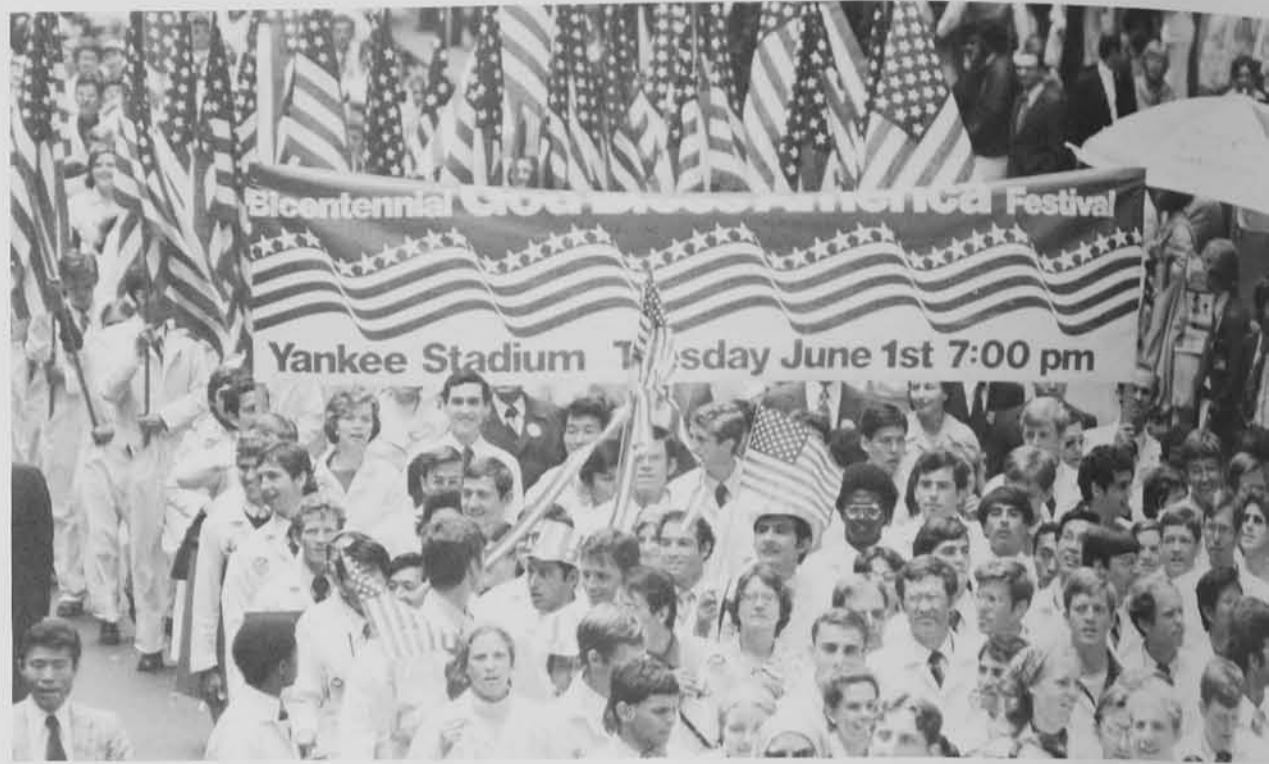




Unification speakers deliver bicentennial messages to the lunch-hour crowds.









You who commit your youth, your energy and passion for the sake of God, investing yourselves fully for the sake of His kingdom, shall be called sons and daughters of God.

Sun Myung Moon
February 13, 1976



Other Rallies and Festivals

Festival Goes to Newark

The God Bless America Committee, with the cooperation of a local civic group, put on a bicentennial festival appealing to the black community of Newark on May 18. Over 1,000 people, mainly black, attended.

Plans for the program hit a snag when the first location backed down, influenced by negative publicity. But George Whitfield and Alice Cheney, principal organizers of the event, persevered to find a new location, the Terrace Ballroom. The program consisted of performances by Sunburst and the Korean Folk Ballet and a Bicentennial message by George Whitfield stressing the importance of America's heritage of religious freedom. "The thousand people who came represent a substantial victory," says Mr. Whitfield. "Newark has paid a tremendous amount of indemnity. During the race riots in 1967, people died in the streets of Newark, but now it has a great future. The people are desperate for truth. That is why they came in droves despite the pouring rain and negative publicity. Increasingly, Reverend Moon is being seen in the black community as a kind of hero, achieving victory despite persecution. Many believe that he is now or soon will be a major religious leader."

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Campaign Report:

Performing Arts

Besides the "God Bless America" Banquet performances, the New Hope Singers and Korean Folk Ballet were able to attend some community programs and present invitations to our Yankee Stadium Festival. On April 18th, there was an Interfaith meeting in Chinatown, jointly led by Unification member Pastor Ensley and Chinese minister Reverend Peter P.S. Ching. On April 25th, the parishioners of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Jamaica, Queens were inspired by the Bicentennial selections of the New Hope Singers. Before a small group of 20-30 people, Shawn Byrne gave a short sermon and invited everyone to the Yankee Stadium Festival. The day before, Korean Folk Ballet entertained at a Minister's Wives Tea in Harlem. The New Hope Singers' first outdoor rally was sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars and was organized by Mrs. Dorothy Fooks, publisher of the Murray Hill News. Exclusively patriotic songs were sung on the steps of the Federal Hall on Wall Street. Crowds of over 300 people came to the rally.

The enthusiastic sounds of Sunburst could reach many audiences in the New York community as numerous engagements throughout New York gave the opportunity to show our message of hope through music as well as promote the Yankee Stadium Festival. On many occasions, tickets could be distributed and announcements made publicly for the Festival. Sunburst performed many programs in Christian Churches: March 18, Faith Hope Baptist Church before a congregation of 125 people; March 28, Macedonia Baptist Church, Queens for Reverend Leon Bracey and 45 people; April 4, Antioch Baptist Church in Corona for Reverend Brinson and 160 people; April 9, Mt. Horeb Baptist Church; April 11, Gospel Show sponsored by Harlem CORE (Congress on Racial Equality) in which 16 Churches participated and 2000 people attended the show; April 13, Reverend Hardman's Church in Brooklyn before 50 people; April 18, Gospel show at Temple of

Greater Refuge Church in Harlem before 400 people; April 25, Garden of Prayer Cathedral which was broadcast over radio station WADO. Bishop Billy Robinson announced the Rally before an audience of 250 people; April 27, North Presbyterian Church at Bronx before 15 people; May 1, Greater Bethel Church for 35 people; May 2, Mt. Pisgah Church for Reverend Tyson and 65 people; May 16, French Baptist Church.

Reaching out to the community, Sunburst was able to stimulate interest among many different types of groups and different levels of people. On George Washington's birthday, Sunburst performed at a luncheon by Rabbi Baruch Korff. At this luncheon were many high-level government officials, including Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz, several senators and congressmen, religious leaders, including Guru Maharaj-ji and others.

On the night of February 24th, at the opening of the activities of CARP on Columbia University campus, Sunburst was able to give an uplifting performance for young people.

On March 16, 1600 elementary school pupils were able to hear Sunburst at PS #9 Elementary School. The pupils had deep insight into the program and were unusually receptive.

The next day, the 17th, there was a 90-minute show at Metropolitan General Hospital in Manhattan. Staff members felt it was the best show they ever had. 100 people were able to attend the show.

A night show on March 19th was performed for the Superior Age Club founded by the mother of a Church member in Port Washington. It was a predominantly black audience of about 200 persons of all ages. Sunburst gave a short talk on our group and Church, urging everyone to attend the Yankee Stadium Rally.

On April 7th, Sunburst performed before 100 Army Chaplains at the Ft. Wadsworth Army Base as a part of the Minister's PR special program on the Unification Church. The chaplains also saw the Madison Square Garden film and videotape of an interview with President Salonen by one of their own chaplains. Their response was enthusiastic.

Frank Grow had an interview with Circus Magazine on April 14th, and that evening at a Harlem CORE meeting, Sunburst was presented an award for their partici-

pation in CORE.

A concert in Bryant Park from 2 to 4 p.m. drew a large crowd of more than 500 during peak period on the afternoon of April 19. The response of the people was very positive and many good contacts were made.

On April 22, Sunburst entertained at a noon Rotary Club luncheon for about 150 community leaders. Although we were unable to announce ourselves so directly, the Rotarians know our affiliation with the Church and were positively impressed. Sunburst was presented with a special Rotarian award.

The Guardians, a predominantly black police social club in Brooklyn invited Sunburst to perform before 125 officers and wives. George Whitfield spoke to the audience and invited them to Yankee Stadium. The program was very well received. During May, they were able to perform at the Port Washington Bicentennial, the Farmingdale, Long Island Bicentennial, the NAACP Ex-Offenders' Art Fair, and Newark Community Center, and the New Lincoln Hospital. On May 27th, a taped program with two songs from Sunburst was broadcast over Radio 99X.

The Go World Brass Band was the most stimulating element of all massive rallies for the clean-up campaign as well as the Wall Street Rally on May 26th. With patriotic songs that touched deeply the hearts of the people on the street, the brass band was able to create an atmosphere of joy and enthusiasm that drew crowds like a magnet towards every activity. During the short two weeks before the Yankee Stadium Rally they were busy not only with rehearsing 40 pieces for the Rally itself, but were participating actively in many rallies in the city each day. It was a great inspiration for members as well as the crowds.

Leading up to the day of the "God Bless America Festival" itself, the Performing Arts was busy perfecting its moving program to commemorate the deep God-centered sentiment of the Bicentennial according to Father's heart, and were stimulating the hard work of the witnesses on the street who were daily working to persuade people to come to the Festival and trying to create an atmosphere in New York City that would draw many crowds to Yankee Stadium.



An extraordinary revolution of love is taking place in the Unification Church, and many remarkable things are happening. Once men and women in love discover the Principle, they suddenly find that they have a much greater love to pursue, and all their former dates and love affairs become tasteless and cheap. Young people can see a greater intensity of love in living this teaching.

Sun Myung Moon
February 13, 1976



Performing Arts Groups Attract Community

Witnessers in the Bryant Park area behind the New York Public Library had a windfall on Monday, April 19. During its two hour performance, Sunburst attracted crowds of congenial people receptive to hearing about the Divine Principle, and the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival. The lunchtime concert was but one of many performances in the New York community by the New Hope Singers, Sunburst, and the Korean Folk Ballet. While preparing for Yankee Stadium, the three groups have provided substantial witness to the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival under the aegis of the Committee's Performing Arts section. The section is directed by Col. Pak, who is assisted by Mr. Joong Hyung Pak, director of the Korean Folk Ballet.

The New Hope Singers and the Korean Folk Ballet perform each week at the Bicentennial God Bless America Committee banquets at the Headquarters building. As a result of the success of the recent Korea Night banquet, they will perform at a similar banquet in Washington, D.C. on May 7 and again in New York on May 23.

More mobile, Sunburst has played all over New York—at 30 events to over 9,800 people since January 1. Audiences include the Congress of Racial Equality, a Rotary Club, the Army Chaplains' School on Staten Island, a Baptist conference of 25 churches, schools, hospitals and many churches. They are looking forward to playing for the 44th precinct, which has jurisdiction over the Yankee Stadium area.

According to Larry Moffitt, who does PR work for the Performing Arts groups, the black churches have been most receptive across the board—to Sunburst, to Yankee Stadium, to the Unification Church. "They understand suffering and they understand spirit. The people don't read the papers so much; they judge by the fruits. They look at the spirit. Many of them have had spiritual experiences while we have been playing. Often the minister will change his sermon topic based on our performance. I feel confident that the black churches will come by the busload to Yankee Stadium. One minister we performed for promised five busloads, and that is a conservative estimate."

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First National Parents Conference

National Parents Conference to Include Yankee Stadium

by Mrs. Hillie Edwards

Mrs. Edwards is the coordinator of the Parents' Conferences being held in nine cities.

The nine Parents' Conferences held in localities throughout the U.S. are providing an opportunity for parents to learn of the national Parents' Meeting in New York City, which will culminate in the Yankee Stadium rally on June 1. Already in Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, Minneapolis, and Denver many parents have expressed interest in coming to the meeting and to Yankee Stadium.

The purpose of the nine local conferences has been to give parents an opportunity to air their concerns, ask questions, and come to a new understanding. These meetings have been most productive in bringing together parents who are anxious with parents who are secure. There has been a steady rise in the turnout at each conference. It has been very rewarding for parents to hear from the Church itself, as well as from their sons and daughters, about the Church. Many parents have been positive and have had that attitude reaffirmed. The new parents who have been concerned over the negative publicity have been relieved. Those who have been skeptical have had their feelings changed or worries allayed.

The national Parents' Meeting will be slightly different from the local conferences. Although parents will be allowed to ask questions and express their feelings, they will also have an opportunity to hear the main points of the Divine Principle. Also they may meet many national figures in the Church and participate in a program of fellowship and entertainment. At Yankee Stadium, the parents will again share a new experience with their sons and daughters as they come together to celebrate America's Bicentennial and the renewal of our country's faith in God.

We hope that those parents coming to the conference and to Yankee Stadium will understand the need Americans have to rediscover our faith in God, our faith in each other, and our faith in ourselves. They can understand the Unification Church best from the perspective that we really need to go beyond our national concern to consider the problems of the world. We are different from other churches; our concerns are not



just for membership growth or self-interest but for America and the world. Let us try to help our parents unite with us and rally around God as the center of our nation!

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Dr. William Bergman gives an overview of the *Divine Principle* to parents attending the First National Parents' Conference.

Col. Bo Hi Pak addresses the many interested parents in the Terrace Room at the New Yorker Hotel.

Parents enjoy discussions and entertainment.



Proposal For National Parents Association

I. Purpose:

To reveal to parents of Unification Church members the actual nature of the movement, to facilitate their active support of the commitment of their son or daughter and the right of the Unification Church to exist and propagate its faith; and, most importantly, to enhance the development of unity of heart between Unification Church members and their families.

II. Goals:

- A. To correct negative impressions and relieve anxiety created by distortion of facts in media and anti-Unification Church groups, through:
 1. Making personal contact with parents through local and/or national representatives.
 2. Conducting state or region-wide "Parent Conferences."
 3. Issuing occasional informational mailings from the national office.
 4. Providing clear and consistent answers to frequently raised questions.
 5. Fostering communication between parents and their son and daughter in the church.
- B. To enable parents to actively support or defend their son or daughter's commitment and the First Amendment rights of the Unification Church through:
 1. Correcting the negative and/or false flow of information.
 2. Clarifying the motives, tactics, and goals of anti-Unification groups.
 3. Outlining the long-range and universal implications of the attack on the Unification Church for all religions.
 4. Revealing the benefits of the Unification Church for each member and for our society.
 5. Establishing a focus (parent) for a grass-roots, informal parents' association on the local level.
- C. To generate a clearer understanding of the church by sharing its perspectives and values:
 1. The practice of prayer.
 2. Devotion to God, nation, church and family.
 3. The development of a strong and upright character.
 4. The establishment of purposefulness and direction.
 5. Commitment to the universal brotherhood of man and the fatherhood of God.
- D. To enhance the development of unity of heart between Unification Church members and their families through:
 1. Encouraging members' prayers for and service to their families.
 2. Encouraging frequent communication between members and their families.

Itinerary For Parents Conferences in Nine Cities

Date	City	Person to Contact
1. March 20	Philadelphia	Mr. Joseph Stein
2. March 27	Washington, D.C.	Mrs. Judi Lejeune
3. April 3	Atlanta	Mrs. Betsy Jones
4. April 10	Chicago	Dr. Edwin Ang
5. April 17	Minneapolis	Miss Susan Hughes
6. April 24	Denver	Mrs. Toshiko Takae
7. May 1	San Francisco	Mrs. Onni Durst
8. May 8	Los Angeles	Mr. Richard Esselstyn
9. May 15	Columbus, Ohio	Mrs. Keiko Asai



The Reverend Sun Myung Moon

And His Church

EXCERPTS FROM LETTERS OF PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Unification Church teaches and practices respect for the rights of others in their religious beliefs and practices. We only ask the same for ourselves in return. In this Bicentennial year, shouldn't we remind ourselves that this is what America is all about? □ In response to the urgings of many people who recognize the intolerance and prejudice of recent attacks against the Church, we are presenting the following excerpts from letters of persons who are not Unification Church members but who, as parents or friends of members, hold well informed opinions. □ We urge you to find out for yourself what it is in Reverend Moon's message that has inspired so many intelligent, creative young people to joyfully dedicate their lives to serve God and their fellow man.



The Unification Church has done a lot for our three children. The teachings of the Church have given them a positive direction in life. By studying the **Divine Principles**, they have learned the meaning and purpose of life. They have learned to actualize their teachings, applying them in their daily lives. This has helped to mold their characters, which is evidenced by their behavior in society. They have grown to be beautiful children, both academically and spiritually. My words do not do justice to the feelings we have for this wonderful organization.

Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Rechlis
California

Having neither particular love nor dislike for Reverend Moon, it strikes me as peculiar that no public outcry occurs when, for example 30,000 young people are being brainwashed by the University faculty to become asocial, antisocial, doperidden, dishevelled, dirty, promiscuous and

PROTECT RELIGIOUS FREEDOM!

The following is taken from an unsolicited essay by Dr. T.S. Miyaday. The author is unknown to Unification Church officials but his thoughts are deeply appreciated.

Our country was originally settled by people from England who believed in the freedom of religion. Our federal and state constitutions guarantee that freedom. There are also statutory laws that prohibit religious discriminations. To every law-abiding American, the freedom to worship according to one's own belief is as precious as the freedom to express one's legitimate ideas.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who has been busy spreading the Gospel according to his own religious belief, has become the object and victim of religious bigotry, parental selfishness, psychological headline hunters, and sensational journalism.

[Also, there was and is an

will recall that they have also left their parent's house, and they should know that they should not deny to their adult children the same right they themselves had exercised earlier in their lives.

It is the consensus of knowledgeable people that the students and followers of the Unification Church are in good hands, and are well taken care of by the Rev. and Mrs. Moon. The atmosphere

reporting, and make reasonable effort to verify the source of their information. As a rule, they do not publish materials that are based on rumors or prejudiced opinions. There are, of course, exceptions to a general rule.

During the recent months, there were several sensational news media that published erroneous reports about Rev. Sun Myung Moon — reports that were based on rumors, wild psychological opinions, and the "say so" of a self-appointed protector of someone else's fully mature children. The publishing of harmful rumors with malice aforethought is bad. But to mix rumors, opinions, racial and religious prejudices, half-truths, and even untruths to create

The freedom of the press cannot abridge the freedom of religion and the



We are parents of a 25 year old daughter who has been a dedicated member of this church for two and one-half years and we know, first hand, of the positive and beneficial effects of their objectives and diverse worldwide programs.

Anyone with an open mind and a sincere desire to seek new truths would be spiritually impressed with the total and unselfish dedication of all those who are full-time members of the Unification Church.

If one is concerned about their religious credibility then only a brief observation of their programs and member participation would be sufficient to ascertain the most significant manifestations of any worthwhile religion — **unselfish love and a total commitment to seeking God's will.**

We do not believe all of their theology, and

ones belief.

aimed against its people. It is hoped that it was strictly individual or isolated in character, and not representative of the wonderful people that inhabit a large part of Metropolitan New York.

When a young bird has grown enough feathers, it leaves its nest. It is instinct. It is natural. When a son or daughter becomes old enough to be independent, he or she will leave home. If fathers and mothers will only look back into their own youthful days, they

and the teachings are such that they will become good Christians and good citizens. In this modern troubled and confused world, we need more Christians, and even non-Christians, who can spread peace and good will among all mankind.

Generally speaking, most newspapers and other news media are very careful in their

The freedom of the press cannot abridge the freedom of religion and the right to worship according to one's belief. America is a Christian nation, and no person can be deported from the United States for preaching the Gospel no matter what any sensational tabloid or other self-appointed protector of someone else's adult children may say.

Dr. Thomas S. Miyaday
New Jersey

decent looking young people whom I have observed as being members of Reverend Moon's society are for some reason considered most reprehensible! So much so, that special organizations, ... and 'deprogramming' is considered necessary.

Could it be that the 'Moonies' are interfering with the well laid plans of those who are turning American Youth towards the Left?

Mr. Charles Langdon
California



Besides being a parent of a four year member of this Church, I have also had a great deal of first hand experience with them and would like to contribute the following observations I have made about the Unification Church:

1. Moral practices are superior to any other group in my experience. The highest standards are taught by Rev. Moon.
2. Spiritual dedication is unparalleled.
3. The Church is trying to turn the United States to better practices and this may be more urgent than some think!
4. The **Divine Principle** (Church teachings) represents an historical landmark of theological analysis and revelation (whether we believe it all or not).

The Unification Church is strong, has substantial means, and member for member is the most dedicated group that I know of. The local levels and headquarters practices are almost unbelievable in religious commitment. They represent a small scale example of the ideal brother-sister relationships advocated by Jesus and the New Testament authors.

Mr. Fred B. Crist
Delaware

Our 21 year old son, Warren, has with our blessings and affirmative support been an active member of the Unification Church for two years. Typical of this age, as a University of Colorado freshman, Warren had little sense of purpose or goals and little regard for society or himself. Upon joining the Unification Church and understanding its principles, vague indifference was replaced by challenging purpose, drifting by productive leadership activity, sloth by the desire to favorably impress, unconcern by a desire to learn about contemporary problems and solutions. Happiness and personal fulfillment are his daily companions.

Mr. Leslie H. Deming
New York



My daughter, Lynn Doerfler Kim, [has been] a member of the Church for the last six years. I personally visited the Washington Center on two separate occasions, spending one day to two days there at each time. I met all of the people in the Center and found no evidence of any type of activities such as "brain-washing" or exploitation of youth. What I did find was a group of people dedicated to the work of God.

Two years ago Mrs. Doerfler and I visited our daughter in Seoul, Korea, where she was active in the mission activities of the Church. I met many of the leaders of the Church in Korea. I found them to be fine, dedicated people. They have religious beliefs that do not coincide with my personal religious beliefs, but then neither do the beliefs of the Mormon Church, the Unitarian Church, the Roman Catholic Church.

The Unification Church is dedicated to the love of God, to the sanctity of the family, to the avoidance of alcohol, drugs and illicit sexual activities. I must rate them on a very high scale.

Mr. Joseph H. Doerfler
Wisconsin



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I would like more information on the Unification Church. Please have the nearest local Unification Church representative contact me. I would like to know how to join the Unification Church. I appreciate your efforts to protect religious freedom. Here is my contribution to help pay for this ad.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



About six years ago my daughter decided to become a member. As a mother, naturally, I was quite concerned in the beginning. Rather than sit around at home and worry, I decided to learn all about it. I went to the Church Centers and listened to many lectures, attended services and participated in the many activities of the Church. I did not depend on hearsay, rumors, news media for my information. I studied the books, pamphlets, etc. published by the Unification Church. The Church teaches the members to honor and respect their parents, grandparents and relatives... I have heard Reverend Moon speak three times on his Day of Hope tours, and have personally met him. I can say that I stood in awe with humility and deep gratitude to this great man.

Mrs. Shizuko Nishio
California



I am the father of Marilyn Cohen and the father-in-law of Barry Cohen, two members in good standing of the Unification Church. Marilyn's mother, now deceased, was Jewish and I am Jewish as are both parents of my son-in-law, Barry.

I wish to point out that the "hate campaign" letters written by Rabbi Maurice Davis of White Plains, New York, are entirely without foundation.

Since Marilyn and Barry have joined the Unification Church they have both come to reach their full maturity and I think that the Unification Church has played an important part in this development.

Mr. Samuel W. Zell
Maryland



My husband and I are Presbyterians. Our son, Gilbert, has been a member of the Unification Church for about five years. I was skeptical about the Unification Church until I had the opportunity to visit it recently. I have never seen a group of young people with higher morals or more dedicated to improving mankind. The opportunity of seeing so much consideration and love for ones fellow man is almost unheard of today. I am ashamed to say that so many of our so-called society of good church goers, both Catholic and Protestant, do not begin to live the real Christian life like this group of dedicated young people do. The change in our son has made us very happy.

Mrs. June Roschuni
Florida



My home for a few days was the US Headquarters for the Church. I've never received so much genuine love and attention. The people there were truly wonderful to me. And I can truthfully say that the people I met there are everything we had hoped our young people would be. It is hard to believe God gave me a son that is such a fine person.

They (Unification Church members) are not hypocrites, or puppets, and they are not brainwashed. That is a bunch of hogwash. They really feel deeply about what they are doing and are dead serious that their cause is good. But most importantly, they are doing this out of their own free will and truest desire. They are not made to do anything against their will.

Mrs. Peggy Moffitt
Texas

Caravan Leaving from Belvedere May 30, 1976



Vans form a line as they leave Belvedere following the final meeting before the Yankee Stadium Rally.





Whatever happens June 1st, whether there is rain or shine, whether there is an earthquake or a hurricane, whatever the situation, we are going to determine to make this victory happen June 1st! Father definitely has a message ready. Whether he delivers a good message or a mediocre message, whatever God wants him to speak, he will speak. Yankee Stadium will be the day of declaration. For America, it will be the day of declaration of the direction for the third century of American history. For the world and for the entire universe, the destiny of God's future is at stake. Indeed, this is an historical meeting.

Sun Myung Moon
May 30, 1976



GBA Rally at Yankee Stadium

MFT's Visit



Big And Beautiful

The new Yankee Stadium is a lot more than just a ballpark. Albeit, some of the 55 million spent in its 3-year renovation went into gimmicks appealing mostly to baseball fans—a fiberglass smokestack shaped like a baseball bat and huge “telescreen” showing instant replays with its millions of lightbulbs. Yet the renovation has also created a majestic, breath-taking—and huge—amphitheater.

The grandeur is most outstanding at night, when the brilliant white of the stadium walls, the royal blue of the seats and grandstands, and the

brilliant green of the field stand in contrast to its surroundings. Father, the GBA staff, and a few members took in this sight at the first night game in the new stadium on Friday April 23, when they watched the Yankees lose to the Kansas City Royals, 3-2.

New Hope News

April 28, 1976



Campaign Report :

MFT

The impact of the “God Bless America” Festival campaign in New York City came through the efforts of brothers and sisters throughout America who struggled to overcome persecution and physical hardship to provide the financial support for Father’s plans for this critical time before June 1st. In a most sacrificial way, over 700 MFT members contributed as the backbone of the campaign, providing the resources by which the public could be reached through mass media, rallies, street-cleaning programs and mobilization of many members from America and abroad. Although they were far from the actual atmosphere of the campaign, they could participate directly in the spirit of the Bicentennial with the selling of flags, flagpins, buttons and God Bless America Zoomers provided by the Delson Company. On April 1st, great controversy broke out, especially on the East Coast, surrounding allegations that the candy was contaminated with poison or razor bits. This attack was overcome, with greatest victory for the Yankee Stadium campaign efforts. In the majority of the states, members continued to sell the candy, bringing better results than before.

In New York City itself, “White House” staff members participated

in the campaign through street cleaning and witnessing three times a week. Shirley Gricar testified: “I’ve used fundraising techniques to spot people and appeal to them to understand Father’s great love for America and his desire to see its people unite in a deep heartistic bond of respect for each person’s value.

When over 700 MFT members come to New York in May, I feel that New York will feel the impact from these members alone. When I witness, most of my power comes from witnessing for Father directly and telling them a little about his life. I say how much he loves America and how he is the only hope for the decaying morality problems here”

Due to the activities of pioneers in each state who promoted the Bicentennial through parades and other activities, the atmosphere in some small towns changed, thus facilitating fundraising work. Teams in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina and Ohio and Pittsburgh generally received a good response concerning Yankee Stadium. Some West Virginians and people from Pittsburgh planned to attend the festival.

Four days before June 1st, MFT members were called to New York, where they could participate in witnessing for a short time. This was the culmination of many months of hard work taking fruit on the streets of New York. During the “God Bless America” Festival itself, MFT Commanders played an important role in the protection of Our Father, and MFT members carried the full responsibility for ushering people to their seats in the stadium.

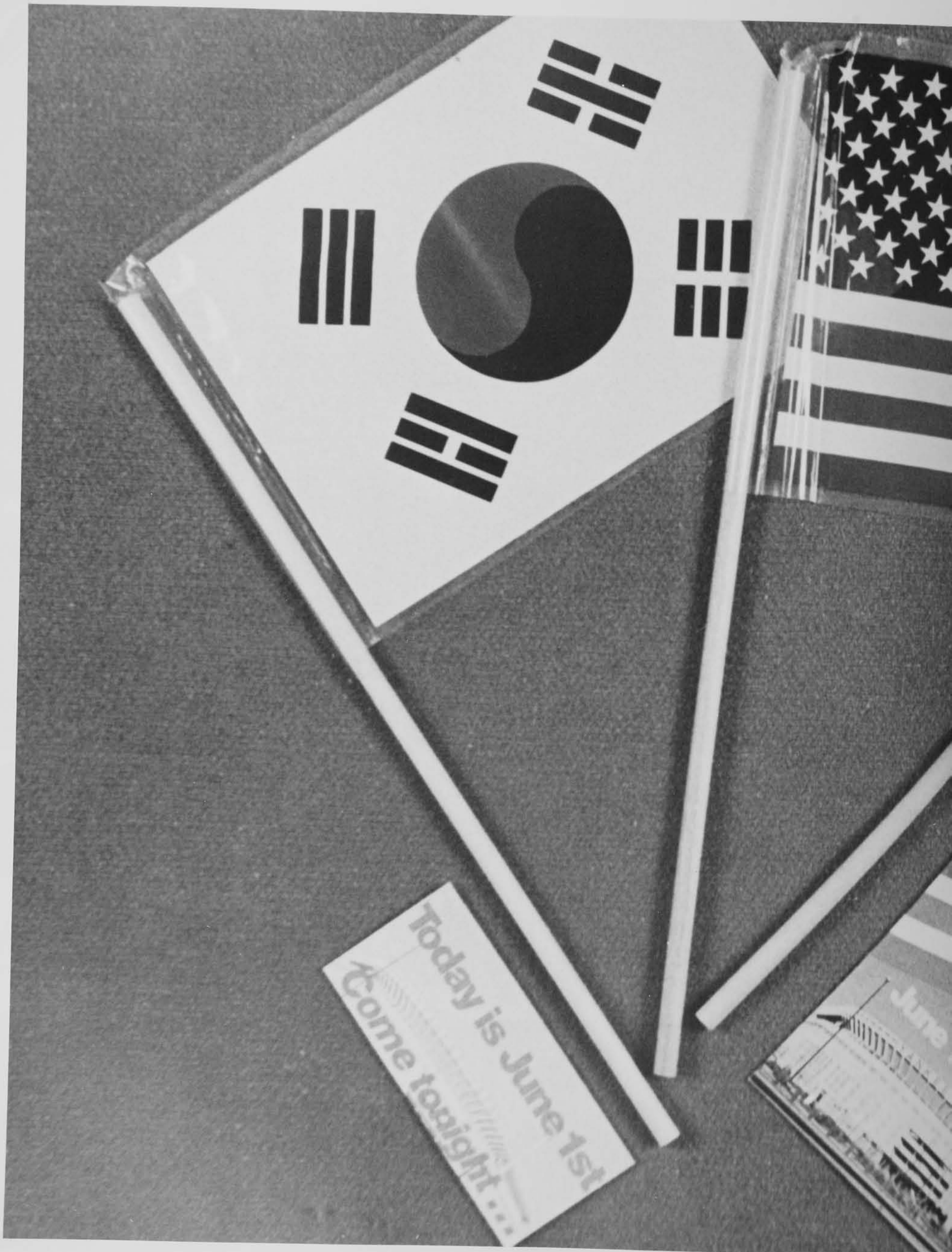


June 1st

Yankee Stadium Preparation









People Begin to Arrive



Reverend
Sun Myung Moon

God God God Bless America
Bicentennial Festival



June 1st 7:00 pm

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Campaign Report :



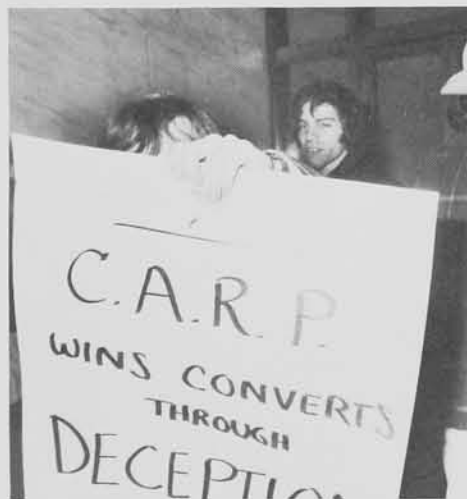
**God Bless America Festival
Media Coverage**

June 1
 6:00 p.m. Channel 2
 Channel 4
 Channel 7
 7:00 p.m. ABC Network News
 10:00 p.m. Channel 5
 Channel 11
 11:00 p.m. Channel 2
 Channel 4
 Channel 7

June 2
 7:00 p.m. CBS Morning News
 NBC Today Show
 6:00 p.m. Channel 2
 Channel 4
 Channel 7



Demonstrations



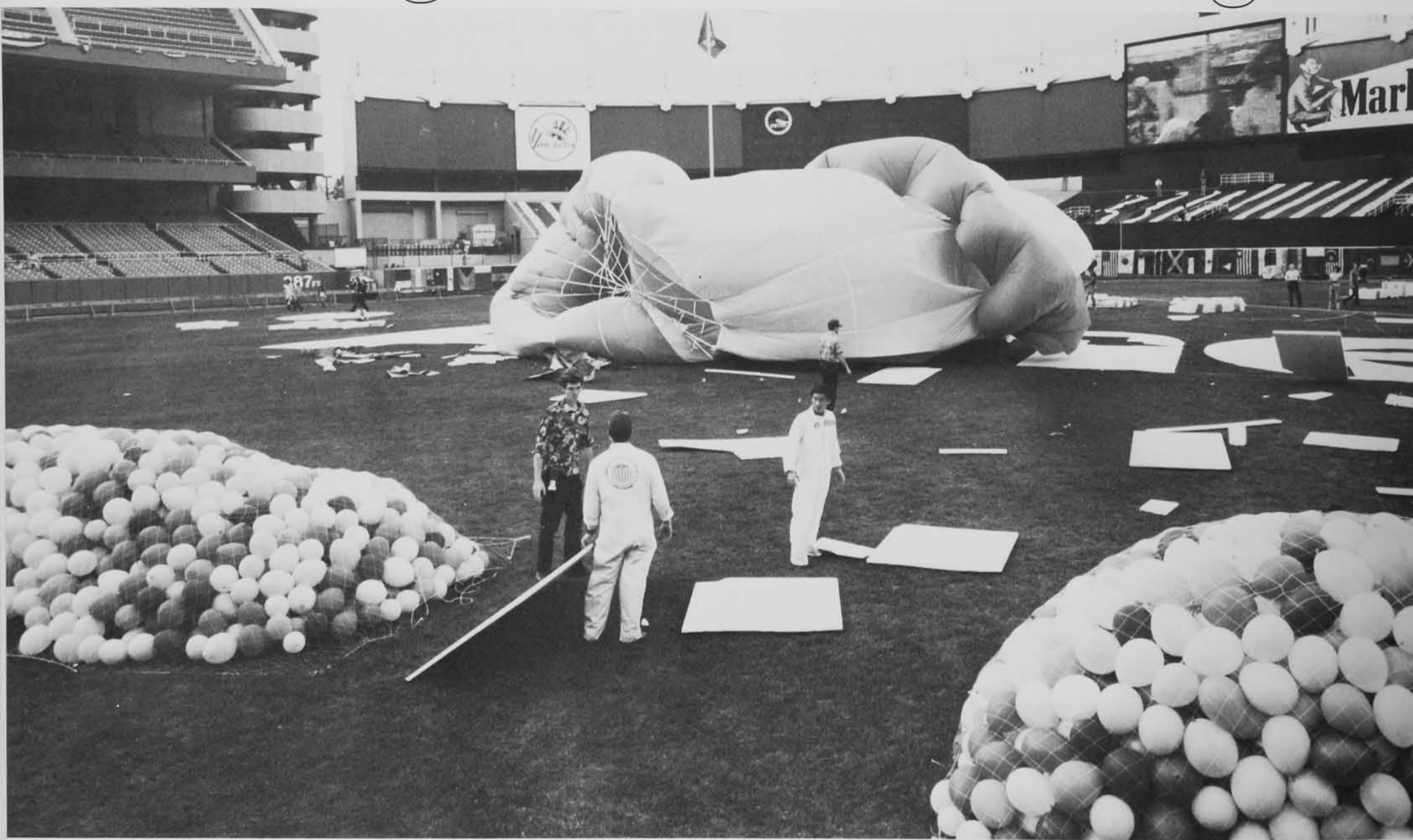


Today we know that the Unification Church is going through a stormy period here in America. We are under a hurricane of persecution everywhere as Satan's world attacks our church. If we turn around and attack them in the same way using the same methods, no one will win. If we utilize Satan's weapons it would only be self-destructive. In order to win over Satan we must utilize God's weapons; humble meekness. We will let Satan hit us, but we will survive; we will demonstrate the way of virtue and the true power of God's spirit. Even after he has done his utmost and his power of persecution subsides, we will still survive. In the sight of God then, he will have no excuse to accuse us, and after that we will be able to do anything.

Sun Myung Moon
February 13, 1976



Gusting Winds and Pouring Rain

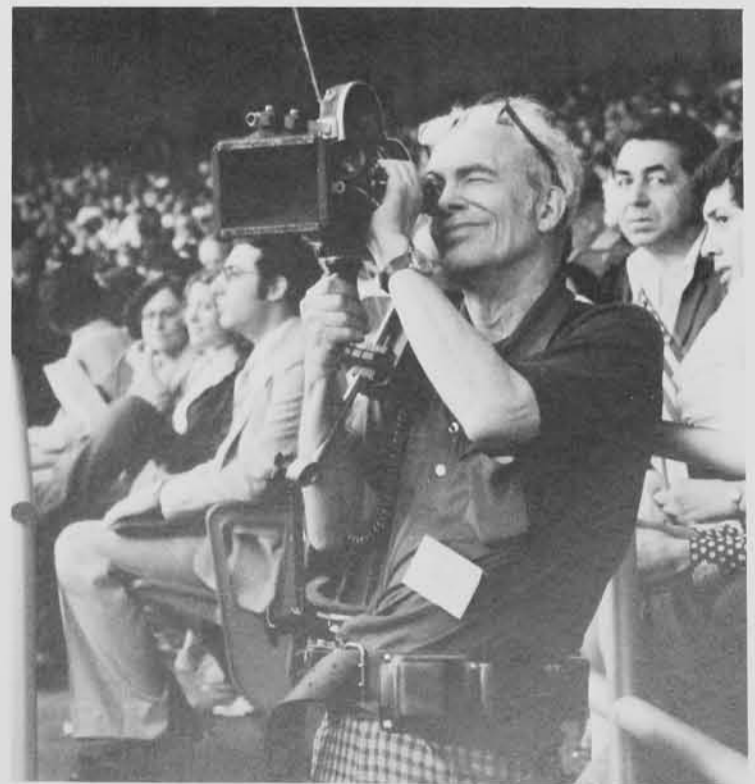


Whipped Through the Stadium



The rainstorm on June 1 was truly the dispensation of God. Because of the storm an even greater catastrophe was averted; the rain changed the minds of those who had plotted something most tragic. Our enemies thought, "Well, Reverend Moon has already faltered; this rain will stop his rally. Even God has cancelled and he will be a complete failure." Therefore they cancelled their plans for disturbance, but we did not cancel our plan.

Sun Myung Moon
October 4, 1976



At that time I witnessed the profound way that the law of indemnity works. I was not aware that a storm had come, but at the very moment that the heavy rain began to fall outside a very mysterious thing happened. A huge poster with my portrait was hanging in my waiting room, and suddenly it crashed to the floor. Nobody had touched it; it fell for no apparent reason. There was chaos at that moment, and then I knew that something extraordinary was happening outside.

Sun Myung Moon
October 4, 1976





An Intense Moment



But then another miracle happened. In the pouring rain the Go-World Brass Band struck up and all our members began singing, "You Are My Sunshine." It was a protest to God, "Give us sunshine!" At that time came the most ardent, intense prayer ever offered in human history. Then what happened? Everybody in Yankee Stadium responded, even non-members, parents and guests from Korea and Japan. Nobody wanted to take shelter. In the pouring rain everyone responded, singing together. That paralleled the moment of judgment that took place in Pilate's court 2,000 years ago, when Jesus was sentenced to death.

Sun Myung Moon
October 4, 1976





YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

Chorus:

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine;
 You make me happy when skies are gray.
 You'll never know, dear, how much I love you,
 Please don't take my sunshine away.

There is a meadow high on a mountain,
 Where skylark and wild rose abound.
 Th' eternal homeland my heart desires,
 Shines like gold at the rainbow's end.

Chorus: (repeat)

Through the long winter, the harsh winds blowing,
 All creatures die on barren soil.
 Now sunlight warming the ice to streamlets;
 Earth in spring is a garden of joy.

Chorus: (repeat)



Singing in the Rain



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

Enclosed is a certified summary of the weather for June 1976 including, of course, the date of the 1st. Records show that .44 inches of rain fell during the day. Broken down into hours as follows. From 3 PM to 4 PM .01 From 4 PM to 5 PM .24 (Quite a soaking rain for that interval of an hour) From 8 PM to 9 PM a Trace (less than .01) From 9 PM to 10 PM .02 From 10 PM to 11 PM .09 From 11 PM to midnight .08.

All times are in Eastern Standard time The local time was one hour later.

Carl E. Wistrom





...and
Here
Comes
the
Sun



