

NY churches gear up for Madison Square Garden

The New York churches are the scene of feverish activity these days as the Madison Square Garden campaign accelerates toward "V-Day," September 18th. "Everything revolves around Madison Square Garden," said New York SR Joseph Tully. "We are really trying to carry out every direction Father has given," he said. "If we do this, our work will be fruitful. That will bring the success."

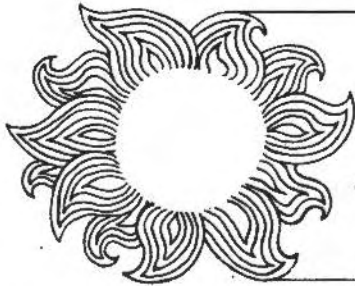
Success at this point is defined mathematically in terms of a full house—requiring an audience of 25,000 persons.

Father has called for a "total witnessing" effort, and members from the various New York churches are gathering in groups for week-long training sessions in witnessing and lecturing, centering around the Fifth Avenue office. After in-

tensive training including street preaching and street teaching complete with blackboards, members go back to their own centers to continue working.

Each member has been assigned to 120 houses for door-to-door witnessing and book distribution, and will be responsible for filling up two of the 500 buses being chartered to transport people to

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Father speaks to 10,000 guests on 4th of July

"My message to you today is that God created man to live for others, to serve others," Father told an audience of more than 10,000 persons gathered at Belvedere for the July 4th program and fireworks display, his largest audience to date.

"Today America celebrates a birthday. It was born in the Christian spirit, based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. All throughout the Bible we are taught to serve others, to give ourselves for our fellow man.

"America's future and destiny depend upon young people who practice this way of life," he said, speaking through interpreter Bo Hi Pak, who left his post as director-general and principal evangelist for the Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade in Louisville and flew to New York for the occasion.

"God blessed America," Father continued, "but blessings never come alone but with a responsibility: it is America's responsibility to serve other nations. Only by serving other nations can America survive and prosper.

"But today America is retreating," he warned.

"I came here to bring this nation closer to God, and I pledge my entire heart and soul to that purpose," he said. "The destiny of America depends on how much closer this nation moves toward God."

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Selling contest highlights World Day

The Day of All Things—World Day—dawned bright and clear and hot at Belvedere, and there was much excitement in the air as trainees and sellers gathered for 7:00 a.m. pledge service in the lecture room, which was decorated with streamers and a mural of a meandering stream winding through beautiful countryside featuring a large rainbow.

At 7:30 Father and Mother came in, and Father spoke for two and a half hours about the need for us to sacrifice ourselves for the sake of God, mankind and the creation, and said we must "cling to God like a fly on the tail of a galloping horse" in order to be carried to the goal.

He then sent everyone except the sel-

lers outside, and talked for more than a hour explaining the selling contest and how to be victorious in fund-raising. Since all things of creation symbolize the economy, the selling contest will be an annual World Day event, and later he will set up a witnessing and evangelizing contest on one of the other holidays.

Sellers must dash out of the vans and quickly begin working, using humor, gimmicks and smiles to win buyers, and must be certain to enlist the cooperation of the spirit world: They were to be in their areas selling from 6:00 a.m. through 12:00 midnight each of the contest's 3½ days.

Father set a definite goal or amount of

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Madison Square Garden September 18th. "If among those 120 houses there are 30—or even 10—good families, two buses can easily be filled," Mr. Tully pointed out.

Through door-to-door witnessing a base is established in every neighborhood, and positive relationships are begun which can later be useful in counteracting bad press, Mr. Tully said. For example, many of the people who are contacted will be parents, and establishing a relationship with them means we are establishing relationships with people who can counteract negative news stories based on complaints from parents of members.

In the book distribution program, each house receives on loan a copy of *Christianity in Crisis* in a plastic bag along with a letter and a questionnaire asking if they liked the book. The member allows the residents a week or so to read the book, then calls back to see how they felt about it. At this time there are 10,000 *Crisis* books out, and 10,000 pocket-size DP books will be distributed soon along with a copy of Father's prayer about "sowing sweat for earth, tears for man, and blood for heaven, as a servant but with a father's heart." This will make a total of 20,000 books distributed in the New York area. "We want to earn money and put out many times this number," Mr. Tully said, adding that book distribution is an expensive program.

Cassette lectures in both long and short forms are being prepared of Chapters I, II and history, as Father directed. At present the taped lectures will be limited to these three areas, with the remainder of the Principle available through lectures or at workshops.

Another aspect of New York's work involves contacting ministers and visiting churches. "It is our responsibility to give God's blessing to the conventional Christian churches," Mr. Tully said. Moreover, since an important source of accusation against us has been rabbis and ministers, having a few who really understand and like us can really affect our media coverage. When we are unjustly criticized, we can send reporters to our new friends for their views on our movement. When Channel 7-TV went out to a Long Island church and asked how ministers and the neighbors felt about them, it would have been good to have been able to refer them to people outside our group for a favorable opinion.

The church in Flushing, Queens, has had notable success with ministers and was asked to give sermons in two churches.

Ministers in conventional churches are often struggling with lifeless and unresponsive congregations, Mr. Tully said, and are pouring their hearts out but getting no response. They are delighted to come to our centers where they are warmly received by bright, responsive, clean-cut young people and uplifted by strong singing. Mr. Tully recommends inviting the minister to your Wednesday night service to give the sermon.

Another New York church has had success with Sunday afternoon musical programs in the park, after which members lead people back piper-fashion to the 4:30 lecture and evening service at the center.

The New York CARP program has been very active in reaching students, recently bringing 1,000 people to a program



at Columbia University commemorating the 24th anniversary of the Korean War. Entitled "The Fact of Communism and America's Future," the program featured speeches by Rabbi Korff, Pastor Luke and FLF Secretary-General Dan Fefferman.

In a very powerful and moving speech, Rabbi Korff described his experiences under both the Nazis and communists, saying that "black totalitarianism (fascism) seeks to kill my body, but red totalitarianism (communism) seeks to kill my soul."

Pastor Luke, a black member of the Unification Church who was formerly a member of the Young Communist League in Minnesota before his conversion to fundamentalist Christianity, spoke very movingly about his experiences with communism and the race situation, and FLF Secretary-General Dan Fefferman presented a more theoretical address entitled "The Threat of Communism and New Hope" in which he analyzed the threat of

communism in theosophical, political and military terms. He explained that communism grows through exploiting differences among segments in society, encouraging people to identify themselves first as blacks or Jews or Christians or whatever, rather than as Americans. "We must be, first of all, Americans, and must work to fulfill God's ideal for America, which is one nation composed of many nationalities working together for the good of mankind," Mr. Fefferman said.

The program also included a film of the Korean War and subsequent developments.

Among the 1,000 persons in the audience was a group of about 20 leftists who boisterously rooted for the Maoists in the film, necessitating that they be escorted from the auditorium for disrupting the program, whereupon they became violent and began turning over tables. At the same time the narrator of the film sound track was saying, "Through the senseless bloodshed, the UN forces showed that they would not be intimidated by the communists," bringing cheers from the audience, which was very positive toward the program from that point on.

The program was followed by a dinner at which it was reported that this gathering was the largest event of its kind ever held at Columbia University, a particularly noteworthy accomplishment during the summer session with its smaller student population.

New York activities focus on bringing people to the Barrytown workshops, which run from Friday evening through Monday night every weekend and are usually attended by 100 to 150 people, mostly new contacts. The most recent workshop, however, was attended by a record number of 500 people, 250 Family members and 250 guests.

Barrytown workshops are extended to seven days for those who choose to remain longer and "usually about 35 people stay the whole seven days," Mr. Tully reported.

During the course of the workshop films are shown on WACL, the Little Angels, and sometimes a special film such as "Ben Hur" is shown. Workshop participants also have an opportunity to try their luck fishing in the Hudson River.

Father visits Barrytown often, and has addressed several workshop groups.

To insure success in the Madison Square Garden campaign, Father has called for 4,000 members from across the country to come to New York to assist, and

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MFT's find blessings in unusual experiences

By Helen Koepke
MFT Assistant

Because our MFT teams aren't exposed to the spiritual aspect of our movement, spirit world often provides the teams with an ample supply of spiritual enrichment.

For example, when Harry Phillips' team visited a very small United Methodist Church in Alexandria, Indiana, the minister noticed them sitting together in the pew and went over to speak to them. They explained that they were from our church and were doing missionary work in the area. The minister was very impressed and asked them to perform for his congregation. They sang "The Father's Dwelling Place" and also spoke about our movement and our work with young people. Everyone in the church was so impressed that they took up a special collection for the team, and the minister supplemented it with a donation from the church treasury. The sum total of the donations from the church was exactly seven times what Harry had put into the collection plate during the service, thus fulfilling the words of Jesus when he told his disciples that they would be rewarded seven times what they gave.

Peter Spoto, also a member of Harry's team, received an unusual donation from two Christian businessmen who were so impressed by his dedication to God that they took him into their store and gave him a complete outfit of clothing—pants, a jacket, a shirt and everything!

Another MFTer, a Japanese girl, stopped in a Penney's Store for a rest stop and while in the Ladies' Room she fell asleep, waking to find herself locked alone inside a dark Penney's Store. Frightened, she tried to escape, thus setting off the burglar alarm and drawing every available police car in the area to the store. When the police arrived, they were extremely surprised to find one very frightened, non-English speaking Japanese girl. Finally they persuaded her to come out of the store.

About two weeks later the same girl, Hiroko Ide, traveled to San Antonio, Texas, to join Jim Wood's team. Jim was late in picking her up, and as it was very early in the morning a policeman with a Japanese wife took pity on her and took her to his home to sleep until the next morning. Jim, in the meantime, had accidentally run into another policeman who was able to help him locate her.



4th of July at Belvedere *(Continued from page 1)*

Father's address was preceded by welcoming remarks by President Neil Salonen, international songs by several groups including an outstanding choir from the New York Unification Church, and rousing music by a band hired for the evening. Father was introduced by Dr. Kennedy, who described the meeting with Nixon and Father's plea to Mr. Nixon that the President pray as he goes to summits and meetings, because as President of the United States he holds the destiny of the world in his hands.

The evening's program took place on a red, white and blue-festooned stage erected at the bottom of the hill behind the main house. The crowd filled the space between the stage and the tea garden and completely covered the sides of the hill.

Prior to the program, Father and Mother held a reception and Korean banquet at the main house for more than 50 area dignitaries and VIPs including the mayor of Tarrytown, Carmine Giaquinto, and the mayor of nearby Hastings-on-Hudson, the Tarrytown police chief, a state assemblyman, a state senator's representative, several professors, a judge and other leading citizens of the area. The judge was later overheard to say, "These kids are simply fantastic. I've never seen anything like their dedication."

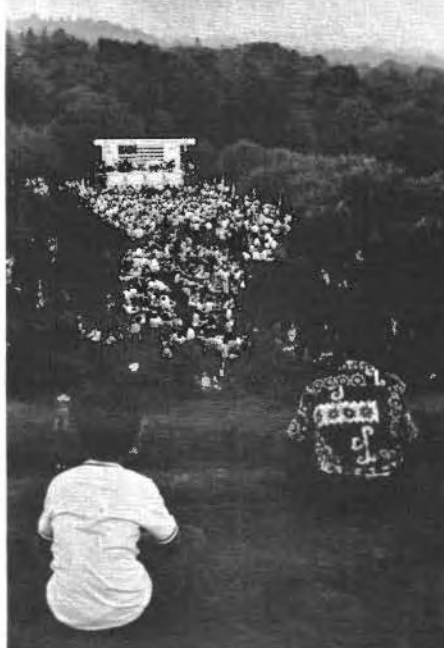
Arriving banquet guests received corsages or boutonnieres, and later were given ginseng tea and copies of *Christianity In Crisis*. Guests were enthusiastic about the delicious Korean food

which was cooked under the direction of Mrs. Kim, and were thrilled to be able to take home the lovely chopsticks from their places at the table.

The fireworks display was exciting, with many spectacular aerial pieces as well as beautiful ground displays which were set off at the side of the hill near the swimming pool.

Father expressed pleasure with the events of the day, calling it "a very good celebration."

Hyun-jin and Hyo-jin watch from the roof.



*By Carroll Ann Dobrotka
Belvedere Trainee*

What is the Belvedere Training Program and who are the trainees? You've seen the 100 DP test questions and you've probably known people who were sent for training, and maybe you've even heard it referred to as the "Hundred Years' Training" by a long-time trainee. But what is it really like and what is its purpose?

The Belvedere Program offers a deeper relationship with the Word and a more meaningful spiritual relationship with our True Parents.

While we may have come to the Family for different reasons, after a while we discover we are here to restore Adam's and Eve's failures: to keep faith in the Word, and to become the incarnation of the Word. To facilitate this, Father has asked that trainees receive eight hours of lectures each day on the Word.

And on an inner level, our attitude toward our True Parents is also important. They have made life possible for us, and they are expecting us to meet Heavenly Father's standard. Their tremendous hope and faith and encouragement pervade the atmosphere at Belvedere. Each time we pray at the Holy Rocks we become more united with our True Parents' love for Heavenly Father and for mankind, and we find our ability to sacrifice ourselves in order to fulfill Heavenly Father's Will ever growing. These substantial internal changes are a very important part of our training.

In studying, an important factor is our

attitude. No matter how long we've been in the Family, we must approach the lectures as if we know nothing. We must generate an eagerness in our hearts to learn, and also pray continuously to learn. We progress according to the amount of time and zeal we invest.

At Belvedere we rise at 6:00 a.m. and go to Holy Ground for exercises led by Training Director Takeshi Furuta. These exercises are designed to stimulate our circulation and to develop spiritual concentration and determination. One, "Crush Satan," consists of a series of 10 alternate punches in three directions, and in "Resurrection" we offer all of earth to heaven ten times.

Trainees take turns leading the 7:30 a.m. prayer service, which consists of a song or two, a prayer and a scripture reading or a selection from Master Speaks. The trainee leading the meeting shares his understanding of the passage, another song is sung, and the meeting closes with unison prayer.

Breakfast is served at 8:00 o'clock, and lectures begin promptly at 9:00 and continue until lunch is served at 12:00 noon. Father feels the best way for us to learn is through constantly hearing the material, giving us the chance for four levels of stimulation: hearing, writing, thinking and repeating the points mentally or sub-vocalizing.

From 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. trainees do yard work to maintain grounds at East Garden and Belvedere. We may spend our time pulling up wild onions or dandelions, being careful to get out the



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At Belvedere you can thank G
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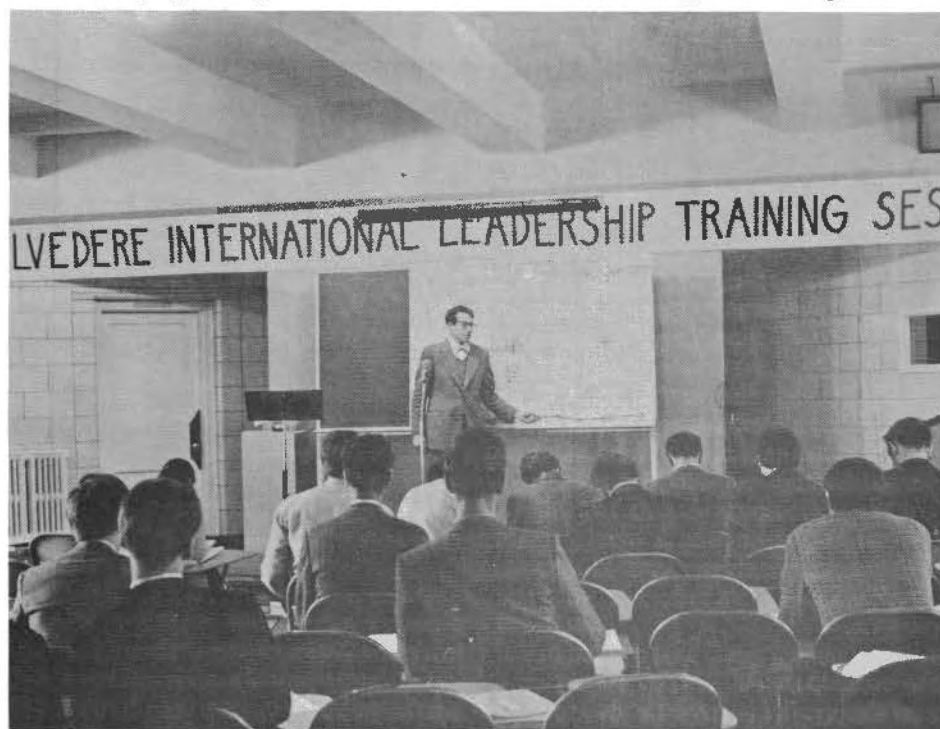
I came here planning on learning, the first thing I learned was not what means—that is, the deeper internal relationship. This love and the high spiritual atmosphere maintain the high pace which Belvedere. On the foundation of Heart I understand the Truth as well.

Allan Hokanson

While watching our Japanese work in the Greenhouse, I realized that the greenhouse of the heart. We must have God or we will wilt in the sun.

At Belvedere we have been not pruned. We must all be the roots of embrace and nourish the seed of God's sisters.

David Lyde



long tap root, or we clear out the underbrush, especially at East Garden. Mowing, painting or transplanting seedlings at the greenhouse are some of our other responsibilities.

From 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. we have more lectures, followed by dinner at 6:00. After dinner trainees take turns giving a 10 to 15 minute talk, usually a short testimony, to develop public speaking skill.

After a one hour study period, lectures recommence at 8:00 p.m. and continue until 10:00 p.m. After a brief study period, we go at 10:30 p.m. to Holy Ground for our evening program of songs, a short inspirational message by a different trainee each night, and fervent unison prayer for our True Parents and Heavenly Father and worldwide restoration. We open and close each day with prayer at Holy Ground.

Trainees are divided into men's and women's teams of five or six people led by a captain and co-captain. This team is the basic organizational unit through which we fulfill most of our responsibilities such as setting up for meals, washing dishes, cleaning, studying, and holding trinity and team meetings.

After we've passed through one cycle of Divine Principle lectures (hearing the Principle through three times), we have an examination consisting of two parts, one on the first part of the book and the second covering history. The exams are on different days so we have a day to study for each.

The biggest problem in passing the exam seems to be in the area of attitude and concentration. Because the Principle is at

least somewhat familiar to all of us when we come, we don't listen fully to the lecturer and thus miss some of the simple logical distinctions in the Truth, making our test answers—and ultimately our teaching—incomplete.

We then hear lectures on Victory Over Communism, and on Unification Thought, on which we are also tested.

Then if we haven't passed the Principle exam, we start the Principle lecture cycle over again, and we continue studying until we pass the first judgment: judgment by the Word. Only then are we able to pass on to the second level of our training—economic work. Each trainee must go out selling daily and average a certain minimum sales total for a period of two consecutive weeks, thus fulfilling the second judgment, that of personality.

We then move on to the third level of work—witnessing. We must each draw three people to sign membership. Winning of these three spiritual children constitutes passing the judgment of heart.

As we move day by day through the lectures, we feel our love for our True Parents growing and developing. Uniting with our Parents' love and spirit is the way to the fastest growth. This is our own responsibility, and our desire to fulfill for Father and our subsequent actions determine our accomplishment.

Everything we do, from responsibility to the team to laundry duty or trimming tree branches, can teach us the attitude of love and responsibility with which we can go out and do Heavenly Father's Will in this crucial time.



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Colorado Family hosts benefit jazz concert at "Sunburst"

By Harmon Grahn
Center Director, Boulder, Colorado

Monday, June 3, the Colorado Family introduced ourselves and "Sunburst," our new center to the Boulder community in a very delightful jazz concert featuring Art Hodes, father of one of our members, Margaret Hodes.

Art Hodes is a renowned Chicago jazz pianist who has performed with the greats in American jazz history—Bennie Goodman, Duke Ellington, Louis Armstrong, and such. He had an engagement in Denver and agreed to do a benefit performance at Sunburst.

We decided that this would provide an excellent opportunity for us to introduce ourselves to the community and show the citizens of Boulder that we are not a group exclusively engaged in beating the bushes for money and new members, but are a genuinely concerned and civic-minded organization with a sincere desire to help the local community. So we searched for a worthy local cause to which we could lend our support and the Attention Homes of

Boulder County seemed just right. The Attention Homes were established in 1966 to provide a temporary residence for youngsters between the ages of 12 and 17 who for various reasons are unable to live at home. Youths may be placed in the homes by the Boulder County Juvenile Court as a consequence of police action, divorce, severe family conflicts, or friction resulting from discipline or behavior problems in school.

The homes are supported almost exclusively by contributions and are staffed by qualified volunteers. They are universally recognized in the area as a very worthwhile undertaking which have consistently been fruitful ever since their inception.

The directors of the homes were somewhat overwhelmed when we told them about our plans for the benefit concert and our hopes of swelling their income by around \$1,000.00. They said that their largest single contributor donated \$3,300.00, a local organization called Santa's House, but took a whole year to

raise the money. We began this project two weeks ago, raised \$1,100.00 and after subtracting expenses donated \$800.00. They've never seen anything like it!

The performance was flawless and was very well received. We had prepared for an audience of 200 to 300, but 73 guests actually came. The consensus seemed to be that those who bought tickets but did not attend really missed something special.

"Sunburst" is a beautiful place to hold such a function, physically and spiritually, and many people remarked at the beauty of Father's building and the high atmosphere it contains. One man, who sold us the building and so knows something of our financial position, said to MUC Richard Buessing that we exemplify the ideal of the early Christians because we are extending ourselves to help others, yet we have nothing ourselves.

We feel that through this effort we have made a very positive step toward making Father's children known to the Boulder community.

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money for the sellers to raise, the amount necessary to purchase a battleship which has been converted into an excursion boat capable of carrying 493 passengers. Father said he has also purchased a 48 foot Pacemaker cabin cruiser and a 25 foot speedboat, which have been christened "New Hope, New York" and "Flying Phoenix."

The prize for the winning team was to accompany Father on a fishing trip out in the Atlantic ocean.

Participating in the contest were 12 teams, one each from the 10 regions, a team representing New York, and a demonstration team of top sellers from the national MFT. It was expected that the MFT team would win, and so they were not included in the regular contest but were there as an example of what it is possible to accomplish.

Without further ado, Father sent the teams out to begin selling their flowers, and led everyone else out to his rock where different individuals and groups entertained one another with songs.

He then took the group on a walking tour of the new property acquired adjacent to Belvedere and extending down to the

railroad tracks, which border the Hudson River. He stopped several times and talked to the group about his plans for the use of the property and described his idea for an underground tunnel linking Belvedere with East Garden.

He announced a treasure hunt and sent everyone scrambling off to locate clues worth cash prizes, while he sat with his children and some members under the trees near the main house, and didn't come inside for "breakfast" until late in the afternoon.

The day was concluded with a wonderful fellowship with music, skits and refreshments—Big Macs and ice cream!

The selling contest went on as scheduled and was extended an additional 3½ days at the request of the sellers when it became evident that they would not reach the goal within the originally allotted time. The contest recommenced on Monday after Father spoke briefly and the sellers were treated to a huge Korean meal in the backyard of the main house.

Friday morning at another breakfast meeting the winners were announced. The national MFT team came in first but didn't

count in the regular contest, which was consequently won by the New York team, which beat the other contestants by a very substantial margin, almost equaling the MFT total.

Second place went to Dr. Bergman's team from Region 10, followed by Dr. Sheftick's team from Region 7, followed by Mr. Spurgin's team from Region 3, which had higher totals per person because the team was short one member.

The 84 sellers raised 104 percent of the goal and were awarded individual and team prizes, and of course the boat trip, although Father did not go on the boat with them.

Father decided to keep the sellers in the state of New York to train them to raise a set amount per day, then send them out to the field to train others so that the American Family can quickly take over its own financial responsibilities.

Mr. Salonen took all non-winning sellers sightseeing in New York, visiting the Statue of Liberty, the Empire State Building, a Broadway play, two movies and a restaurant, keeping them out until past 4:00 a.m.

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plans are being formulated to set up systems to deal with housing, transportation, cooking and the like. "It's like preparing for a small army," Mr. Tully said, "and there are tremendous logistical problems which have to be solved."

"Last year we had 400 people working on the Day of Hope campaign and we were all over the streets. This time with 4,000 they won't be able to miss us! People are going to have to join us or reject us; they can't ignore us," Mr. Tully said with a wide grin.

The New York banquet will be held September 17th for 1,300 guests at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel's Grand Ballroom, and 15,000 banquet invitations have been mailed out, since VIPs make up their engagement calendars months in advance. Mr. Tully expects 1/10 of the people invited will respond.

Planning is now underway for decorations for Madison Square Garden which will be "alive, yet dignified, showing the international flavor and strength of our movement," Mr. Tully said. "We want to create a powerful feeling where people can feel the work and energy that went into it, to establish a good foundation for the concepts being developed." Decorations will include flags from many nations and banners, and production of the decorations will begin as soon as the overall design has been settled upon.

Buttons have already been procured, and bumper stickers are on order with a series of strong statements such as "God's representative—Reverend Sun Myung Moon." The media campaign is also being planned and will soon commence.

The weekend preceding Father's talk there will be a parade along Fifth Avenue including all 4,000 members working in the campaign as well as friends and supporters.

"Our mission with Madison Square Garden is to make Father's name known throughout the entire country," Mr. Tully concluded.



The Manhattan Unification Church (second door from the left above) is at 18 East 71st Street, between busy Madison and Fifth Avenues. Below: Speakers at the CARP panel discussion.



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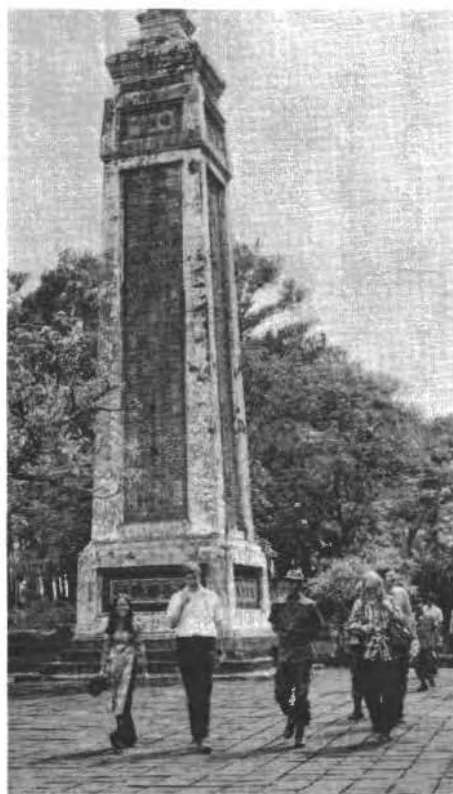
Fact-finding mission reveals true plight of Vietnamese people

Recently three FLF staffers were among 10 young people to visit South Vietnam on a fact-finding mission which took them on a whirlwind tour the length and breadth of the country and introduced them to Vietnamese citizens of all ages, geographical areas and walks of life.

Louise Berry, Dan Fefferman and Lorenzo Gaztanaga and representatives from Young Americans for Freedom, the Young Republicans, the Young Democrats, the Young People's Socialist League and the Young People's Committee for Intellectual Freedom in the Soviet Union constituted the group.

The trip was sponsored by the government of South Vietnam in an effort to inform the American people of the true situation in their country, contrary to the picture presented by such vocal leftists as Jane Fonda and Tom Hayden.

In addition to top level government officials such as the ministers of information, culture and youth education, the group talked with refugees in a resettlement project, student union leaders in Hue and Saigon including a representative from the Buddhist Union, university and military academy students, labor leaders and representatives from the youth arm of the labor movement, a three-star general, a province chief, the American ambassador to South Vietnam, and even with American reporters in Saigon representing the



Upper left: Abandoned Soviet tanks on Highway 1 at Quang Tri where 6,000 people died fleeing from communist forces in the 1972 offensive.

Above: Imperial tombs at Hue, the northernmost part of South Vietnam.

L.A. Times and United Press International. The newsmen spoke of their frustration at being unable to get into the paper or onto the wire service teletype any of their stories which are in any way favorable to the Thieu government.

The group visited cities, rural provinces, a resort town, universities, an ancient imperial city and sites of former cities now devastated by the war. They went to the prison island site of the infamous tiger cages and found their horrors to be exaggerated. In reality, the prison seemed to be a progressive facility with minimum security and many innovations not yet found in U.S. prisons.

At a "Welcome Home" party given by National Headquarters they reported some of their experiences and observations:

- They found a growing loyal opposition within South Vietnam, people politically opposed to the Thieu government but willing to overlook differences in order to support the government's strong stand against communism.

- They saw the tremendous refugee problem facing the Vietnamese government and were impressed by the resettlement program, which provides needy families with land, money to erect housing and seed for crops for several seasons until the family becomes established and self-sufficient.

- They found a radical shift in the attitude of Vietnamese students and of the population in general toward America since the withdrawal of American forces. At present there is almost no resentment towards the U.S., unlike several years ago when there was much hostility aroused by the moral decadence of American GIs, whose conduct offended the strong sense of morality and of the sanctity of the family unit in Vietnamese society.

- Contrary to their expectations, they found the Vietnamese peasants strongly in favor of democracy; it *does* matter to the peasants in the rice paddies, who might have been expected to be disinterested in issues beyond their own survival.

- Vietnamese people, for the most part, have a totally false idea of what their counterparts in the U.S. are thinking, based on communist propaganda against us, and hence exchange trips such as this are valuable in correcting false impressions.

In the course of their visit the group was shown a captured Vietcong weapon boldly imprinted with the Russian hammer and sickle, evidence of the source of supply. "I can't overemphasize what a deep impression this made on all of us," Fefferman said.