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

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

Father's speech at Capitol steps

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

This cathedral or temple [the Capitol Building] is a symbol of America. This is the heart of the nation of America. This cathedral 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 and Congressmen and 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, to lead them to become one, centering on God. The three day fast was for 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.

We are youth, young people. We must take the responsibility for the state of

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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.

“We must take the responsibility for the state of this nation, for America, and for the future.”

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this nation, for America and for the future. All other American youth are in despair, they have no place to go. Of 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 someone

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 appreciate this, and thank God and thank you. 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, such as Senators and Congressmen who came out to show their gratitude and cooperation with your operation, to make it successful. Thank you very much for your generosity and public support, and especially I thank Rabbi Korff.

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God can use what we did to accomplish something greater. . .

“There is only victory ahead, no failure.”

When Father 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?” Father 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. Father 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.

Father 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.

Father 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 hold people hostage and kill.

Father 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, Father 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,” Father said. “Without that right he has no power.”

Father 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, Father 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.”

Father 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,” Father continued. Before long, history will record that the Watergate Statement was right, and that if America had followed Father'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,” Father said. But the nation and its people are not yet aware that Father 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.

Father 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.

Father 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.”

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 Father 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 Father 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 Father 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.



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



82 Congressmen, 14 Senators respond to prayer and fast vigil

76 Congressmen and five Senators came out to the Capitol steps during the fast to speak to the group and to meet the person fasting for them. Five additional Congressmen and nine additional Senators either came out but didn't speak publicly, or else called the faster in to meet with them in their offices, making a total of 82 Congressmen and 14 Senators who responded to our efforts.

The Senators speaking to the group were Senator John J. Sparkman from Alabama, Senator Herman E. Talmadge from Georgia, Senator Strom Thurmond from South Carolina, Senator Charles H. Percy from Illinois and Senator Alan Cranston from California.

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.

"I have come here to declare my personal solidarity with these young people who are emulating the forefathers of this nation who 198 years ago declared a day of prayer and fasting." Rabbi Baruch Korff told fasters before leaving the Capitol steps.



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.



Fasters parked their vans by the Reflecting Pool, then marched up the hill to the Washington Monument singing "Onward, Christian Soldiers," their flags flying, their signboards shining like medieval armor.



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



"In you this nation will recover its senses," Rabbi Korff told the fasters in another visit to the Capitol steps. "I love you with an unquenchable love."



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."



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.



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."

"You must be ready to love your family more than yourself, love your relatives more than your family, love your nation more than your relatives, and love the world more than your own nation."



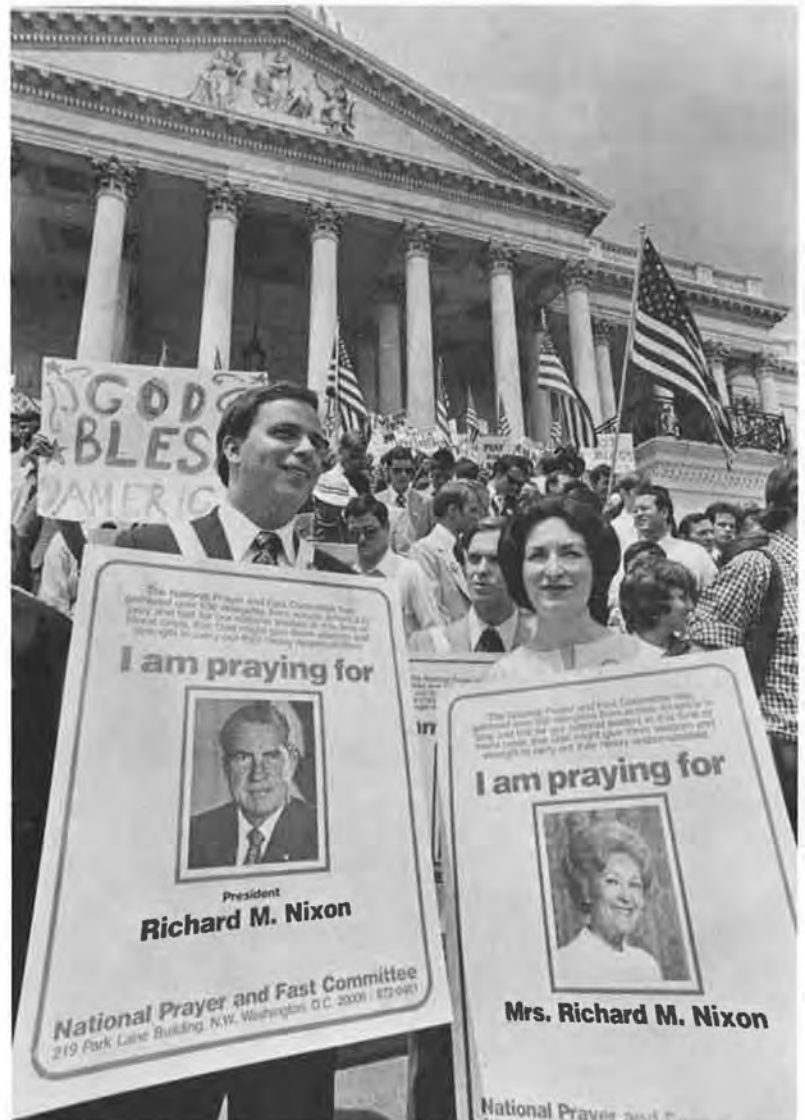
The fasters cheered—and cheered—and cheered!



Several times during the three-day vigil, fasters left the



“The most important thing is to make a God-centered nation.”



President and Mrs. Salonen fasted and prayed for President and Mrs. Nixon

Capitol and marched to other national shrines.

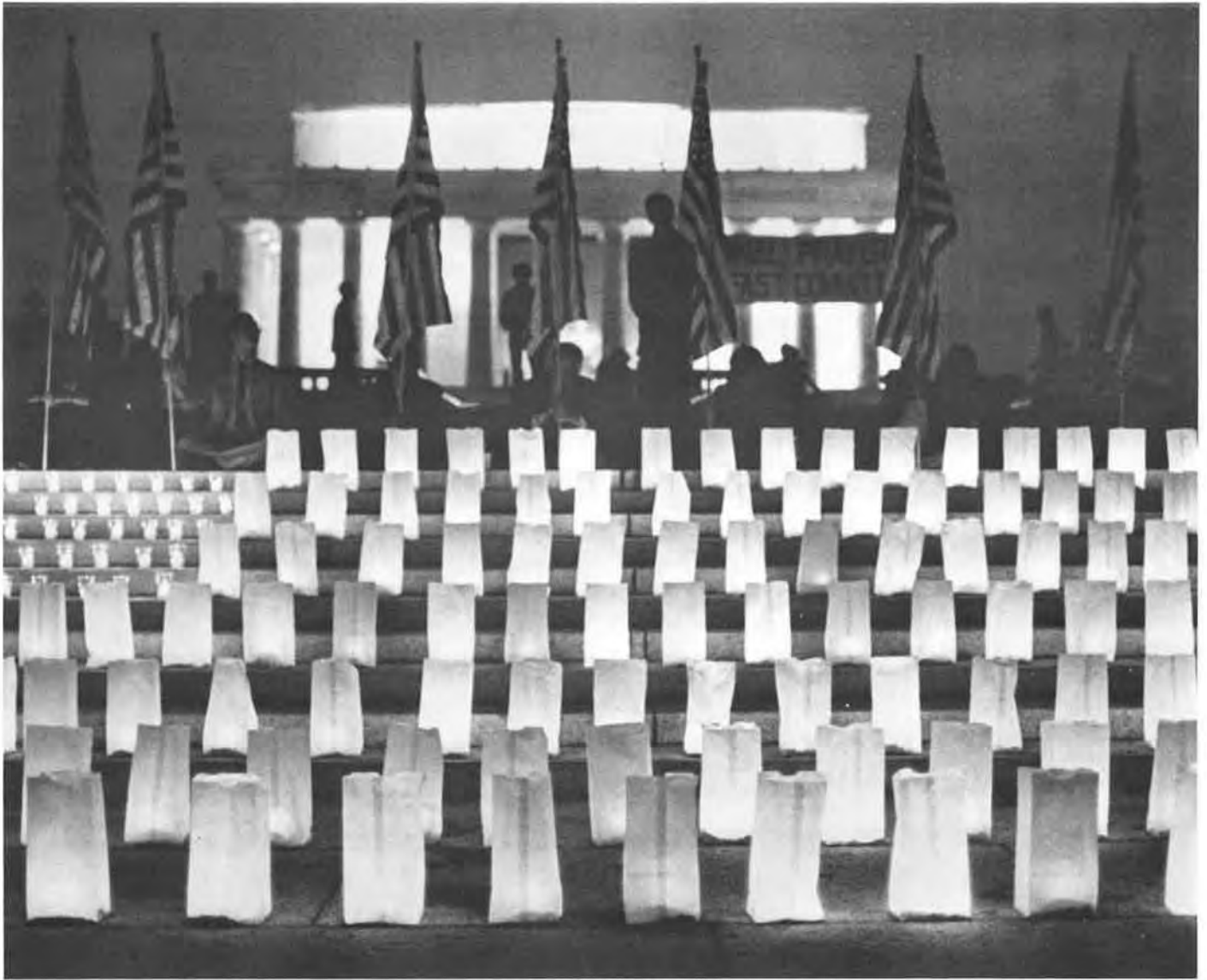


Among the unannounced visitors to the Capitol steps was Art Buchwald, who later wrote a column featuring an imaginary conversation between "Senator Throggs-mutton" and the young man fasting for him. "It was a rather scary moment for congressmen and senators who are used to being vilified but are not prepared to face up to people who are praying for them," Buchwald writes. (Buchwald's column appeared Sunday, July 28).

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.



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



The candles glowed while fasters softly sang hymns and prayed. In the background is the Lincoln Memorial.



"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."



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.



The third and final night on the Capitol steps.



Barbara Walters interviewed Mr. Salonen and Susan Hughes Thursday morning on the nationally televised Today Show on NBC-TV.



Telegram

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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



Father made a surprise visit to the Capitol steps just before the fast ended to thank the fasters, to talk briefly about the significance of the fast, and to express appreciation to Rabbi Korff, who in turn thanked South Korea for sending Rev. Moon here to help America in a time of crisis.



Father was speaking, with Mr. Kim translating, when Bruce Herschensohn arrived with a message from the President. Mr. Herschensohn, who is standing between Mr. Salonen and Father, was a special assistant to Mr. Nixon.

Barrytown workshop: "a wonderful banquet of love and truth"

By Joy Schmidt
Editor, Way of the World

A three day fast on the steps of the U.S. Capitol! Our Father is surely a genius, I thought, for conceiving such a tremendous way of influencing the American government and public during the Supreme Court and House Judiciary Committee debates. But little did I dream what a dramatic impact the fasting experience and Barrytown training could have on some 600 Unification Church members, a large percentage of whom had only recently joined the movement.

Father had promised to go fishing for us when we broke the fast. As he worked hard on the seas those days we thought of him, and he must have thought of us. Even though my van was one of the last to arrive at Barrytown, pulling in at 4:00 a.m. on July 26th, to my great surprise huge platters of bluefish lay in beds of lettuce, tomatoes and lemons, waiting to nourish Father's children.

But the real feast was spiritual. For five days we were fed—and fed—and fed—with the most wonderful banquet of love and truth I think the American continent has ever seen. Serving the feast was Mr. Ken Sudo, director of Region 8 and a 12-year veteran of the Japanese Unification Church, who a year ago left his responsibilities as national director of the One World Crusade, training programs and advisor to blessed families, to work for the restoration of America.

Reportedly regarded by our Father as one of the best Principle lecturers, Mr. Sudo won the hearts of all very quickly.

"Who do we need?" he asked over and over again.

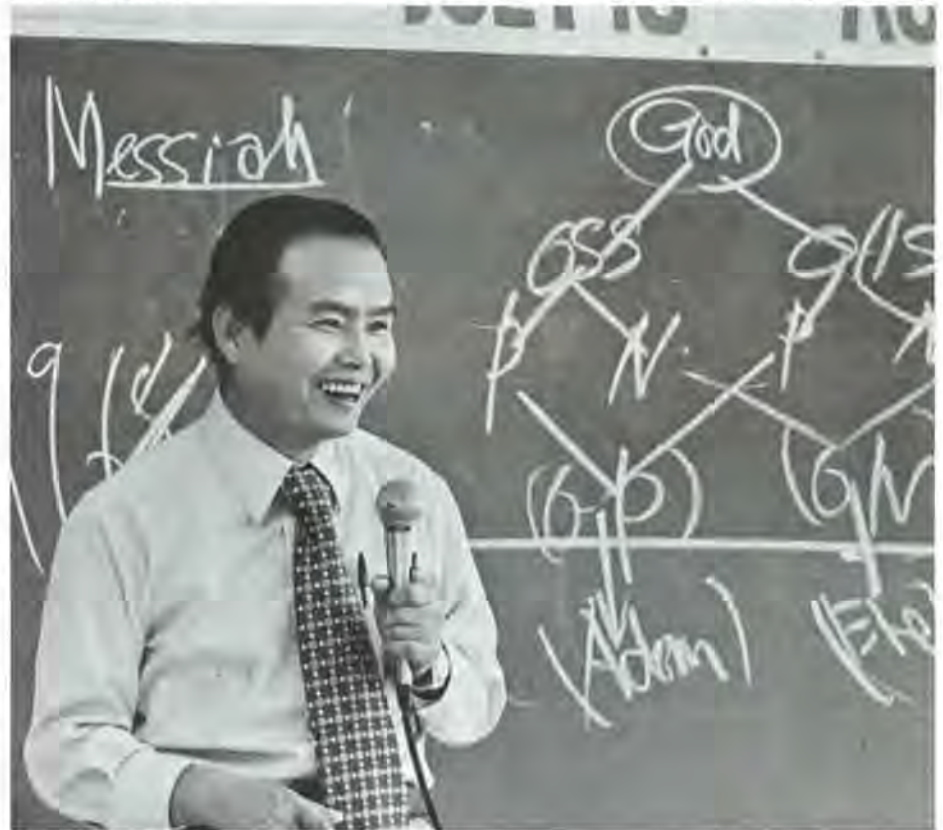
"Sinless, perfected Adam," we replied, as we all began to feel more deeply than ever before the impact of the human fall on each of us and the great hope for our restoration which the True Parents have brought us. The story of God's agonizing search for His lost children—precious and familiar to some; new and overwhelming to others—gained new dimensions through Mr. Sudo's tremendous investment of heart into his presentation, and his delightful illustrations out of universal human experiences, such as going "bananas for God" and likening God's indirect dominion of man to television remote control.

As you approach Barrytown from the Rhinecliff Bridge over the Hudson River, you see sandy-colored turrets rising above tree-covered rolling hills. A little closer it

looks like a mist-shrouded medieval castle. But when you actually enter, you can feel the tremendous love invested by long hours of painting and restoration, and the combined spiritual power generated by the weekend workshops and week-long training sessions sponsored by the New York Unification Church, and the International Cultural Foundation's International Leadership Seminar for 240 Europeans and Japanese and 70 Korean residents of Japan. The addition of 600 fasters pushed the size of the spiritual community to more than a thousand.

dents from the International Leadership Seminar sometimes filled the windows and listened attentively for long periods of time.

Father came three times to speak. The training session opened with a five-hour speech on "The Hope of Youth," directed in large part to the international students, especially the 70 Koreans from Japan's Korean community, who were leaving that afternoon for Washington, D.C. "If the Japanese cannot save their country from communism, the Korean residents will have to," he told them very seriously.



By the end of the second day, the water supply dwindled severely, so fasters willingly gave up daily showers so others could use the water. A dedicated kitchen crew prepared delicious food for several groups, each eating on a different schedule.

What was originally intended to be a four-day training session extended into six days, with Father's blessing. For lectures continuing 12 or more hours a day, we sat on rows of sleeping bags in the largest auditorium in the complex. When people couldn't find floor space in the room, they sat on the window ledges or leaned in the open windows from outside. Curious stu-

"Koreans must be the bridge between Japan and the Asian mainland," he added, to the enthusiastic applause of the Koreans.

Father explained that he had suffered very cruelly from persecution while a student in Japan, and he understood very well what they had gone through. After the speech the students bowed to him and shouted "Kamsa hamnida!" (thank you)

Then Mr. Sudo's lectures began with about seven hours on the Principle of Creation, featuring a thorough explanation of the existence of God. When he told us about Jesus the next day, he narrated something like a chronological account of

Jesus' life on earth, his suffering because Joseph and Mary failed in their responsibility to him, the failure of John the Baptist, the disbelief of his disciples, and the cruel physical suffering of his torture and death on the cross (his blood splashed on the ground and cried out to God, just like Abel's).

Another highlight for many of us was the thorough treatment of the historical parallels, proving beyond doubt that God has directed history with a purpose. Mr. Sudo pointed out that the years given in the Old Testament, while not historically exact according to modern scholarship, are prophetic. The parallel periods in Christian history are equivalent, varying less than one statistical standard deviation (2.5

clearly and explicitly answer many questions I had puzzled about regarding practical application of the Principle.

He explained that to lay a foundation of faith, we need to offer God conditional objects: our mind, our body, and things. We offer God our mind through prayer. But prayer is indemnity, and most of us don't like to pray. An offering to God must be pure in order to be accepted, but we are all sinful people. "Therefore," Mr. Sudo told us, "one of the best prayers is to ask for repentance of sin." This repentance is to heartistically subjugate Cain in ourselves. Then we can experience rebirth and feel God's love.

"We must love prayer more than eating or sleeping," Mr. Sudo added.

son in the Abel position must be humble and loving to Cain, and how Cain must unite with Abel. Cain and Abel were brothers, and both had faith in God, for they both made offerings to Him. Cain loved God, Mr. Sudo said, but he couldn't love the central figure beside him. Then Mr. Sudo analyzed the reasons for these difficulties and told us how to resolve them.

In addition to Mr. Sudo's talks, Father prepared other blessings. International Itinerary Worker Mrs. Shin Uk Kim spoke on cleansing away our doubts about the Messiah, likening Father to a repairman who comes to repair all the failures of history. One evening the Korean Folk Ballet performed on a very hastily composed



**“March
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Illustrating his speech with Chinese characters, Father spoke warmly and with great love to the fasters on the subject of "The Hope of Youth." People who couldn't get into the hall hung in through the open windows to hear his words.

percent) from the corresponding period in Old Testament history. (Statisticians would say that the variation was so minimal as to be insignificant.)

But however wonderful Mr. Sudo's Divine Principle lectures were, they seemed like mere appetizers for the three subsequent courses of the heavenly banquet: two speeches on "The Way"—how to lay our individual foundation for the Messiah through the foundation of faith and substance, and "View of the Messiah." I was amazed to hear Mr. Sudo very

After offering our mind, we must offer to God our body and change our self-centered life to a God-centered life. This is devotion. This means to report to God about our eating, sleeping, joy, anger, grief and pleasure, seriously asking, "For whom am I eating, sleeping, etc.?" To offer things to God, we must love them and make them happy through our dominion.

The foundation of substance means the union of Cain and Abel. Mr. Sudo gave much worthwhile advice on how the per-

stage to an enthusiastic audience. The dances were interspersed with impromptu singing and testimonies by IOWC commanders who had just arrived for a conference with Father.

On the final day, before everyone departed for their centers or teams, Father spoke for another two hours. Over and over, he held out his arms and told us how precious we are, how much God loves us, and how much he loves us.

"March on as children of new hope," he concluded. "You are the hope for sunshine in the sky."

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.



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