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Mr. Neil Albert Salonen addressing crowd at New Hope Festival in Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

Saddle Brook A Success Despite Controversy

On Sunday night October 12, the New Hope Festival filled the Grand Ballroom of the Holiday Inn in Saddle Brook, New Jersey with a capacity crowd. Over 300 guests poured into the hotel, inquisitive and curious, about this unique gathering. Representatives from four New Jersey newspapers turned out the first evening of the rally.

The flowing sound of Sunburst was a perfect beginning for the festival. These young people created such a warm atmosphere for festival goers. By the end of the performance, they clearly expressed the spirit of love and harmony that has made such an impact on so many across America.

Neil Salonen, the 30 year old articulate Unification Church president, took the podium. His topic for the evening was "New Hope for America." The words of truth echoed throughout the Grand Ballroom creating a feeling of identity with God's desire to raise up this great nation of America again.

The second night was even greater than the first one. There was a certain

richness and fullness in the air for the Monday evening presentation. Again many media people were on hand for the event, including the ABC television network. The TV shots included personal interviews with Helen Glass, Public Affairs director of the New Hope Festival and Neil Salonen, and shots of Sunburst in action.

Sunburst set the stage for a wonderful evening of fellowship and entertainment. Following Sunburst, Mr. Neil Salonen again took to the stage. His topic "The Future of Christianity," conveyed many new ideas about Christianity and history. This message was one that certainly captured the hearts of many.

Both evenings included a film highlighting the Reverend Sun Myung Moon's 8-city Day of Hope Crusade. The Crusade began on September 18, 1974 in Madison Square Garden and traveled to such great cities as Philadelphia, Washington, Atlanta, Chicago, Seattle, San Francisco, and Los Angeles. The film clearly depicted the strength of Reverend Moon's message.

Following the movie was a wrap up

Last Minute Campaign Switch

The New Jersey New Hope Festival brought excitement and curiosity, as well as controversy to Jerseyites. In recent weeks, many Unification Church members have been canvassing the Bergen-Passaic County area distributing free literature and tickets for the evangelical gathering.

The Church had contracted with the Steak Pit, Rt. 4 in Paramus, for a three-day Festival stint in the Grand Ballroom on October 8, 9, & 10, however the Steak Pit nullified the contract on Friday October 3 stating that the Borough of Paramus was closing the establishment due to its failure to obtain a certificate of occupancy when it changed hands in August.

Borough attorney Joseph Di Maria said that officials had simply been unaware functions were being held there illegally. However the attorney for the Steak Pit, Robert Shapiro said this was untrue and further remarked that almost every Borough official had been quite aware of the status of the restaurant, but took no action in lieu of the situation. On Saturday October 4th, the Ridgefield Little League had an event there with no apparent opposition. Paramus Councilman Allen Aklam witnessed the event on Saturday night, but took no position about the issue. The Unification Church rescheduled the event for Sunday and Monday evening, October 12 and 13 at the Holiday Inn in Saddle Brook.

The manager of the Holiday Inn was completely in support of our campaign and pledged that the "show would go on" no matter what! Grateful thanks to he and his staff for two wonderful evenings at the Holiday Inn.

performance by Sunburst. Sunburst extended an invitation to the audience to join them and Mr. Salonen for a heartwarming reception at the close of the presentation. The response was very positive, as some guests lingered until 11:00! It was truly A Day of Hope for all.



Rev. Sun Myung Moon addressing followers at October 4th picnic.



Reverend Sun Myung Moon and family at October 4th picnic. (Left to right: In-Jin, Kook-Jin, Rev. Moon, Hyo-Jin, Mrs. Moon, Hyun-Jin, Heung-Jin, Ye-Jin.)

Reverend Moon Hosts Picnic for 1,000

It was a truly a "Day of Unforgettable Joy" on Saturday October 4th at the Lake Minnewaska resort with the Unification Church of Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

On this beautiful, crisp Autumn day, the followers of the Korean church leader gathered together (near New Paltz, New York) to celebrate the release of Reverend Moon from prison some twenty years before.

The highlight of the day was a one and one half hour sermon by the Reverend Moon. He stimulated his congregation with dynamic gestures and powerful words, while Mrs. Moon and children listened attentively. His speech covered a variety of topics. With vibrant spirit, Reverend Moon reflected back on the early days of the Church. Persecution by the established churches, by the Japanese police, and by the Communists did not stop his ministry.

He drew parallels between the persecution of the church by the media today and the oppression that the early Church experienced in Korea. Two staff members

of *People Magazine* that were present certainly took notice of this point the Reverend made. The evangelist displayed overwhelming confidence to the enthusiastic group, primarily made up of young people.

The crux of his deliberation was his goal of the church to ideologically defeat Communism, an atheistic teaching that Reverend Moon has branded as a "pseudo-religion."

Present at the celebration were officials of the Unification Church from Korea and Japan. Among them were Mr. Hyo-young Eu, president of the Il Shin Marble Vase Factory, Mr. Chan Kyung Kim, head of the Korean Family Association, Mr. Soon Jung Hong, uncle of Mrs. Moon, Mr. Hideo Oyamada, acting President of the Unification Church of Japan, Mr. David S.C. Kim, President of the newly formed Unification Theological Seminary in New York, and Mrs. Won Pok Choi, President of the Women's Association. Mrs. Choi gave a tearful and moving testimony of Reverend Moon's life and presented a

Letter from the Editor

Dear Reader,

It is our pleasure and our joy to share this first edition of the *New Hope Festival News* with you. The staff and I are very eager to keep you up to date on the progress of the Festival and other projects initiated by the Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade.

The Crusade was initiated in 1974 under the direction of Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Since that time, the Crusade has broadened its scope to encompass a vast number of supporters and followers. Because of this very point, the *New Hope Festival News* was given birth.

As the Festival tours throughout the country, we hope to return America to the founding spirit of our country expressed in the motto, "In God We Trust." With this goal in mind we can truly hope to rebuild the moral and spiritual foundation of our country. Young and old alike have found value and meaning through the outreach of the Sun Myung Moon Christian Crusade. Our sincere prayer is that you can find that very spirit through this newsletter. God's hope for America lies in you, in your home, in your family, and in your church.

May God Bless You.

In the Love of Christ,

Pete W. Spoto



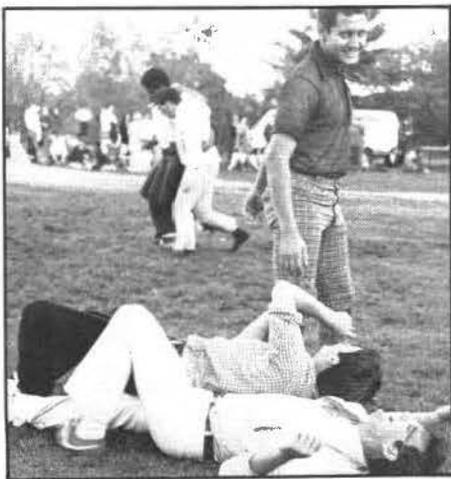
Rev. Moon and three Sheeran sisters. (Left to right: Josette Sheeran, Rev. Moon, Vicky Sheeran, Jaime Sheeran.)

vivid account of early days in the Church following Reverend Moon's speech.

After the speeches was a song from the three Sheeran sisters—Jaime, Josette, and Vicki, who have recently been a point of controversy in the news. Then everyone enjoyed a "pot-luck" feast. Members of the church gathered around the stage again as Reverend and Mrs. Moon cut the two beautiful Victory Cakes and passed it out to the crowd for everyone to enjoy. After the huge lunch, entertainment by Sunburst, a church inspired group which began in Colorado headed out. Following the Sunburst performance was a karate demonstration, songs done vocally and on a blues harmonica, and hilarious renditions of *Fiddler on the Roof* and *The Wizard of Oz* by the Barrytown Players. Then five of Reverend Moon's children sang. The entertainment closed with Reverend and Mrs. Moon leading the entire assembly in "Um Maya Nu Naya," a beautiful Korean Folk ballad.

The charming Moon family departed after the entertainment was over. For the remainder of the afternoon, members of the church competed in three-legged races, wheelbarrow races, and relay races. The grand prize was an autographed picture of Reverend and Mrs. Moon at the International Mass Wedding of 1800 couples which took place in Seoul, Korea last February.

As the sun descended below the Catskill Mountains, Mr. Salonen closed the day with prayer and cheers of victory. The buses and vans departed from the Lake Minnewaska resort heading back to their Church centers in New York City and the neighboring states. The members of the Church will continue to work for a revitalization of the human spirit in the New York Area.



Three followers of Rev. Moon romping in a three legged race.

Unification Church Hosts

In late August the *Unification Church*, *International Cultural Foundation*, and the *Freedom Leadership Foundation* jointly hosted 120 Japanese student leaders from 21 major Japanese universities for a seminar on "New Ideas for Democracy and Christianity." This third annual International Leadership Seminar was a brilliant success. For three weeks the students listened to a variety of speakers at Barrytown, then took to the road to visit Harvard University, the United Nations, Plymouth Rock, and also spent two days in the nation's Capitol.

The program emphasized the study of democratic and Judeo-Christian ideology, especially in the context of the international struggle between the Communist and the non-Communist political systems and way of life.

From their orientation at the International Training Center in Barrytown, N. Y., the students traveled to Boston and Harvard University were renowned Asian scholar Dr. Edwin Reischauer greeted the students with an inspiring message. After a tour of the Harvard campus, the Japanese then visited the historical birthplace of our nation, Plymouth Rock. From the New England area the students then proceeded to Washington for numerous events to take place on August 11 and 12. After a full day of sightseeing at the Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials, Arlington Cemetery, and the Capitol, the scholars were honored by a Congressional reception in the large ornate Caucus Room of the Cannon House Office Building. Some of the officials present were His Excellency Amos Dambe, the ambassador of Botswana, Asia Foundation representatives, Jay Silverman of the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Mr. Edward Feulner, head of the Republican Steering Committee, and a representative of the U.S. Youth Council. Welcoming the students was Congressman Jerry Litton (D.-Mo.). Also greeting the students was a letter from the Speaker of the House, Carl Albert, which reads as follows:

"The relationship between Japan and the United States is of critical importance to the survival and growth of a democratic system. I therefore applaud you for the significant contribution which your program is making towards increased understanding and cooperation between our two great nations. . . . May you continue in your fruitful efforts to develop the new ideas which will bring about a world of brotherhood and peace."

A banquet of Japanese and American

foods proceeded the reception. FLF Secretary General Dan Fefferman and President of the Japanese Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles, Mr. Ohta ceremoniously cut a cake that had the names of each participant in the seminar decorated on it.

The second day in Washington was also an eventful one. Students spent a full day at the Smithsonian Institute and related museums. The students were particularly attracted to Renaissance art, so distinctly Western and often influenced by Christian themes. That evening, church officials of the Unification Church of Washington D.C. hosted a dinner at the Flagship Restaurant. Present were Dr. Young Oon Kim, recent author of the *Unification Theology and Christian Thought* and missionary to the U.S. from Korea; Dr. Joseph Sheftick, responsible for the Washington D.C. area pioneer witnessing; Marc Lee, director of the Washington Church center; Glenda Moody, director of the D.C. Striders Track team; Reverend Royal Davis, an associate research fellow of Dr. Kim; and Mr. George Edwards, director of the Unification Church publications department.

Midway through the meal, President Neil Salonen arrived to greet the students. Some of his welcoming remarks were as follows:

"I want you to feel at home here. As you probably know, Japan gave to the United States as a gift of friendship the beautiful double-blossomed cherry trees planted around the Tidal Basin, dominating the atmosphere in the spring.

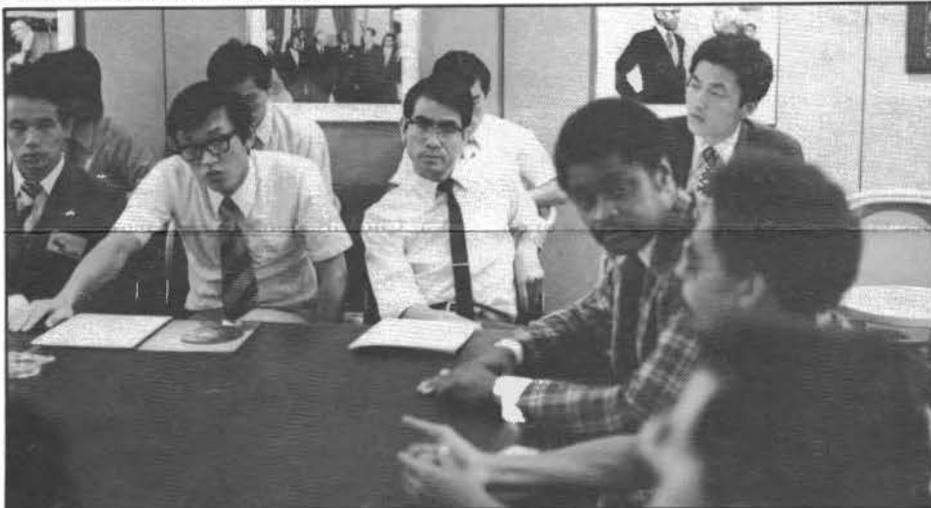
"It is perhaps difficult for you to appreciate the difference between your nation and America, a very new nation. Yet you know very well the difference. For you, what it means to be Japanese is definite; but what it means to be an American is indefinite and intangible. President Eisenhower created a commission to study the purpose of America, but that commission was unable to issue a report. The situation has rapidly deteriorated since that time. In 1972, for example, a Bicentennial Commission was established, but it could not even decide where to hold the Bicentennial celebration. Now there are seven different locations; the program has been completely decentralized, with the government playing a passive role.

"It has become commonplace for journalists to ask: 'Do we have anything to celebrate or are we even a people?' One writer even said: 'An American is what you are if you aren't anything else.' This is

Japanese Scholars



Japanese students hosted by the International Leadership Seminar at a special session at the United Nations in New York City.



International Leadership Seminar students discussing the international balance of power after a lecture at the training center in Barrytown, New York.



Students enjoy a break from class with lively sports.

both funny and tragic. Recently I went to Massachusetts as you did a few days ago. While I was there I thought of the essential identity of America as a nation in a community of nations. The greatness of America rests on an ideological background. We know that freedom is a vague term, but the people founding America were looking for religious freedom, knowing that the individual by himself is sacred.

Two hundred years of American history have been an attempt to fulfill the ideal. . . . It is our desire to rekindle that ideal. The ideal of America is that she adheres to principles which transcend our boundaries. Recently Alexander Solzhenitsyn, addressing a gathering in Washington, D.C., said: 'Interfere, interfere all you can.' It is obvious that the world is not created for us to live in total isolation. This is a world in which we have

to share. We have to find a culture of harmony. Our blessings were not intended for ourselves alone. Through the International Cultural Foundation we want to work to create the world of harmony. Patriotism means 'love of fatherland.' That really means the land of our Heavenly Father, the land of His intention, the land in which the promise of things to come is fulfilled. I welcome you to join with us in creating an international exchange toward the end of creating real harmony and brotherhood."

After the dinner, the I.L.S. participants attended a standing-room only performance of "Jesus Christ Superstar" in the beautiful Opera House of the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts.

After their visit to Washington, the students returned to the training center in Barrytown. The Washington visit impressed them very much, as the students utilized every sightseeing opportunity. One student said, "American tourists come and look at the beautiful monuments here in Washington. But do they really understand what they mean? I think not but I hope someday they do; America has a great history."

Most of the students were seriously interested in world unification and were concerned with international problems. The students felt that the Divine Principle had deep significance and that it is the philosophy that can unite the world. They also wished to understand the Divine Principle with their heart, not just with their minds and establish a deep relationship with a personal God which many of them never understood before.

The seminar was truly a giant step for the realization of world peace and international cooperation. Many Japanese students have returned to their native land with a realistic vision of the Heavenly Kingdom on Earth.

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A Mother's Point of View

Peggy Moffitt just recently spent twelve days at the National Headquarters of the Unification Church of America on 4 West 43rd Street in Manhattan. She is the mother of Larry Moffitt, the Master of Ceremonies for Sunburst. A registered nurse and a resident of Midland, Texas, Mrs. Moffitt was born in Wewoka, Oklahoma on September 21, 1926. She grew up on a farm and was raised in a Methodist family.

She has been happily married for 29 years and is the mother of three boys. Her sons are John, 28, Michael, 25, and Larry, 26. The family was raised in the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Moffitt has an interesting story about her career. Sixteen years ago, she prayed to God and asked what she should do with her life. She strongly felt that God was directing her toward a career in nursing. She pursued God's direction and began her education at Oklahoma University. She received her R.N. at the University of Wyoming at Laramie and has served people as a nurse ever since.

She has an interesting testimony about her experiences with the Unification Church.

First of all, let me say that I came here to visit my son, not because I was worried about him or concerned about his activity in the movement. I knew it was a Christian movement. I want to live a Christian life and I desire my son also to live as a Christian, I want Larry to be a good citizen of our great country. (Rather I want him to be a citizen of the great country that God intended it to be and the great country it could be. But right now, America is turning into a jungle. Anyone who doesn't realize this fact has their head buried in the sand.) I want my son to live a happy life and desire him to become a good parent. I also want him to be strong both physically and emotionally. Before Larry joined Reverend Moon's Crusade he was not fulfilling all of these things. I loved him so much and I desired in my heart for all of these things to be fulfilled in his life someday. My husband has all these qualities and I knew that because he admired his father so much, he would become like his father. My husband and I merely waited for Larry to mature both spiritually and physically, so that we could feel that we have fulfilled our obligations to Larry as his parents.

Larry is now twenty six years old. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Radio, Films, and Television Communications and a



Larry and Mrs. Peggy Moffitt at the reception following the New Hope Festival in Saddle Brook, New Jersey.

Master's Degree in Mental Health Communications. From the viewpoint of society, these achievements are good. From our viewpoint, we have done what we could for our children. But the question always came in my mind, "Have we really?"

My husband and I didn't exactly contribute to Larry's spiritual growth. We stressed a few basic facts in our family, but the whys and the wherefores were missing. We did not stress the importance of the Bible and its teaching.

I always told the boys that they should love God and talk to God. I also told them to show their love for God by thanking Him for their blessings and by helping their fellow man. I felt that they could truly say, "Thank You God, I appreciate You and what You have done for me."

Even though we emphasized these things, my husband and I failed to convey these truths to them in a way that they could apply these truths to their daily lives. As parents, we did not set the highest example, so our words to our sons were merely words. We as parents could not convey how much we loved God in our own home.

Larry is now on his own out in the world. He has his own free will to look toward his God or to look away from his God. What I did not realize is that he has been searching for God for a long time. Likewise, I have been on that same search, wanting to know the answer to so many different questions.

About a year and a half ago, Larry happened to meet some Unification Church members. They invited him to hear the "Divine Principle," the teachings of the Reverend Moon. Reverend Moon is said to have talked to Our Lord about many things. This Divine Principle teaching is a composite of the things revealed to Reverend Moon through these meetings with

Jesus Christ. Some of the revelation is material that we might have studied in Sunday School, but much of the teaching is new.

The basis of the Divine Principle is love of God and love for your fellow man. This love is not just limited to words or expressed on some special day of the week. But this love and service is one that requires all of your heart, mind, and being. When you have something good like this, the next step is to share this gift with everyone in the world, not to keep it for oneself. Like Christians and holy people of other religions, they (the Unification Church) desire one World under God and yearn for mankind to live and love as one with Him. Is this so difficult for parents and the press to understand?

Ten days ago I was lonely and wanted to see Larry. He was in New York, a city I have never seen before and wanted so much to see. So I got on a plane and came to New York to see my son and to see the city. As soon as I arrived here, I was welcomed into their house, into their meetings, into their prayer sessions and into their rehearsals. (My son is a member of Sunburst.) My home for the next few days was the U.S. Headquarters for the Church. I've never received so much genuine love and attention. These people here were truly wonderful to me. And I can truthfully say that these people I've met here 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.

So, if you can trust my judgment, please do what I did. Go visit your young people, spend some time with them, and give them the love and support that they are starved for. 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.

Let your young man or woman know that you are interested in his or her church, see them if possible, and above all, open up your hearts and "let the sun shine in."

Now, I just want to get down on my knees and say, "Thank You God, God Bless Reverend Moon and his people for bringing You to so many young people that might have never found God, for Reverend Moon has done what I was unable to do for my son." Amen.

Unification Theology & Christian Thought

“We need to...rehumanize our education, and I think that this requires a new ideology, and not only a new educational ideology. To be effective it must be a new philosophical and religious outlook, bringing with it a change in the order of our priorities.”

—Arnold Toynbee, from *Surviving the Future*
OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS, N.Y., 1971, p.43

In this book, the theology of Divine Principle is examined in the context of classic Christian thought by Dr. Young Oon Kim, former associate professor of religion at Ewha Women's University in Seoul, Korea, and presently professor of systematic theology and world religions at Unification Theological Seminary, Barrytown, N.Y.

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