

CARP: Intense Student Programs In New York

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The first American CARP seminar, March 9-19, 1974, hosted 29 students from Columbia University. Succeeding seminars for shorter periods of time have included students from other universities.

CARP programs in New York were begun by Mr. Kazuyoshi Ikeno, a graduate student in political science at Columbia University and former director of CARP publications in Japan. In November 1973, the application for a CARP chapter at Columbia University was approved. Since then chapters have begun at Queens and Brooklyn Colleges and are planned at Hunter, Hofstra, and Iona. New York CARP activities are coordinated by Mr. Thomas Azar, at 320 Riverside Drive, Apt 12D.

Mr. Ikeno described the difficulties in obtaining recognition of CARP at Columbia last fall. He and several interested students who heard Reverend Moon speak at the New York Day of Hope program last October submitted an application based on the charter described here. The committee seriously probed into the goals and methods of the proposed organization.

CARP was opposed by a very active Communist group at Columbia, the Attica Brigade, because of the principles outlined in Section VI. Mr. Ikeno described CARP activities he had participated in in Japan and gained the support of a majority of the committee, including a Jewish group.

Since its establishment in November, CARP has gained 29 members at Columbia, including twelve very active ones and four living in an apartment near the campus devoted to meeting and study purposes.

Activities on the Columbia campus include teas and discussions twice a week from 2:00 to 5:00 in the afternoons. These are held in a building where student and religious organizations share offices.

Before each meeting they distribute leaflets to one or two thousand people and post them in dorms and announcement areas. Perhaps a dozen come to the discussions.

In addition to the teas, they have sponsored films on Gandhi, Churchill, and Facts of Communism. A lot of community people come—students, professors, older people. The programs are all open and free. Many people from Eastern Europe came who were interested in the films on Churchill or Communism. A lot of Indian people, of course, came to the film on Gandhi.

CARP has had a wide international appeal in its teas, films, and seminars. Students from nine countries

attended the first seminar. Rosa, a Latin American lady working on a master's degree in education administration is interested in researching new educational curricula based on the Unification Principle. The first to join CARP this year, she has been eagerly telling her many friends about the programs. Another contact, a Japanese girl who had met CARP in Japan four years ago came to America to study. There she met CARP members and attended the first seminar. One of the center members is Fumiko, a member of the first volunteer CARP medical team in Japan.

CARP at Columbia is not without opposition. The Attica Brigade removes and defaces signs and posters. Communist movements typically concentrate on students, according to Mr. Ikeno's experience in Japan. When the students graduate they are drawn into the Communist Party.

Future plans include many summer seminars and programs for recruiting freshmen in the fall.

Professor of Sociology Aldofina Montez is helping to organize a seminar for professors.

The function of CARP is to know God's spirit through human history. Then we are willing to sacrifice to make a new tradition. Today all youths forget the existence of God. Human relations have encountered a deadlock.

This tradition is a new human relationship And will unlock the old. How to love our parents? How to love our brothers and sisters? How to love our children in the future? Then maybe we can make a family. This will be the foundation for the future heavenly kingdom. After we establish this new tradition, then we can establish a heavenly tradition based on a high cultural standard. This is our final idea.

Kozuyoshi Ikeno

How wonderful! I am here! Yes, I have arrived to a beautiful place where I can see the Holy Spirit dwelling. I thank Heavenly Father for showing me this way to become one with Him. I also thank you, Father, for giving me spiritual guidance through brothers and sisters, especially Dr. Takeru Kamiyama, Mr. Joe Tully, Mr. Thomas Azar, Mr. Kazuyoshi Ikeno for the difficult heavenly mission they try hard to fulfill.

Father, You know many have been talking about peace and love, our first prophets, Buddha, Confucius, Jesus, as well as others, but mankind has never been affected by any of them. So, Father, please take dominion of this world, now that the time is at hand and help Your Son, to save Your lost children.

Lastly, I want to thank you, Father, for every beauty You make me to perceive. I promise You, Father, to love and gratify You by: "sowing sweat for earth, tears for man and blood for heaven as a servant but with a Father's heart."

-Rosa