

In Australia we participated in an demonstration for a prisoner in the USSR

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Our life continues here, with good expectations for the future. We met members of the Ukrainian Freedom Movement and participated in an open-air demonstration for Valentyn Moroz, who is on a hunger strike in a Vladimir prison in the USSR. We prepared a large color placard, "Stop Soviet Slavery/Free Moroz." The meeting was reported in the paper. A Mr. Darby of their group had attended the 1970 World Anti-Communist League Conference in Tokyo and was pleased to meet our group in Australia.

Many new people are visiting the center, with seven people studying the new American Divine Principle book. The new books are a tremendous help and are very impressive.

We contacted the Baha'i movement here and established good relationships with them. Some have bought our books. The Baha'i movement here was established fifty years ago, and has about two hundred members.

Our sandwich board demonstrations continue every Friday night, with good response. It is spring now, and we have planted roses, flowers, and vegetables with great faith. Now we must find more people to help appreciate them!

Our progress has been rather slow, but steady. People seem to be more and more turned off when it comes

to religion or philosophy. Good conversations on the street are few. Everyone is in such a hurry, nobody knows what for. Society is taking a downward plunge. Inflation, strikes and floods are taking their toll. Crime and violence are increasing. People are becoming increasingly disillusioned with... everything, and have not the will to put their faith in anything. But there are hundreds of new revelations.

In August, we welcomed new members Warren Towns from Kyogle, New South Wales and David Cooper, who was born in England, but lived in Australia for seventeen years.

One of our contacts is Mr. Douglas Darby of the Captive Nations Society of New South Wales. He is middle-aged, and very zealous for freedom. He is positive towards our church and is well known in Sydney. We are doing a few designs and posters to help in his captive nations work. We continue to help and foster friendship with the Captive Nations Council. As we began to appear at a few of their meetings, newspapers gave them publicity in their cause. The Baltic states in particular, Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia, received the limelight due to the Australian government's recognition of these states as lawful territory of the USSR. This is disgraceful. Australia is very open-handed towards Russia, and invites dignitaries every other day. The Russian finance minister was quoted in the Sydney news as saying, "We don't have inflation in our country because we prepare for things before they happen."

I joined the Liberal Party to make good relations with people. There are many good and distinguished contacts there. I spoke at a Liberal Party meeting about the Unification Church. But I am not stepping on the political grandstand. The Divine Principle is first.

I appeared on Channel 10 TV this month to speak in defense of the Unification Church. The mother of an Australian boy who joined the New Zealand family became very negative and spoke vehemently on Monday night's news, on August 26. Consequently, I was asked to speak on Tuesday to rectify or counter the woman's allegations. The filming was done at the center one lunch hour, and included shots of Reverend Moon's photographs and the book, *New Hope: Twelve Talks by Sun Myung Moon*. People I knew who saw me on TV or who recognized me afterwards were favorable towards me. So there's several hundred thousand dollars' worth of publicity. This was one of the first films in color on Australian television. In the same new program Milton Morris, Minister of Transportation, the Chairman of the Festival of Light, and the Greek Archbishop in Sydney spoke. So this is quite an upward trend.