

## On Children's Day 1974 we felt the joy of being children in the Heavenly Family

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*Sir Dove-Myer Robinson mayor of Auckland*

With the coming of summer people here have beaches and bush walks in their minds rather than thoughts of God, and our future. This month has been a struggle with the lazy Christmas and holiday spirit. During this time of the year people lose their seriousness and give few thoughts to the true meaning of Christmas. However, while success on the streets was limited we made good progress on other levels.

In our last report we told of how the mayor of Auckland, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, contacted our Auckland family. In response to his request Coral Hyam, the Auckland leader, and Barry Noel visited the mayor, who is also a very close friend of Mr. Gerald O'Brien, the Minister of Parliament who has helped so much in the past.

He was very interested in us and after a good discussion took some Ginseng Tea. Mr. Robinson said he had no fixed idea of God and found the Divine Principle's explanation very clear and logical. Mr. Robinson spoke about how young people lacked unity and said that he

was sick of young people who criticized the government but were unwilling to take any responsibility themselves. He said he was very surprised to meet some young people who were willing to accept responsibility. He thanked us for our support and said that whenever we needed help we should contact him. Before leaving we were invited back for another visit.

Our new prime minister, Dr. Rowling, recently took a very strong stand against Communist infiltration into New Zealand. Soon after he came into power he forced four Russian ambassadors, who were involved with spying, to leave the country overnight. Since then he has taken positive steps to establish a strong policy to stop Communist influence in this country.

He is now much hated by New Zealand's socialists. This hate has been expressed on many posters displayed around Wellington.

We immediately felt the right opportunity had arrived to express our support of his anti-Communist policy. We sent him a hand-made card and presented him with some Ginseng Tea. On the card we congratulated him for his appointment as Prime Minister and gave him our backing in his fight against Communism. We said that New Zealand must at all costs remain a free country. We wished him God's blessings for the future. A couple of days later we received a thank you letter.

So we would like a personal meeting with Mr. Rowling so that we can know this country's leader as a

person and also show him our anti-Communist theory. We would like to be able to explain to him how true socialism can only be fulfilled under God.

For a youth group to hold a meeting with their country's leader would be a remarkable feat in most countries but for New Zealand it is relatively normal. Recently the minister of justice, Mr. Findlay, attacked the government for being too open to the people. He said the New Zealand government is far too personal for its own good. However, his claim was rejected by Parliament and by the people.

Mr. Rowling seems to be a very open man, free of the usual pomp and ceremony surrounding such a position. We are looking forward to meeting Mr. Rowling and beginning to establish a trusting relationship with him.

On Children's Day 1974 we could feel the joy of being children in the heavenly family. The Wellington family went for a drive to a river. The weather was really warm and clear and so we were able to walk right into the bush surrounding the river.

In the South Island the Dunedin family joined the Christchurch family in Christchurch and in the North Island the Hamilton family joined the Aucklanders for the celebration.

On the Sunday after Children's Day we saw some movies about Korea, which were kindly supplied to us by the Korean ambassador to New Zealand. We had six guests for the occasion, one of which is New Zealand's most famous rugby player, Ken Gray. Ken is also our new landlord. Through these beautifully produced movies we came to a deeper understanding of the rich Korean cultural heritage.

We were especially amazed by the flowing and colorful dancing of the Korean girls. By obtaining these films we were also able to establish a relationship with the Korean ambassador, who is a very friendly and helpful person. He has promised all possible assistance whenever we need information about Korea.

At the beginning of next year our mission will have been established for two years here in New Zealand. To mark the occasion we want to have gained a special number of members and so it means much hard work from now on.

We are so happy to hear the many reports of Reverend Moon's successes in America and pray that they continue. Every American success inspires us to battle on with increasing concentration and conviction.