

70 Germans go to the USA to help publicize Sun Myung Moon's speaking tour

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*Leaving Camberg headquarters on
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"Christ is calling us to leave our individual missions in our village, town, and nation to serve in the restoration of the universal Canaan," wrote Annemarie Manke, as she prepared to leave Germany for a new mission in the United States. "Let us be like Abraham, who in great trust left his home and surroundings for a land that God would tell him. We have no need ever to be afraid. Home is where the heart is. If our heart belongs to the Father, we will never want for love and security, because our home shall be everywhere, and also in us."

Annemarie was one of 70 Germans who came to the United States with 70 others from Austria, France, Italy, England and Holland. They came to do missionary work in America and to help publicize Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Day of Hope speaking tour.

Three members of the Swedish family participated in a training session held for the 70 German missionaries at the

Camberg training center.

Friedhilde Bachle [Becker] from Stockholm reported, "The atmosphere was filled with joy, determination, and gratitude, and all were fully aware of the fact that the whole crop can only be harvested when everyone puts the plans of our Father into action with seriousness and fidelity."

Brunhilde Heimihle still remembers the pioneer songs of the 70 missionaries when bidding farewell to Germany and leaving for America. "We still vividly recall the 'Exodus of the Israelites,' as their departure on September 18 was humorously called by the villagers near our training center. Still we hear the encouraging and advising words of our national leader, Mr. Paul Werner and his wife. And yet a new chapter has already begun.

We who stayed in Germany have the task of carrying on and intensifying the work here in our country. Special emphasis is put on three programs: 1) finding new members and sending more missionaries to America, 2) rebuilding and strengthening our teams, and 3) enlarging our centers."

Six Japanese leaders visited the European families enroute to Japan. Mr. Hideo Oyamada, Rev. Kamiyama, Mr. Nobuyoshi Hori, Mr. Gentaro Kajikuri, Mr. Masatoshi Abe, and Dr.

Haruko Kanari met with the German family in Munich. "It was a great success," according to Brunhilde. "Our young team members felt rekindled by the fatherly love they received and the awareness of the international character of our work. The fruits of this meeting became visible in the streets: many more people were attracted by our family's fresh and enthusiastic talk."

Training courses lasting 7, 14, and 21 days are held at the Camberg center. After finishing their training, the youths join the One World Crusade teams. Germany's rapidly expanding OWC has established sub-

teams in four cities, mostly in the south of Germany.



Japanese leaders with German family in Munich

"The work in the centers is really promising," continued Brunhilde. "Again we realize how much Father is helping us. In Germany we had a long and very dry summer. This seems to have more than physical effects. After a long month of holidays and dull life, people are especially longing for refreshing words. Their minds long for recreation.

They gratefully come to the evening lectures given in the centers and are very attentive listeners. Now in this autumn season we feel that from spiritual point of view it is also the time of harvest. We feel confident of finding new members.

"In addition, we are aware of the urgency to spread God's word of love and truth. Forces of demoralization are very active and gaining more and more ground. Like men at the seaside building dikes to keep back the water and prevent floods, we find ourselves spiritually having to construct solid supports to keep up and reinforce the front line."