

We protest Communists at the World Trade Fair held in Wellington, New Zealand

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Unification Church members in New Zealand stage four-day National Prayer and Fast to protest government's dealings with communist nations

This last month in New Zealand has begun the transformation of winter into spring. The internal growth and strengthening of the past season is being expressed in new flowers bursting forth and many of our country's sixty million sheep seem to have given birth. Not to be outdone of course our family here has been working very hard with the reward of three new brothers and sisters coming to join us.

Our biggest attack over these last weeks was delivered at the World Trade Fair held in Wellington, and which was aimed against the number of communist nations exhibiting at the Fair. We staged a four-day National Prayer and Fast outside the entrance, protesting New Zealand's continued dealings with communist nations and calling on both the public and tradespeople who were attending to do the same. We distributed 20,000 leaflets and were able to witness deeply to many people. From early morning until late at night we were there, singing, praying, exercising and lecturing and we won the favor of a large portion of the New Zealand public who met us there.

On August 25th, the last day, we marched through Wellington to the war memorial to lay a wreath of flowers in memory of all those murdered under Communism. During the prayer ceremony and speech a large crowd gathered and listened intently. There was good coverage of our activity on both radio and television, ending our very victorious four-day fast on a high note. The T.V. announcer's last words were "The Unification Church, better known as the Moonists, go on to prepare for yet another crusade against Communism."

They know that they have not heard the last of us. It is obvious that our actions are putting pressure on our government. Our prime minister agreed upon one day's notice to meet with our national director, Grant Bracefield, and receive a letter stating the purpose of our fast. The letter called upon him to make clear his stance with regard to Communism, as we are very concerned with the rapidity with which our government acknowledged the Provisional Revolutionary Government in South Vietnam and recently embarked on several trade agreements with both Russia and China.

We still have not received a definite statement against Communism and will work in all possible ways to obtain a swing to the right in the oncoming elections. During the final night of our action, we were drawn to the Russian exhibit inside the Fair and experienced for ourselves their anger and hatred against God. We stood just a short way apart from them and prayed. A large security guard, with sunglasses on, began pulling our arms and pushing sisters out of the prayer circle. We concluded our prayer with "Amazing Grace" and left escorted and unquestioned by two New Zealand police.

The attitude of our police force is silently anti-communist. This was evident to us when we posterized the sides of two evacuated buildings (Madison Square Garden-style) with our anti-communist flyer. The police were highly interested and spoke with us about our ideas -- adding their own knowledge of what life meant under Communism.

All our members returned to their respective cities inspired and more closely aware of the urgency of the mission which we have undertaken. Our Heavenly Father is crying out for voices through which He can speak and we must run to find them.