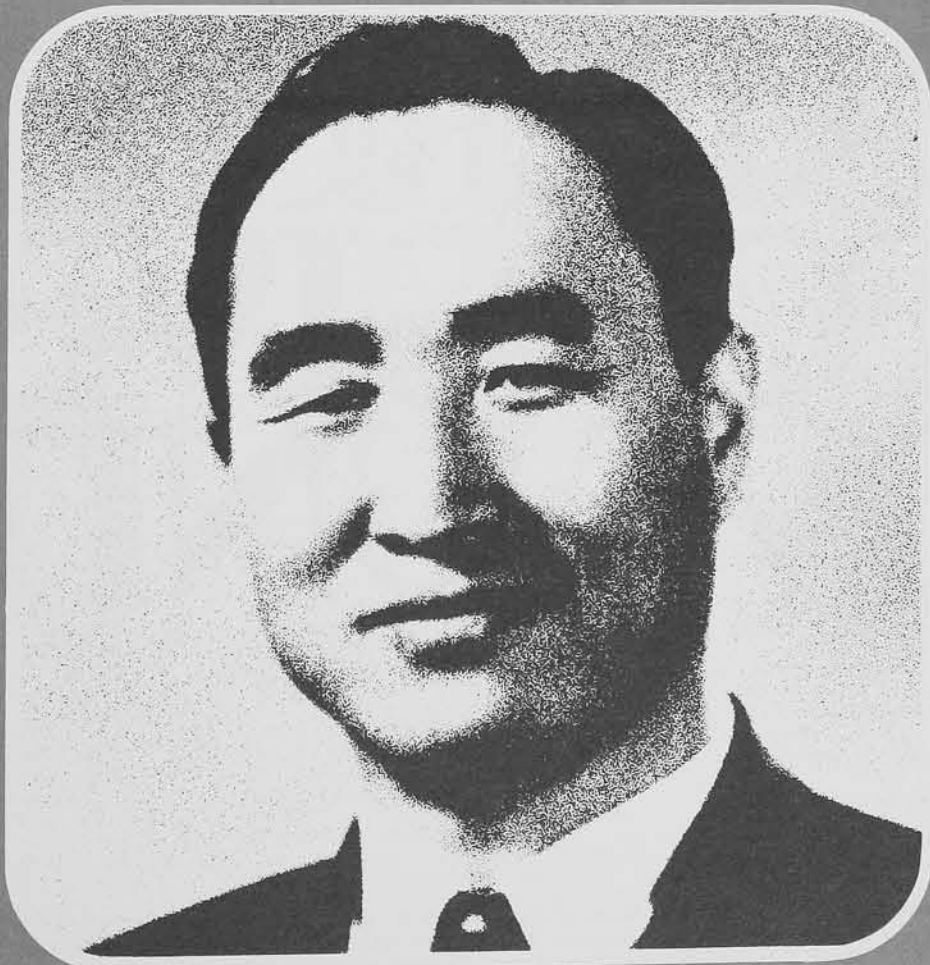


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CHARLESTON, WEST VIRGINIA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 9, 1974

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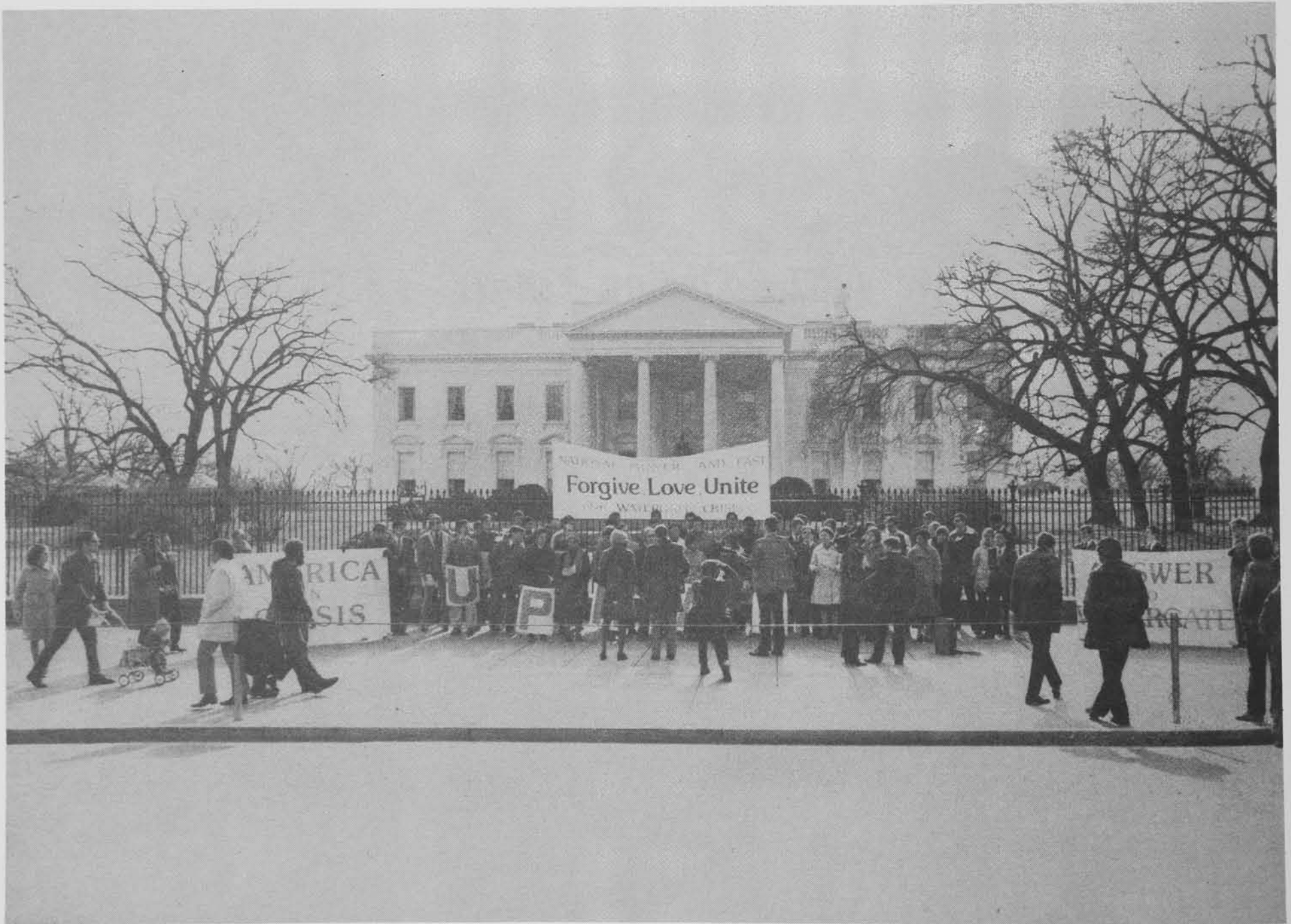
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National Prayer & Fast

On November 30, 1973, Our Master gave the Answer to Watergate to the American public in a full-page newspaper statement, in several cities of the Day of Hope tour. Earlier that month He had asked God to give Him the solution to the spiritual crisis in America, reflected in the Watergate affair. Through Him, God told Americans simply to "Forgive, Love, and Unite." To spread this command nationwide, Our Master initiated the 40-day period of the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis, with activities centering in Washington, D.C. Our Master was the first person in America to speak out with the authority of God's truth on this controversy. He continued to convey God's message in person throughout the remainder of the Day of Hope tour.



above: Members of the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis hold their first rally in Washington, D.C. in front of The White House, December 7, 1973. Rallying were members of the National Headquarters Staff and Washington, D.C. Family and Belvedere Trainees. Flashcards were used to spell out the theme of the 40-day period — "Pray, Forgive, Love, Unite."



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Appearing in 21 Newspapers

**ANSWER TO WATERGATE
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Situation:

On June 17, 1972, a break-in at Watergate triggered a chain reaction of Federal investigations. The charges, condemnations and resignations have seriously crippled the machinery of our federal govern-

ment, as well as shaken the confidence of all Americans. The nation is divided and many Americans have little hope for the future. It is at this stormy time in our history that Rev. Moon has been moved to speak out.

● "My travels in America have shown me a troubled land.... The American nation seems to be mortally wounded in spirit and soul by the tragedy of Watergate. We are witnessing a crisis probably unprecedented in American history....

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"Hatred and bitterness are killing the human soul.... Opinion is divided, and the people talk on....

● "However, at this critical moment in American history it is disappointing and strange that no one is asking 'What is the will of God?' If America was conceived as 'One Nation under God', then the answer must come from him....



We need your support:

We want America to overcome this crisis by demonstrating a spirit of unity in love and forgive-

"Now is the time for America to renew the faith expressed in her motto 'In God We Trust'.... God blessed America because of this spirit. Furthermore, America is fulfilling a vital role in God's plan for the modern world.... Therefore, the crisis for America is a crisis for God. An answer must come from above, from God, from the one who has the answer....

● "America must forgive. Whatever wrongs have been done, whatever mistakes are being made, America has a noble deed to perform. America must forgive. The Watergate affair is an error: not only the error of a few men, but the error of humanity, the error of the American people.... If we want God to forgive us, we have to forgive each other first....

● "What do you do when a member of your family is in trouble? Do you criticize him and tear him apart? Of course not. You guide him. You comfort him. You love him unconditionally. You belong to the American family, and Richard Nixon is your brother. Will you not then love your brother? You must love the President of the United States.

● "Let us unite in the spirit of forgiveness. Unite in the spirit of love. Now is the time for national repentance....

ness. Your signature will contribute to the impact of a nationwide campaign to change the attitudes of Congress and the public. Will you unite with us?

National Prayer & Fast for the Watergate Crisis
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America is a beautiful land to behold, a nation of all nationalities, all races and all religions united together into one working whole. The source of power has been love and faith in God and in one another.

● "The crisis in America today can be overcome. We must rekindle our faith in God and reunite ourselves in love. America's destiny is inseparable from the destiny of the world....

"As Founder of the Unification Church International, I have declared the next 40 days, starting December 1, 1973, as a period of prayer and fasting by our members all over the world....

"In this we are determined to awaken our nation to this national emergency. America must unite in her Christian tradition of love and forgiveness in the face of the grave crisis created by the Watergate. We hereby launch this National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis as the only way to heal and unite this nation.

"Historically great peoples have proved their greatness not during normal situations but in crises.

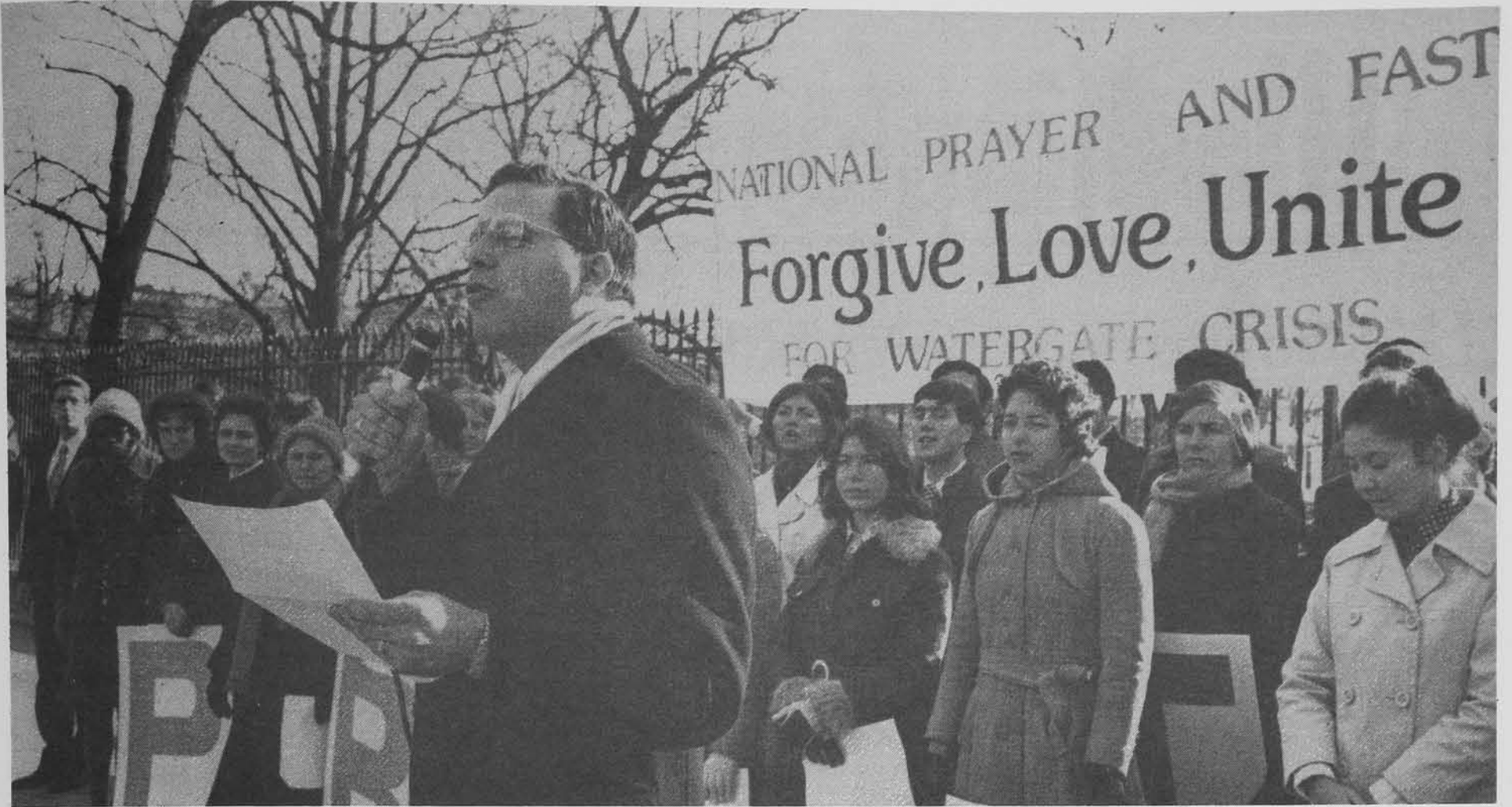
"This is the time the American people must act as a great people who put trust in God. Then this day will be a day of hope and unification."

Rev. Moon:
 I agree with the spirit of your Watergate Declaration. You can count on my prayers and support to help unite this country in the spirit of forgiveness and love. Please send me more information.

Name _____
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opposite page: top left: James Cowin reads the Watergate Statement on the steps of the U.S. Capitol Building, December 3, 1973, with the Belvedere Trainees.

The Statement was read also at The White House and at Upshur St. House, (top right), former location of the National Headquarters of HSA-UWC, as part of a spiritual condition by Belvedere Trainees.

center: David Kim prays at the rally for America in crisis.

bottom: Rally members spell out "Love" with flashcards.

this page: top: President Salonen makes a brief address at the rally.

center left: Belvedere Trainee Chris Killingbeck gathers a signature in support of the Watergate Statement.

center right: Mr. Takeshi Furuta, Director of Belvedere Trainees in Washington and Carlo Zacharelli, head of the NPFWC Religious Committee, witness to Washington, D.C. citizenry in front of The White House.

bottom right: On behalf of NPFWC, James Cowin presents homemade granariums to Presidential aide, Mike Farrel inside The White House, December 26, 1973. The New Hope Singers and other family members were invited inside by the President after they had rallied 1½ hours in the rain and cold in Lafayette Park.

Washington Star-News

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1973

Youths on Watergate: 'Repent, Forgive, Unite'

Several scores of young people of many racial and ethnic backgrounds rallied in front of the White House yesterday, concerned over the Watergate crisis.

But the placard-carrying demonstrators weren't angry with anyone. And they weren't there to cast stones at offenders, imagined or real. Instead, they were urging Americans to "unite in the spirit of Christian concern, repentance and forgiveness."

Gary L. Jarmin, a spokesman for the Unification Church, which sponsored the demonstration of prayer, song and petition, said the group was not there to take sides on the issue.

"**WE SIMPLY** feel the problem should be approached with a more Christian attitude. There's too much vilification and not enough humility or prayer," he said.

Members of the Unification Church are urging other Christians around the country to join with them in their leader's call on Nov. 30 to enter into 40 days of prayer and fasting for the moral climate in the country that he said Watergate represents.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the Korean who founded the burgeoning church, said he took two weeks off from a lecture tour in the United States to return to Korea to meditate and pray "in a desperate search for an answer and a new hope for America." A full-page advertisement in 21 newspapers conveyed his convictions.

"**THE AMERICAN** nation seems mortally wounded in spirit and soul by the tragedy of Watergate. We are witnessing a crisis probably unprecedented in American

history. The situation is very serious. It is more than a political, social and economic crisis of the human soul. This is not only the problem of the man in the White House; it is a crisis for all of us." Moon said.

Moon said that while he was in Korea he received a revelation from God expressing God's desire that Americans "forgive, love and unite" in the spirit of "national repentance and concern."

Being an alien, he said he was reluctant to speak out.

"**WHO AM I** to say this to the American people? I am not even a citizen of the U.S. I am a Korean, a guest . . . I waited; I waited long. I anticipated that some great American spiritual leader or evangelist would rally America around God above the Watergate at this stormy and depressing time.

"However, there has been no American spiritual leader speaking out for unity. I heard no articulate voice in the wilderness crying this to Americans."

Since Moon's call for fasting and prayer, youthful workers at the church's headquarters in Washington, at 1365 Connecticut Ave. NW, have been coordinating efforts with other workers in several other large American cities.

Several other groups, not associated with the Unification Church, also have urged that individuals and church groups band together in prayer and fasting. The emphasis on fasting in particular is a marked trend in recent weeks among church groups. The practice is most pronounced among charismatic Catholic and Protestant churchmen.

—WILLIAM WILLOUGHBY

Washington Star-News

WASHINGTON, D. C., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 1973

National Mood: Time to Pray and Fast

By William F. Willoughby
Star-News Staff Writer

From the spiritual point of view, Watergate, the fuel crisis and the problems in the Middle East, are the best things that could have happened to the United States at this time. It is driving the country to its knees. Not since the dark days of the Civil War have praying people been moved so deeply.

This is the feel one gets when talking to spiritual leaders across the country. Instead of talking in pietistic or moralistic platitudes, their tone is one of somberness. Their attitude is one of calling the nation to repentance.

Their actions: Seemingly spontaneously there are calls for days of fasting and prayer. Lines are crossing one another in the preparation. There is the disorganization that comes when a groundswell for action is being born.

BUT NOW the lines — at least the main ones — are starting to converge. A significant movement is underway whose emphasis will be on fasting, or abstinence from solid foods, for sustained periods of intense prayer. The main lines seem to be emerging from Plymouth, Mass.; Wilmore, Ky.; Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and from the United States Senate.

On Dec. 31, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., the focus of the movement for a national day of fasting and prayer will be on National Presbyterian Church on Nebraska Avenue NW. Hundreds of people who are expected to keep the vigil there will be joined simultaneously by hundreds of thousands of people in churches and prayer groups around the country.

This, however, will not be the end in itself. Repeated days of prayer and fasting will be called and Christians, Jews and others so disposed will be asked

Analysis

to join in. Already events have been scheduled as far in advance as next August when a massive youth-sponsored prayer meeting is to take shape at the foot of the Washington Monument.

ONE OF THE first groups to call for fasting and prayer for national repentance and for the spiritual wellbeing of the country was the Unification Church. Besides their own private and collective practice, which was scheduled for 40 days, they have been taking their plea to the country's large cities. Last week they held a call to prayer outside the White House.

What is emerging now as the coalescent force on a nationwide scale is Intercessors for America, prompted by Dr. Derek Prince of Fort Lauderdale, a former philosophy professor and fellow at Cambridge University. Its headquarters are in Plymouth, Mass., under its national coordinator, John Talcott.

Early this month Prince rallied some 1,200 clergymen and other religious leaders in Miami Beach and the prayer movement was on. By Dec. 11, and with almost no fanfare, more than 100,000 persons around the country had gotten the word around and had entered into a season of fasting.

The effort prompted Oregon's Sen. Mark O. Hatfield to go to work on a resolution calling for a National Day of Fasting and Prayer. A legislative aide this week said it is being drafted in its final language, but he does not expect that Congress will act on it before the end of the month.

HATFIELD SAYS he sees an "absolute and unequivocal" relation between the country's problems and its need to turn back to God.

"To me, many things we see as surface issues show manifestations of a deeper problem. Humanists explain it as a need for deeper values. Christians see it as a need for spiritual values.

"In Matt. 6:33 it says to 'seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added unto you.' But many people have sought self, ego, pride, racism . . . and they've reaped cynicism, alienation, disaffection and loss.

"All you'd have to do is to read my mail to hear of the estrangement and disillusionment people have with government, leaders, politicians, institutions — even churches, they're not exempt either.

"So, therefore, I feel a spiritual renaissance is the ultimate solution for the healing of the nation."

PRINCE, WHO HEADS Christian Growth Ministries, argues from Romans 13 that governments are the agents of God for fulfilling His purposes on earth until the final order of things is brought about. "God's people have a responsibility to understand His purposes and to cooperate with them.

"The most powerful instrument God's people have is united prayer and fasting. And the Bible specifically tells us to pray for our government."

"If we do not have good government today," Prince said, "the final responsibility lies at the door of the Christians because we have failed to know and apply God's will revealed in His word. In comparison with the Christians, government officials are much more faithful in their secular responsibilities than the Christians are in their spiritual responsibility.

"If the secular government was as negligent in its duties as the Christians in praying for them, believe me, the nation would have collapsed in chaos. And if it's on the way to chaos I believe the responsibility lies with Christians. We get the kind of government we deserve."

PRINCE RECENTLY has published a book titled "Shaping History Through Prayer and Fasting," prompted by a visit to Plymouth and research on fasting at the Library of Congress. For years he and his wife have been observing the fast. The book, published by his own firm and Fleming H. Revel, is providing much of the rationale behind the latest nationwide spiritual emphasis.

Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, professor of prayer at Asbury Seminary in Wilmore, Ky., sees an increasing interest in fasting in the nation, a practice that had all but died in Christendom, but which, according to the Old Testament, frequently was used in times of Israel's troubles.

Carruth's school in the last two decades has figured prominently in waves of revival which have run through a number of colleges and in varying degrees among churches. He said the Intercessors for America have broad Protestant and Catholic support.

Prince summed up the importance he places on the new spiritual movement: "There are just two points of view about prayer. Either God does or does not answer it. So, you're either foolish to pray or you're foolish not to."

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 11, 1973

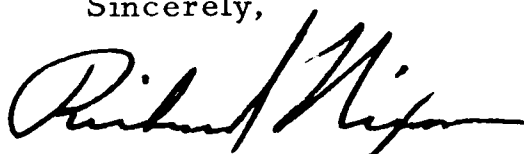
Dear Reverend Moon:

All the words of encouragement I receive are deeply heartening to me, and I am particularly grateful for the prayers and goodwill that you and members of the Unification Church have expressed at this time.

I have read news of your efforts, and I share your belief that it is vitally important for this Nation to attain a sense of unity -- unity that can come only from sharing our concerns about our common ideals. If we keep faith in ourselves and our faith in God, I am confident that America will remain the great symbol of hope for millions around the globe, a Nation with a rich heritage, and an even more promising future.

With my appreciation and best wishes,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard Nixon".

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon
Unification Church International
1365 Connecticut Avenue, NW.
Washington, D. C. 20036

Will You Pray With Us?



December 19, 1973

Observance Day for the
Washington Christian Community
of the

NATIONAL PRAYER AND FAST FOR THE WATERGATE CRISIS

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God's command at this crossroads
in American history is **FORGIVE, LOVE, UNITE!**

Watergate Day of Prayer Asked by Unification Church

Supporters of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church, who turned out 1,200 strong to cheer President Nixon at the national tree-lighting ceremonies last week, have asked Washington area churchgoers to join them Wednesday in a day of prayer and fasting "for the Watergate crisis."

On Sunday, Unification Church supporters visited some 30 area churches, inviting ministers and members to join them in services this week that are part of a 40-day fast and prayer campaign initiated by the Rev. Moon.

The campaign "to unite (America) in her Christian tradition of love and forgiveness in the face of the grave crisis created by the Watergate" was begun Dec. 1 with full-page newspaper advertisements in 21 states.

"Forgive, love and unite" are the key words for the campaign, according to Dan Fefferman, director of the prayer and fast for the Washington area.

The Rev. Moon, a Korean clergyman, claims 2 million supporters in the United States.

Carlo Zaccarelli, religious representative

for the church's prayer and fast committee, said the purpose is "absolutely spiritual . . . any political implication is only by chance." He said the reaction of the ministers contacted has been "80 per cent positive."

The Rev. Demetrios G. Kalaris, pastor of the Greek Orthodox Church of SS. Constantine and Helen, said he considered prayer and fasting a necessary part of the Christian tradition.

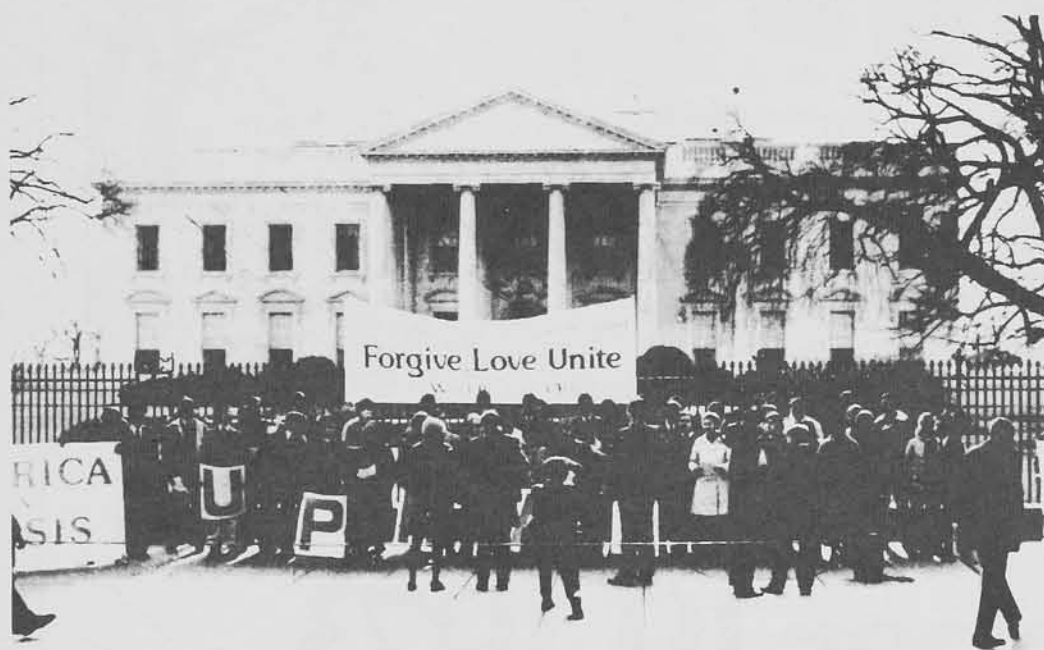
"We love America, we love the presidency, and we need to rally round the institution and the man," said Kalaris "until such time as things turn out to be different."

In an informal survey of ministers asked by the Unification Church to support the prayer and fast, several expressed reservations about the project.

Dr. Stuart Grizzard, pastor of the National Baptist Memorial Church, said he had put up a poster announcing the event. "But I expect that will be the extent of our involvement," he said. "I'm glad to pray for President Nixon, but that is not to be construed as support of the mess the administration is in. I'm sadly disillusioned by the Nixon administration, and if this is one of those pious rightist movements, I'm not supporting it."

The Rev. C. N. Reed, pastor of the Israel Metropolitan C.M.E. Church, said he permitted the Unification Church representatives to extend their invitation from the pulpit. But he said he was "suspicious of their motives."

—*The Washington Post*
Washington, D.C.
December 18, 1973



Join Us Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 7:45 p.m.

National Prayer & Fast **FORGIVE, LOVE, UNITE** for the Watergate Crisis

The person who handed you this flyer is a concerned Christian participating in a seven-day prayer and fast vigil in front of the Capitol, culminating on Wednesday, December 19, 1973. This day will mark a city-wide day of observance for the Washington area of praying and fasting for the Watergate crisis.

We are responding to the Watergate declaration of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon: "In a war of hatred no one is the winner." There is a need to uplift and unify people with a deeper resolve to fight for what is good and right in America. The National Prayer and Fast campaign is ". . . the only way to heal and unite this nation."

Will You Pray With Us? December 19, 1973

at the GREATER NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, 816 8th St., N.W.



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AMERICANS MUST FORGIVE, LOVE,
AND UNITE

HON. GUY VANDER JAGT

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, December 21, 1973

Mr. VANDER JAGT. Mr. Speaker, as we approach Christmas and the New Year, we hear deepening cries for a renewal of brotherhood, love, and forgiveness, and for a recognition of our common dependence upon God's will.

Yesterday, Senator MARK HATFIELD introduced a joint resolution calling for a national day of humiliation, fasting, and prayer, a time to rekindle the values that are the foundation of our Republic. The initiative has poignant and meaningful precedent in President Lincoln's comparable acts of faith amid the darkest days of our civil conflict. Senator HATFIELD's resolution was immediately adopted by the Senate, and awaits House consideration early in the coming year.

The message of Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church International, represents another inspirational appeal to America, one which is especially appropriate at this time of national political tension, I am pleased to bring this message to the attention of my colleagues in the House of Representatives:

AMERICA IN CRISIS—ANSWER TO WATERGATE—
FORGIVE, LOVE, UNITE

Ever since I was 16 years old, I have constantly encountered the presence of God. I have been able to share with the world numerous insights that He has shown me. On January 1, 1972 God spoke to me again in my prayers. He told me to go to America and speak to the American people about hope and unification.

In obedience to God's call, I came and began the Day of Hope tour. In 1972 I took this message to seven American cities. The current nationwide speaking tour began in Carnegie Hall, New York on October 1, 1973, and will go to 21 American cities, declaring a message of hope and unification.

After New York, I spoke in Baltimore, Philadelphia, Boston, Washington, D.C., New Orleans, Dallas, Tampa, and Atlanta. The kind welcome I received in these great American cities deeply moved me. I am especially grateful to the mayors and other officials who responded by proclaiming "The Day of Hope and Unification" in their communities.

My travels in America have shown me a troubled land. The moral and spiritual decline is tragic and shocking. Many people are no longer proud to be Americans. The American nation seems mortally wounded in spirit and soul by the tragedy of Watergate. We are witnessing a crisis probably unprecedented in American history. The situation is very serious.

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and they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, 'Woman where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?' She said, 'No man, Lord.' And Jesus said unto her, 'Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more!' (John 8:3-12). Nobody dared to cast the first stone!

Today we hear so much about America's troubles—what is wrong and who is to blame, what should be done and what cannot be done. Vicious accusation is becoming a daily staple in the American diet. Hatred and bitterness are killing the human soul. Some people cry out "Impeach the President". Opinion is divided, and the people talk on. Should the President remain in office? Should the President resign or be tried?

We were all eye-witnesses to America's assassination of her President, John F. Kennedy, in 1963. But today, without many realizing it, America is in the process of slowly killing her President once again.

A bullet killed Kennedy, yet the nation united in a common feeling of sorrow and repentance.

This time the "bullet" of hatred and accusation is capable of destroying not only the President, but the nation with him. In a war of hatred, no one is the winner.

All thinking American people feel grave concern for the future of their country. Some even believe America has been struck a fatal blow. However, at this critical moment in American history it is disappointing and strange that no one is asking, "What is the will of God?" If America was conceived as "One Nation under God," then the answer must come from Him. Have we stopped asking?

I bend my head and place my ear upon the heartbeat of America. I hear no one seeking the solution from above. We keep on criticizing, and the nation sinks—we criticize some more and the nation falls even farther, deep into greater peril. Now is the time for America to renew the faith expressed in her motto "In God We Trust." This is the founding spirit that makes America great and unique. God blessed America because of this spirit. Furthermore, America is fulfilling a vital role in God's plan for the modern world. God is depending on America today. Therefore, the crisis for America is a crisis for God. An answer must come from above, from God, from the one who has the answer. I have prayed to God earnestly, asking Him to reveal His message.

The answer came. The first word God spoke was "Forgive."

America must forgive. Whatever wrongs have been done, whatever mistakes are being made, America has a noble deed to perform. America must forgive. The Watergate affair is an error, not only the error of a few men, but the error of humanity, the error of the American people. The Lord's prayer says, "Forgive us our debts as we also have forgiven our debtors." If we want God to forgive us, we have to forgive each other first.

The Watergate is not merely a test of the President. The Watergate is a test of America's faith. How will this nation stand before God in the midst of moral crisis? Can this nation, which was founded 200 years ago based on the Christian tradition, uphold that same tradition today? Can this nation prove its generosity and mutual forgiveness? Can it love? This is the test for the American people. Long ago the American settlers on the New England shores made many grave mistakes. But with their trust in God they came through many crises. They could then lead America to prosperity.

The Bible speaks of the time the scribes and pharisees tested Jesus. They brought him a woman to be stoned. She had been caught in the act of adultery. Mosaic law demanded retributive justice. But, Jesus' message was forgiveness. He stood up and said to them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her . . .

and they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, 'Woman where are those thine accusers? Hath no man condemned thee?' She said, 'No man, Lord.' And Jesus said unto her, 'Neither do I condemn thee: go and sin no more!' (John 8:3-12). Nobody dared to cast the first stone!

Who among you will be the one to cast the first stone? This is no time to cast stones upon your leader. This is no time to cast stones upon one another.

I have been praying specifically for President Richard Nixon. I asked God, "What shall we do with the person of Richard Nixon?" The answer did come again. The second word God spoke to me was "Love. It is your duty to love him." We must love Richard Nixon. Jesus Christ loved even his enemies. Must you not love your President?

What do you do when a member of your family is in trouble? Do you criticize him and tear him apart? Of course not. You guide him. You comfort him. You love him unconditionally. You belong to the American family, and Richard Nixon is your brother. Will you not then love your brother? You must love the President of the United States.

This nation is God's nation. The office of the President of the United States is, therefore, sacred. God inspired a man and then confirms him as President through the will of the people. He lays his hand on the word of God and is sworn into office. At this time in history God has chosen Richard Nixon to be President of the United States of America. Therefore God has the power and authority to dismiss him. Our duty, and this alone, is that we deeply seek God's guidance in this matter and support the office, itself. If God decides to dismiss this choice of His, let us have faith that He will speak.

I continued in prayer, and the third and last word God spoke to me was "Unite." "America must unite."

Let us unite in the spirit of forgiveness. Unite in the spirit of love. Now is the time for national repentance. Love is the power to unite. America once knew how to come together to create a powerful nation for goodness upon the face of the earth. America is a beautiful land to behold, a nation of all nationalities, all races and all religions united together into one working whole. The source of power has been love and faith in God and in one another.

The crisis in America today can be overcome. We must rekindle our faith in God and reunite ourselves in love, America's destiny is inseparable from the destiny of the world. America's well-being affects the plan of God. God chose this nation as His champion in His modern day dispensation. With the bi-centennial celebration a few years away. God is testing America through the Watergate problem. America must demonstrate unity in love and forgiveness. Let us renew our faith in God for this has been the wellspring of America's power. America must live the will of God. She has no alternative.

Who am I to say this to the American people? I am not even a citizen of the United States. I am a Korean, a guest.

However, I do this because I love America as much as my own country. This is a country God loves. And I love God and He is our Father in Heaven. Wherever God my Father dwells, there is my country. Indeed, the Father's country is also the son's. America belongs to those who love it most. I am as concerned for America's well-being as for my own. This is the foundation of my courage to speak out on this issue.

Furthermore, I waited; I waited long. I anticipated that some great American Spiritual leader or evangelist would rally America

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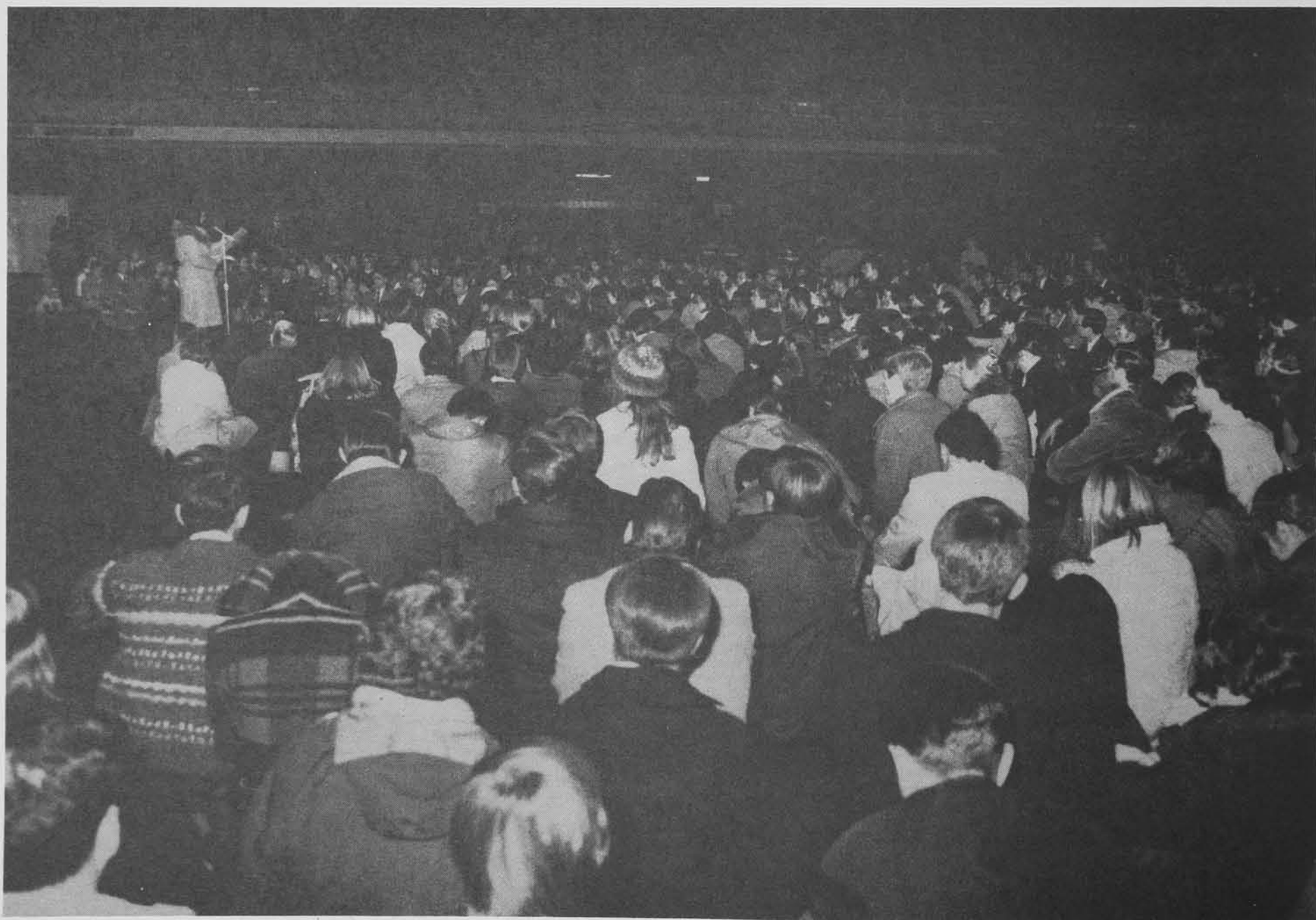
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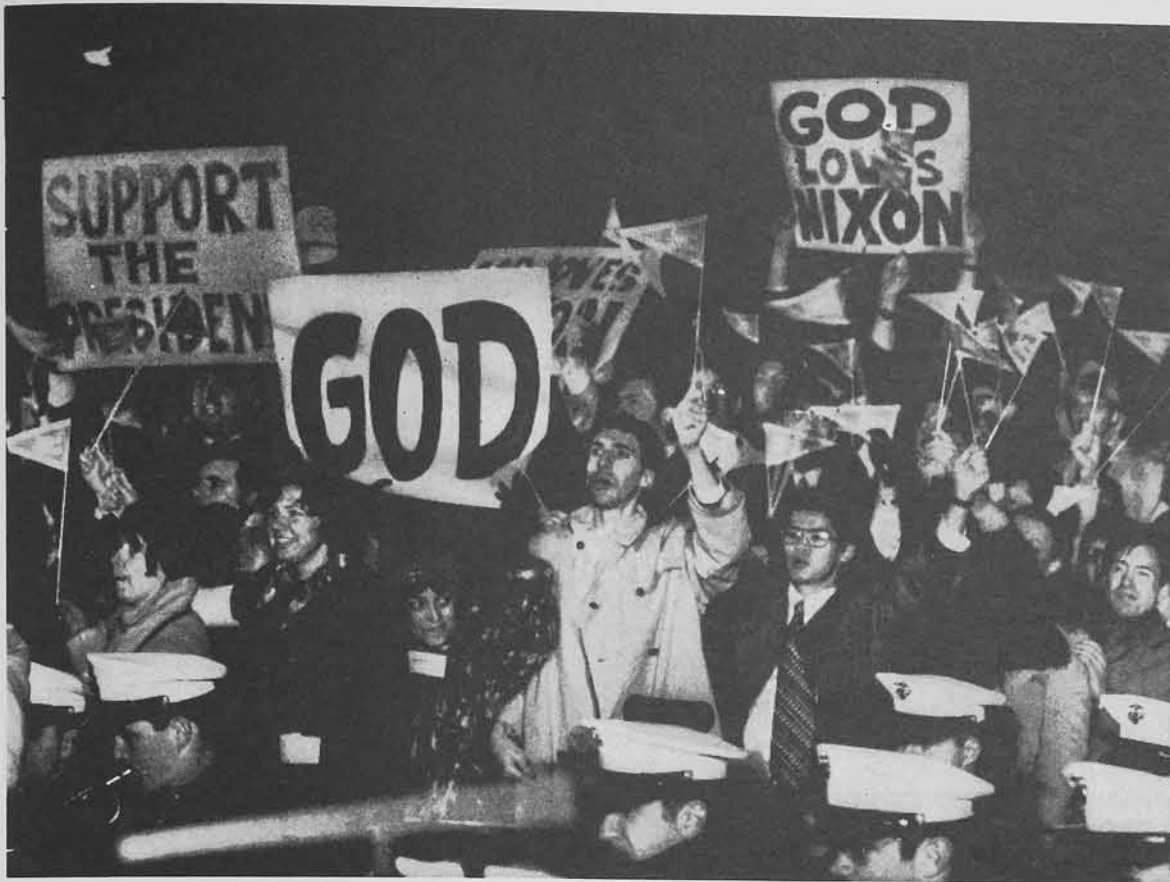
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*The 1973
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CHEERED BY A LARGE CROWD WAVING PENNANTS & SIGNS OUTSIDE THE WHITE HOUSE...

— *Time*
December 24, 1973



... WHILE HE LIGHTS CHRISTMAS TREE

In the crowd, which Park Service officials estimated at 10,000, was a large group of young people waving pennants. The pennants read, "God Loves America," "Support Our President," "God Loves Nixon." The group, calling itself "Project Unity," is associated with the Unification Church International.

— *The New York Times*
New York, New York
December 15, 1973

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14— President Nixon turned on the lights on the new permanent national Christmas tree tonight. He took note of the changes brought on by the energy crisis, but called the problem one of peace and not of war.

Nixon was greeted by several thousand wildly-cheering young supporters who carried signs that read: "God Loves America. God Loves Nixon. Support the President."

The peace ceremony pageant was turned into a political rally by the youngsters, who said they were from the Unification Church, founded by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon. The church sponsored advertisements in 21 papers thruout the nation several weeks ago, calling for support of the Presidency.

WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMEN insisted that they "absolutely were not" responsible for the turnout. White House advance men on the scene had attempted to stop the youngsters, most of them teen-agers or in their early twenties, from handing out small banners calling for support of Nixon. "This was not the place for such a display," one Nixon spokesman said. "It was not the place for a political rally."

— *Chicago Tribune*
Chicago, Illinois
December 15, 1973



Project Unity was to show our non-political support for the office of the President and President Nixon and to seek the unity of the President and the American people with God. Regardless of inconvenience or expense, Family members from all over the United States assembled for the single day's activities in the Nation's Capital. Our sacrifice had its reward in the final moments of the Project as well as in the fact that Our Master, His Watergate Statement, and the Day of Hope tour were brought to national attention.

opposite page: Linda Marchant reads the Watergate Statement to 1500 members of the National Family gathered in the National Guard Armory, Washington, D.C.

— *The Washington Post*
Washington, D.C.
December 15, 1973

As the President spoke, sections of the crowd waved banners saying, "God loves America, God Loves Nixon." When the televised speech was finished, they chanted, "We want Nixon" and "we want the President."

— *The Washington Post*
Washington, D.C.
December 15, 1973



UPI Telephoto

Banners supporting President Nixon wave beneath the National Christmas Tree, illuminated by a simple snowflake ornament at its top. Nixon pushed a button to light the tree on the Ellipse south of the White House.

—Chicago Tribune
Chicago, Illinois
December 15, 1973

What started as a "peace demonstration" by a group of young people turned into a massive show of support for President Nixon Friday.

More than 1,200 young people from almost every state in the Union, including 11 from Birmingham, cheered and chanted "We love Nixon" during the White House annual tree-lighting ceremonies.

The youths, ranging in age from 18 to 25, are members of the Unification Church.

THEY HAD ASKED their members to attend the Pageant of Peace, which is the

ceremony surrounding the lighting of the nation's community Christmas tree.

Before Nixon spoke, the youths waved posters and pennants proclaiming: "God loves America," "God loves Nixon," "Support our President."

They urged Nixon not to give up and not to quit.

They prayed for Nixon to "begin again at a time when he is looking for support and not finding it."

"We need to rekindle our faith and reunite in faith behind our President."

Nixon spoke during the lighting ceremony on his efforts for peace in the world and

urged people to have patience and understanding during the energy crisis.

After Nixon left the platform the youths marched to the front gate of the White House singing and cheering the President. They sang "America the Beautiful" over and over.

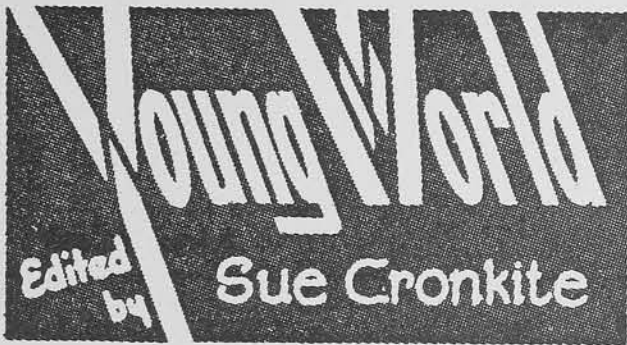
It was cold in the park as the group sang Christmas carols and prayed for the President.

—The Birmingham News
Birmingham, Alabama
December 15, 1973



Mon., Dec. 24, 1973

The Birmingham News



Cheering, chanting youths prove Spirit of America still alive; support Nixon

The Spirit of America is still alive — and cheering loudly.

It is making itself heard through the voice of youth — the young folk who are ashamed of the turmoil in our nation, who want to do something positive instead of negative.

Richard Nixon, the President of the United States of America, heard that voice, loud and clear, recently.

I WAS INVITED by a group from the Birmingham Unification Church to go with them to the Pageant of Peace, which is the annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony in Washington, D.C.

"We want to turn the tide back," they told me, "to have pride in the leader of our country. We want to tell the nation that the American judicial process can take care of what Mr. Nixon may or may not have done — that it is our responsibility to show love and honor to the President of the greatest nation on earth."

"We want to turn the nation back to God," they said.

I went along and saw 1,200 youngsters from all parts of the United States attract national attention with their plea for support and prayers for Nixon.

I saw tears in Nixon's eyes as he looked at 1,200 youngsters kneeling in prayer for him and our nation in Lincoln Park (sic.) across from the White House.

"GOD BLESS YOU," he said as he shook hands with many of the youngsters.

I hadn't been too impressed when the Birmingham youths asked me to go along. "It's nice," I thought, "a bunch of kids preaching unity, but what can they do?"

The van I went in to Washington held 11 Birmingham kids. Three more went in an old truck.

They talked about loving others, supporting the ideals upon which our country was founded.

THE NEXT DAY the youths from over the United States gathered in the National Guard Armory for a prayer service and instructions on what to do at the tree lighting ceremony.

That's when I began to realize that the "peace demonstration" was more than just that — that the Pageant of Peace was going to be "snowed under" by a bunch of kids, singing and chanting.

"God Bless America" was their theme song and most of the others at the lighting



top left: Mr. David Kim rides a Heavenly Horse on behalf of whom?

top right: The National Family listens intently at a general meeting held at the Greater New Hope Baptist Church after the tree-lighting ceremony.

center: Mr. Kim relates his experiences at the Pageant of Peace ceremony.

bottom: President Salonen briefly evaluates our efforts at the ceremony and talks about the candle light walk to The White House to be held after the meeting.

ceremony joined in. Also, other young people there for performances on stage waved pennants right along with the church youths.

With the exception of a few "grouches" who stomped away when cheering started the 8,000 persons braving cold winter winds added their voices to the youths' cry of "God Loves America," and "we love the President."

NIXON'S WORDS at the treelighting were about the energy crisis and peace in the world. When he paused the youths cheered, stood and waved pennants. Later they marched to the front of the White House singing and waving the pennants.

After dinner at New Hope Baptist Church the youngsters and one newspaper reporter, I, went back to the front of the White House, to Lincoln Park (sic.) this time.

It was cold in the park. Neil Salonen, president of the Unification Church interspersed the singing and chanting with remarks:

"Youth can bring our nation together in the support of the President, in the spirit of love and unity," he told the cold youngsters. They held candles in paper cups — giving a glow of artificial warmth to the throng.

"THIS IS NICE," I thought, standing there with them, "but enough is enough. They've made their point. The TV cameras have gone; there's nothing to be gained by standing here all night. Why don't we go back to the hotel?" I was muttering. Cold and miserable. No more film in my camera. My hands numb. Standing beside me was my daughter Alda from the Detroit, Mich., congregation of the Unification Church.

"Be quiet mother," she whispered. "Don't be so negative."

THEN A WHISPER started across the cold crowd. "Here comes the President." I looked toward the street, by this time too cold to care, and saw Richard Nixon and three Secret Service men step across the curb. At a signal from Salonen all sound stopped. The prayer that had been started was cut in half.

"Kneel," he said, "then you can see him." The 1,200 kids stooped down.

"You're really from all over the country?" Nixon asked. I hadn't realized he was so gaunt. He looked thin and tired.

"Yes, Mr. President," the voices said in unison.

"God bless you," Nixon said, and started shaking hands.

SUDDENLY IT WASN'T so cold. The kids started cheering and jumping up and down. At a signal they opened a corridor for the President to walk through.

Tears were glistening on Nixon's face. He was shaking the kids' hands and saying over and over, "God bless you. Thank you for coming."

I STOOPEd down to try to reload my camera. Somebody stepped on my back and I dropped my strobe — then somebody stepped on that. My fingers were so cold I couldn't get the film in.

Then I realized that the next person to step on me might be Nixon, so I stuffed the film and Strobe light in my purse and stood up, just in time to shake his hand.

"Thank you for coming," he said, and kept walking through the park full of youngsters.



Salonen presented Nixon a huge candle and told him it was big enough to burn the rest of his term when lit. A large poster Christmas card, lettered and decorated by the youngsters led by Jon Schuhart from Detroit, was also presented to Nixon.

NIXON WAS IN the park for about 15 minutes. He left as quickly as he had come, with cheers of the youngsters ringing in the cold night air.

It was midnight and as all heads were bowed for a final prayer a light snow began to fall.

Nobody was sleepy by then and the cheering and singing kept up all the way back to the hotel.

"The office of the President is sacred," Salonen had said.

"YOUTH CAN BRING our nation together in a spirit of love and unity," he had also said.

The Spirit of America was evident in Lincoln Park [sic.] that cold night.

"America must forgive, love and unite."

top: Cold and tired Family members walk with bright candles to Lafayette Park, opposite the front of The White House, and hold a rally filled with expectation and prayer.

opposite page: Finally what the Family had hoped and prayed for is dramatically realized when President Nixon appears at the rally and personally shakes hands with President Salonen, receives the Christmas card and candle (top), and greets Dan Fefferman, coordinator of the NPFWC (bottom), and other Family members.

Rev. Myung Moon, Unification Church leader had said earlier.

THE YOUTH WERE prayerfully forgiving, loving and united — enthusiastically showing the way for the rest of America.

