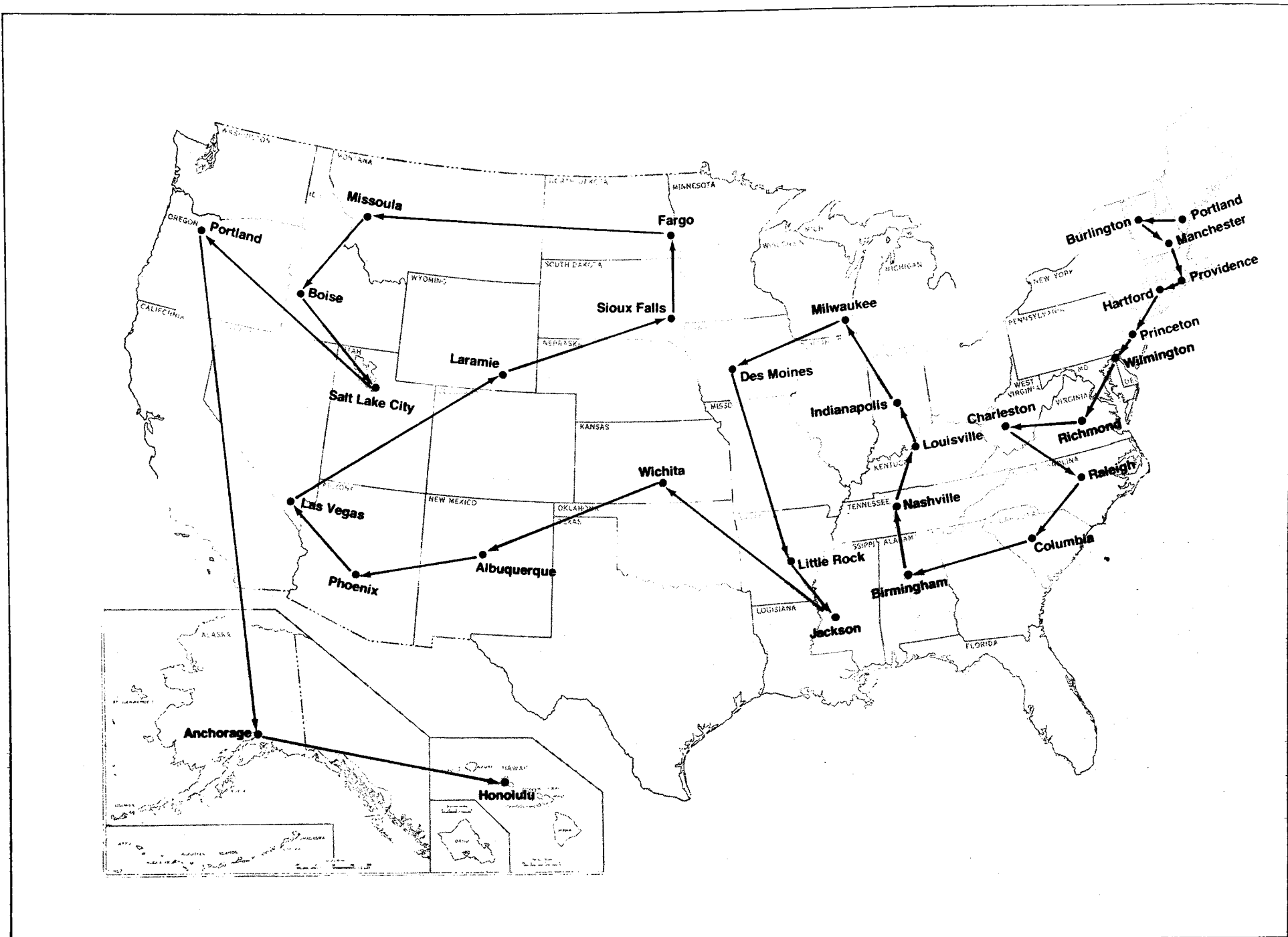


The New Future of Christianity

32-City Speaking Tour



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The New Future of Christianity

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Portland Hilton April 15 8PM Ballroom B
921 Southwest Sixth Avenue, Portland

This new poster design with Our Master at the podium was used uniformly throughout the tour.

70 Missionaries Helping Launch Rev. Moon Crusade

Seventy young missionaries are in Portland as a battalion of advance men preparing for the launching of a nationwide evangelical tour by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon here Saturday.

Mostly West German members of his Unification Church, they constitute one of more than half a dozen advance teams promoting the Korean minister's One World Crusade in the United States.

The Rev. Mr. Moon is scheduled to begin a 40-city coast-to-coast campaign for international unity with his arrival here Friday for a dinner in his honor at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

On Saturday he will deliver the opening address of his campaign, entitled "The New Future of Christianity," at 8 p.m. at the hotel.

"He's starting here on the East Coast and going to work his way to the West Coast," the leader of the church's Portland advance team, Paul Werner, said Monday.

Werner, 42, has been directing his team locally for two weeks, "going door to door, getting to know the American character. They probably know Americans better than Americans do now," he said.

For Werner, this is the second year as a campaign aide to the Rev. Mr. Moon. Last year he helped drum up audiences on a more limited tour that began in New York.

This year he has some veterans of that missionary campaign plus 30 new proselytes who arrived from West Germany a few weeks ago.

"We're all amateurs," he

said, "but once you do the U.S. you're really no longer amateurs."

He described the campaign as "very carefully organized, with a very tight schedule."

On Sunday, for example, the day after the Portland launching, the Rev. Mr. Moon will speak in Burlington, Vt., where another 70-member advance team has been at work piquing citizen interest for the past two weeks.

Werner estimated that at least 500 people are laying the groundwork for the evangelist's appearances in other American cities. "The teams always work two weeks ahead of schedule," he added.

They work on something of a shoestring. "We make our own way," Werner said, "selling peanuts and candy." While

some of the team proselytize, others hawk the food, and "we're hard-working people."

Unification Church International drew widespread attention recently in appealing to Americans to "forgive, love and unite" in the face of Watergate. It claims two million members worldwide and more than 10,000 supporters in the United States.

Its subsidiary, One World Crusade, was organized in February, 1972, in Tarrytown, N.Y., and includes extensive training programs there for apostles while publishing a bimonthly newsletter and serving as the center of a 50-state network of small "mobile units" which promote the church's unification principles.

Said Werner, "the Christians of America really need some activating."

—Portland Press Herald
Portland, Maine
February 12, 1974

Portland Thrills Woman Here On Religious Tour

Portland, Me., Evening Express, Tuesday, February 12, 1974



Maja Haase

Maja Haase, 25, a native of Koblenz, West Germany, is finishing out "a beautiful experience," — two weeks in Portland.

Miss Haase is one of the 70-person international team publicizing the coming here this weekend of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of "The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity." He will speak at 8 p.m. Saturday at the Holiday Inn, downtown.

Said Miss Haase: "The unification movement is people coming together to understand better different cultures and backgrounds and get a deeper relationship of understanding with each other.

"In this country the name 'Unification Church' seems to be misleading. People have the idea it is a newly formed church like a sect of Christianity.

"**ACTUALLY IT IS** a movement based on the Christian idea that people should be one family, a brotherhood with Christ at the center. In Germany it is called by the official name: Gesellschaft zur Vereinigung des Weltchristentums."

The movement does not conflict with one's personal faith, she said. "I am a Roman Catholic and in this unification work I have found the best opportunity to practice my Christian faith," she said.

Miss Haase is an artist's model in blue and brown — blue eyes, blue pull-on sweater, brown hair, brown skirt, knit stockings and high suede boots. "I'm 165 centimeters tall and I weigh 58 kilograms," she said. (Approximately 5 feet, five

inches, 128 pounds).

"I was a bookkeeper for a Berlin bank and a real estate firm when I heard about the Rev. Mr. Moon three years ago. He came to Berlin in 1972 and I was enthralled with what he said about bringing peace to the world. I wanted to be part of his work. With me in Portland are five of my Berlin friends, Birgit Jonas, 19, Gudrun Bresch, 24, Helga Hartmann, 23,

Marianne Burtzlaaf, 22 and Gunter Fischer, 21.

"**BUT YOU MUST** not think that the international teams are made up only of Germans," she said. "The largest European group is from France, and there are young people from Austria, England, Finland, Italy and the Netherlands.

"There is one girl from South Africa, a group from New Zealand and maybe the largest

group is from Japan. And there are Americans from every state."

Unification members sell things like peanuts, candies, home-made candles, flowers (in season) and decorative pieces called grainariums — layers of various grains in a glass holder topped off by imitation or dried flowers.

"We do not have a church service or collections," said Miss Haase. "We have to support ourselves through our own efforts."

For the past two weeks the 70 Portland visitors have been living at the Susse Chalet Motor Lodge on Brighton Avenue. "The people at the Westbrook-Warren Congregational Church let us use their building for our meals," she said.

FOLLOWING the Saturday evening appearance and address of the Rev. Mr. Moon at the Holiday Inn, Downtown, Miss Haase will be in the group going to Richmond, Va., to prepare his visit there.

"My assignment in Portland was to visit the clergy and invite them to a special meeting with the Rev. Mr. Moon on Friday night. I told them what our movement was all about and answered their questions. The 30 clergymen I visited were most courteous and most of them will be able to meet with the Rev. Moon. I think that in America people have such a good Christian foundation that they readily listen to words about Christ. They want to hear more about Him"

MISS HAASE came to the United States on Oct. 4 last year "I worked in New York, Boston, Dallas, Atlanta, Omaha, Tulsa and San Francisco. That was during the 21-city special tour of the Rev. Mr. Moon. The joy you get in sharing his thoughts of love and peace are tremendous."

The Rev. Mr. Moon opens his tour of 40 American cities Saturday night in Portland. He is a Korean and former Presbyterian minister who says that in answer to his constant pleading in prayer, he was given the message of world peace which he is preaching. His group claims two million members in 40 countries since the Rev. Mr. Moon started the movement in 1957. (By Joe Mack)



Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Reverend Moon has recently been making headlines throughout the country because of his 21-city speaking tour. His controversial "Watergate Declaration" has been published by concerned citizens in the major newspapers of all 50 states. It has inspired hundreds of thousands with its message to work for unity under God in healing our country's wounds.

His challenging message of unification comes at a time when it is sorely needed. Thousands who have heard him speak have felt new inspiration from his common-sense approach to scripture and his deep insight into prophecy.

"*Never in my life have I been so convinced that a man is the epitome of what I think Christ would be, should he actually be here in the flesh. I have seen no other man today going on a more direct route to kingdom building, family building, than Rev. Moon.*"—Pastor William H. Luke, Los Angeles, California

Typical comments by persons hearing Rev. Moon for the first time:

"*I felt that he was speaking directly to me during the whole evening.*"—Felice Jarmel, Director of Nursing, New York City hospital.

"*I learned more about Christianity in a few minutes than I learned in a whole year of Bible college.*"—Michael Herbst, Philadelphia.

The warm response Reverend Moon found on his recent tour inspired him to immediately launch his 1974 Day of Hope tour to 32 new cities from February 16 to April 20, thereby fulfilling God's command to carry this crusade to all 50 states. We invite you to hear Reverend Moon speak with prophetic insight on "The New Future of Christianity." It will be an evening you won't soon forget.

Holiday Inn Feb. 16 8PM Aragon Room

88 Spring Street, Portland, Maine

For information call: 774-9486

Handbills were distributed in each city to give general information about Our Master, a sample of audience responses to Him, and the local time and place of His talks.

State of Maine



WHEREAS, regardless of our religious affiliation or faith, we agree that the world is in need of hope and unity among men of all nations; and

WHEREAS, New England is the birthplace of the mutual respect and brotherhood among men that is the foundation of our strength in times of crisis; and

WHEREAS, a belief in God inspired our forefathers, and that same belief is the hope and promise of our future; and

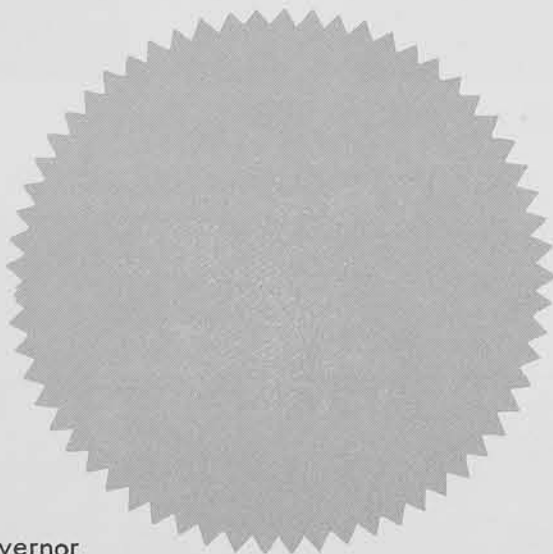
WHEREAS, on February 15 and 16, 1974, Reverend Sun Myung Moon of Korea will be in Maine to appeal to all citizens to strengthen their belief in God and to join together in love and understanding; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the citizens of Maine take note of the efforts of all who speak on behalf of unity in our troubled world;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kenneth M. Curtis, Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby proclaim Saturday, February 16, 1974, as

" DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION "

in Maine, and urge all citizens to welcome Reverend Moon.



Given at the Office of the Governor at Augusta, and sealed with the Great Seal of the State of Maine, this Fifteenth day of February, in the Year of Our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four, and of the Independence of the United States of America, the One Hundred and Ninety-eight.

By the Governor

Joseph J. Edgar
Secretary of State

Kenneth M. Curtis
Kenneth M. Curtis

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Attest:

Joseph J. Edgar
Secretary of State

City of Portland

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NOW, THEREFORE, I, William B. Troubh, Mayor of the City of Portland, do hereby designate February 16, 1974 as,

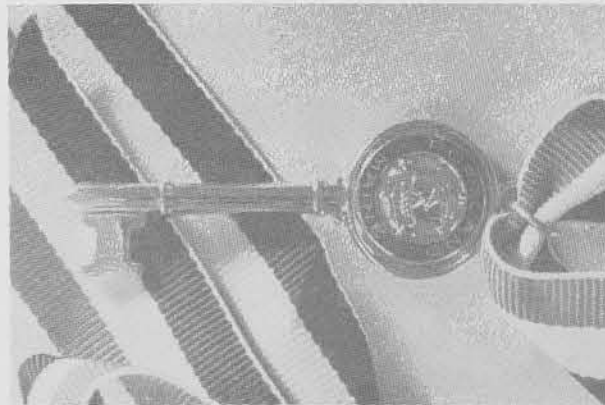
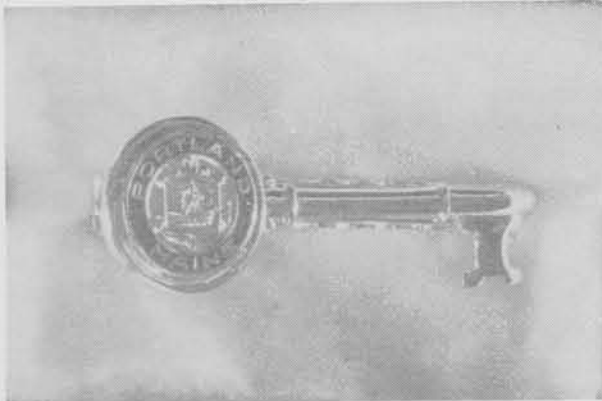
"DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION"

in Portland.

Signed this fourteenth day of February, 1974




William B. Troubh
Mayor



Portland presented a City Key tie bar (far left) to Our Master and a ribboned City Key to Mother (left).

Portland Press Herald

PORTLAND, MAINE, SATURDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 16, 1974

Moon Terms Maine Handle To America

By JOHN M. LOVELL
Staff Writer

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, professing his and God's love for Maine and its people, launched a nationwide evangelical tour here Friday.

The Korean cleric, founder of the Unification Church International and its subsidiary Freedom Leadership Foundation, told a lobster dinner audience of more than 200 at the Holiday Inn, Downtown he was there to "ignite spiritual fire in the brotherhood of God."

Americans are God's chosen people, he said, and Mainers enjoy a special favor.

"I know God loves this state very much," the Rev. Mr. Moon said through a translator. He described Maine geographically as "almost the handle of the United States."

"ANYONE who tries to grab the United States has to grab this handle first."

His comments were a preface to an address he is scheduled to deliver here tonight entitled, "The New Future of Christianity," to officially launch his 32-city, 65-day tour.

This is the Rev. Mr. Moon's second U.S. tour. His first, a shorter campaign concluded a few months ago, was highlighted by full-page newspaper advertisements calling upon Americans to forgive Richard Nixon for Watergate because God had chosen him to fill a sacred office.

He made no direct reference to Watergate here Friday, but

told his audience that he was here "for the spiritual betterment of America and the betterment of mankind in this important crossroad of history."

HIS LISTENERS, mostly youthful, neat and well-scrubbed, included a retinue of 70 young Germans who had served as a battalion of advance men and women, button-holding shoppers and householders for the past two weeks

in the Portland area as potential members of tonight's audience.

He told them Maine "was especially blessed by the Almighty" as indicated by the state's name — "everything is main in the state of Maine. Without the 'e' you are main of everything."

THE ORGANIZATION "recognizes the faults in our society," he continued, "so now

we must attract the youth of America as the hope and inspiration to the rest of the free world."

Salonen introduced the Rev. Mr. Moon as the man "to wage the battle for goodness."

The Rev. Mr. Moon spoke just four words in English. "I need an interpreter," he said before delivering the rest of his remarks in Korean.

His campaigns for inter-

national unity, a mixture of preaching and politicking, came under scrutiny this month in an article published by The Washington Monthly, which said he "interweaves politics and religion in the best tradition of the medieval popes."

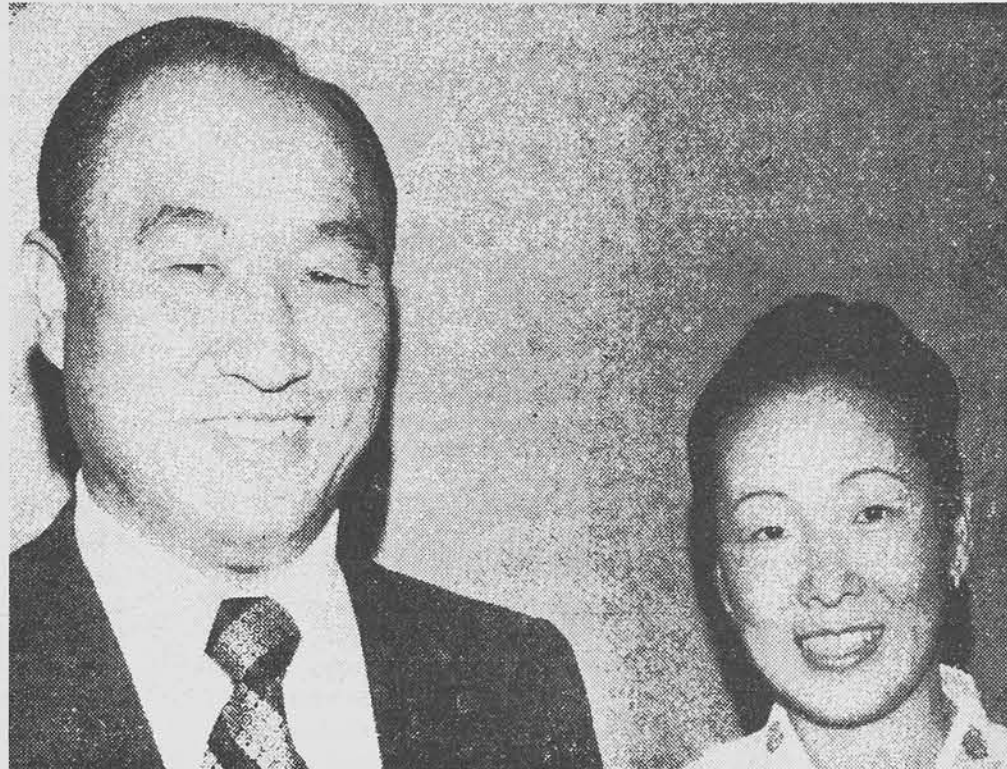
The liberal magazine noted that although the Rev. Mr. Moon took out an immigrant visa and moved permanently to this country in 1972 to work out of a 22-acre estate in Tarrytown, N.Y., he is "a virtual conglomerate in Korea," holding business enterprises there worth more than \$10 million.

THIS VIEW of the Korean evangelist's role was offered to the Press Herald during the Friday dinner by Michael Leone, a 25-year-old advance man from California who coordinates the preparatory groundwork done for the Rev. Mr. Moon's appearances by his seven 70-member advance battalions.

The Rev. Mr. Moon made no mention of Communism, however. Instead, he confined the bulk of his remarks to the beauty of Maine, and God's all-encompassing love for Americans and Mainers.

Contrasting his Oriental cultural background with his listeners' western cultural background, the Rev. Mr. Moon declared simply that "this is no accidental meeting."

"It is the will of God that this meeting is in this room," he said.



Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon



Reverend Sun Myung Moon

On Easter morning in 1936, Sun Myung Moon was deep in prayer on a Korean mountainside when Jesus Christ appeared to him and told him that he had an important mission to accomplish in the fulfillment of God's providence. He was then sixteen years old. For the next nine years, Sun Myung Moon studied intensely and struggled to prepare himself for his responsibility. In those years of prayer, he discovered a series of principles through which it was possible to clearly understand the spiritual and physical nature of the universe, the process and meaning of history, as well as the inner meanings of the parables and symbols of the Bible and the purpose of all religions. The Unification Church is formed around the Divine Principle, based on the patterns which Rev. Moon found in the Bible during his years of search. He saw that God has been using a consistent strategy to save man—through the Old Testament and the New Testament—that provides the foundation for Jesus' life and teachings. God is using these same principles of creation and restoration at the present time. Today we are in fact witnessing an intense spiritual intervention by God in history which will inevitably result in a new future for Christianity.

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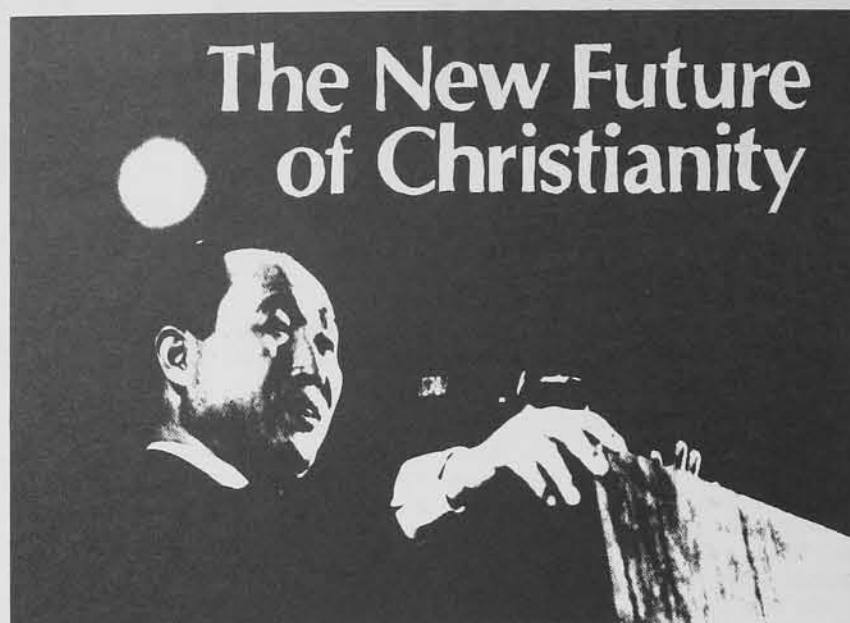
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Other speeches by Rev. Moon are recorded in New Hope: Twelve Talks by Sun Myung Moon and in Christianity in Crisis: New Hope, which contains the text of three speeches given by Rev. Moon in his 1973 21-city Day of Hope Tour. These books will be available for purchase at the literature tables following tonight's talk.



Program

- I. **Welcome**
- II. **The New Hope Singers**
The New Hope Singers, directed by Mr. Randolph Remmel, will offer selections composed or arranged by Unification Church members. The 34 singers include church members from 18 states and seven European countries.
- III. **Introduction**
Mr. Neil Albert Salonen
President, The Unification Church of America
- IV. **The Reverend Sun Myung Moon**
Founder of the Unification Church
Translation by Mr. Bo Hi Pak
The New Future of Christianity

Program given to audiences throughout the tour.

With the staccato delivery of a machine gun, the Rev. Sun Myung ("Shining Beauty") Moon, Saturday night gave a new revelation.

Speaking in his native Korean he assured an audience of over 600 at the Holiday Inn Downtown that he had talked with Jesus and John the Baptist.

He stopped only while his translator, Col. Bo Hi Pak, explained in English what seemed to be burning and churning inside the religious leader.

Opening his 32-city crusade of America, Moon said: "If God is thrown out of America, He has no place to go."

He insisted that the free nations are the fertile places for the second coming of Christ. The Communist nations are the barren places and at war with God. And the Arabs are like Barrabas who benefited from the death of Jesus but have gone over to those who war with God.

In his new revelation, he said "John the Baptist betrayed Jesus through his lack of faith. The Jews misread the Old Testament expecting the Messiah to come like Elijah from the clouds of heaven. God did not send Jesus to die. The men who expected an Elijah returning killed this man born of woman."

Obviously disturbed by Moon's new revelation, some 150 left before the impassioned orator's two hour scripture interpretation was ended.

Moon said that Jesus did not expect to die, did not want to die. That on the hill of

Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah came to Him and told Him God's decision was that He should be crucified.

The crucifixion, said Moon, is a sign of Satan's victory. Only man's soul was saved, not his body. In the second coming, man's body and soul will be saved. But we must be careful, he cautioned. If we do not understand that the Lord in His second coming must suffer then we miss Him. He's coming soon, insisted Moon. "And He will come as a humble man, born of woman."

Moon called for world Christian unity, particularly American unity. The Communist nations are like the thief on the left side reviling Christ. The Free nations are like the thief on the right side asking only for forgiveness.

Moon stopped short in his revelation from declaring himself the Messiah which many of his followers are permitted to believe.

MOON, who says his mission is to unite all Christianity, claims that Jesus appeared to him when he was 16 and told him that he would help fulfill God's will.

But he won't tell this directly to reporters. He won't talk to them, even through interpreters at press conferences, formal or otherwise.

Personal matters, such as his education in Japan, imprisonment by the North Korean Communist regime for six years and events leading to his founding of the Unification Church in 1954 are revealed in material handed out by followers like Neil Albert Salonen.

Salonen, 28, is acting president of the church in the U.S. and sees Moon as "a modern John the Baptist." While his leader remained secluded somewhere Saturday afternoon, he talked with newsmen at Holiday Inn.

"WE DO NOT SAY that the Rev. Moon is the new Messiah. We believe that God has revealed His truth to him. We also believe that the Rev. Moon could be called to be the second Christ," Salonen said.

He also said that "Korea is the new holy land, Christ will come again within the decade or least by the turn of the century and on his second coming he will marry and raise a family probably in Korea."

Moon's support of South Korean President Park Chung Hee and South Vietnam's President Nguyen Van Thieu, are easy for Salonen to explain. "There's a vast difference between a totalitarian state and an authoritarian state," he says.

"Communism is totalitarian, controlling every phase of human existence. The authoritarian government may curtail political liberties, but it does not control a man's whole life."

Moon's founding of the International Federation for Victory over Communism, with training centers in Korea, Europe and the U.S., has created the aura over his movement of a far right, anti-communist crusade. Salonen says, "Our opposition to Godless communism is religious, not political." But Moon's Freedom Leadership Foundation sponsors intensive training cen-

ters for young men and women in anti-communism.

MOON PROCLAIMED in full-page ads, purchased in leading U.S. dailies last December, "We were all eyewitnesses to America's assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963, but today, without many realizing it, America is in the process of slowly killing her President again..."

"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...."

Salonen says that Moon paid for the ads out of his own pocket and he has answers to allegations in the liberal-oriented "Washington Monthly" concerning the movement's financing.

"While Moon's American operation is largely limited to penny-ante capitalism," the magazine said, "in Korea he is a virtual conglomerate holding, besides the tea business, air rifle, pharmaceutical, titanium, and still other companies. His empire is worth well over \$10 million. . . ."

SALONEN says Moon's Korean holdings are not that extensive. Cash contributions, he adds, flow into Unification coffers at the rate of about \$6 million a year. The 1973 crusade in 21 cities cost \$400,000.

The budget for the current 32 cities tour has been set at \$200,000, with eight more cities to be canvassed in the fall.

Whatever the criticism, the young people make the difference in the Unification movement. Most are bright-eyed, well-dressed and groomed.

Most of Saturday night's crowd was young, although there were many older persons as well.

Among the crowd were these persons, who gave their reasons for attending:

Eric Tonini, 24, South Portland: "To extend my knowledge in God."

Mrs. Marle Morelli, 73, Munjoy Hill: "A little German girl came to the house. My father was a Methodist minister. I go to the First Baptist Church. I find it difficult to go to church on Sunday, so I came in here on my way back from visiting my husband at the hospital."

Mrs. Princilla Lyon, 25, Portland, who came with Mrs. Sherry Punch, 18, Portland, and Karen Van Gorkin, 25, all of Portland. A new Zealand boy came to their apartment house and they all decided to go together.

John Rouisse, 23, Brighton Ave.: "I guess curiosity brought me here. I've read the Bible, I don't go to any particular church. I thought I'd find out how Rev. Moon thinks about the Bible."

—*Maine Sunday Telegram*

Portland, Maine

Sunday, February 17, 1974

Coming into full brightness in the religious firmament of America is yet another oriental prophet, the Rev. Sun Myung ("Shining Beauty") Moon armed with a personal revelation from God.

The Korean prophet rose last weekend in Portland, will illumine 38 cities across the country with his teachings and set in Hawaii the weekend of April 19.

Practically the whole litany of commendations for Moon's message quoted by the "Moonies," as his followers are called, runs the gamut of conservative political leaders.

The kick-off dinner for the rising of the Moon doctrine on the nation was held Friday night with a Day of Hope lobster dinner for 200 guests at the Holiday Inn Downtown.

On Saturday evening, in the hotel's combined Aragon and Seymour Rooms, while two of King Henry VII's wives, Catherine and Jane, looked impassively down from their frames, Moon gave a fiery two hour message through his interpreter, Korean Army Col. Bo Hi Pak.

The speech was titled, "The New Future of Christianity." The thought in capsule was "God has revealed the Scriptures to me. The Messiah is coming soon so all Christians should unite to receive Him. And you had all better be humble for He will not come in the clouds of glory but will be a man born of woman."

Some of the organizers for his Portland rally said they're convinced Moon is the messiah himself.

Moon is too busy for press conferences, said Neil Albert Salonen, president of Moon's Unification Church in the United States. But Salonen presented with confidence the list of Moon's political backers. There were messages of praise from Sen. William L. Scott, R. Va., Sen. Strom Thurmond, R. S.C., Sen. Jesse Helms, R. N.C., Sen. Mark C. Hatfield, R. Ore., Sen. James L. Buckley, Cons. N.Y., and Sen. J. William Fulbright, D. Ark.

Then the piece de resistance. Salonen read a letter from President Nixon with the reverence of a parish priest reading a personal note from the Pope. It was a plea "for faith in ourselves and in God."

"We contact political leaders because of their influence with the people," he said. "If they turn to God and seek out His ways, the people will come closer to God."

He sounded like a transplant from the 16th century when the religion of the people was that of their King, and faith quietly died out until revolution was born.

For 40 days at the turn of this year, Moon and his followers waged a "love Nixon" crusade through rallies, full-page newspaper ads in 50 states and demonstrations in Washington, Tokyo and Seoul.

The Nixon family was heartened by it all. The chunky, 54-year-old Korean evangelist had an audience at the White House with President Nixon, prayed for him, left him with this fragment of revelation: "Don't knuckle under to pressure. Stand up for your convictions." The nation was a little dismayed at this foreign interference in a domestic controversy.

"The Rev. Moon was not attempting to pass judgment on White House related scandals but to preserve the sanctity of the office of the President," said Salonen.

The Moon cult is as amazing as the deification of Father Divine 30 years ago and the current youth cults of "The Perfect Master" Guru Maharaj Ji and Hare Krishna.

The reputation in Korea of the Moon religion in the 1950s is in sharp contrast to the current strict standards of celibacy and discipline in Moon's Church.

The record is not clear. Moon was released from jail after three months. His followers say he was exonerated. His attackers say he was ill. The controversy was over bizarre sexual initiation rites into the church. The initiatory ritual was reportedly designed to purge impurities of blood that all men and women inherited from Adam and Eve.

Salonen says unfounded charges involving both money and morals are constantly being made against Moon to sabotage Moon's Day of Hope program. Salonen says the church is the fastest growing mass religious phenomenon in the United States, with thriving branches and offshoots in Europe and Japan.

—*Evening Express*

Portland, Maine

Tuesday, February 19, 1974

EVENING EXPRESS

Portland, Me., Evening Express, Wednesday, February 20, 1974

Enigmatic Reverend Moon Works Economic Miracles

By LAURENCE STERN and
WILLIAM R. MacKAYE
Express-Washington Post
(Second of Series)

WASHINGTON — Shortly before noon on the first of February the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, known variously among his followers as The Father of the Universe and the Messiah Returned, was ushered into the presence of President Richard M. Nixon.

The chunky, 54-year-old Korean evangelist embraced Mr. Nixon and then prayed fervently in his native tongue while the President listened in silence. Mr. Moon ended the audience with the exhortation: "Don't knuckle under to pressure. Stand up for your convictions."

Afterward the White House issued a brief announcement of the unscheduled visit. It explained that "the President wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank Reverend Moon for his support . . ." No other details of the session were provided by the White House. No photographers were called in.

The previous morning Tricia Nixon Cox and her husband mingled with appreciative smiles among the disciples of Mr. Moon's Unification Church in Lafayette Square, across from the White House. They were characteristically well-scrubbed and well-trimmed young men and women carrying signs proclaiming that "God Loves Nixon" and urging that all "Support Our President."

The First Family was clearly basking in the spiritual embrace of "The Family" of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, of which Sun Myung Moon ("Shining Beauty") is founder, guiding light and — in accordance with his own theological precepts — the divine and ultimate master.

Mr. Moon said the decision to rally his followers behind the embattled President came to him as a direct revelation from

God while he was resting in Korea from his 1973 coast-to-coast evangelical "Day of Hope" stump of the United States.

"At this moment in history God has chosen Richard Nixon to be President of the United States . . ."

That was the message of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and it resounded loud and clear wherever he spoke.

Mr. Moon himself is an enigma — the central personality in a constellation of related religious, financial and political enterprises which operate on a worldwide scale.

In the United States he has gathered behind him thousands of young adherents from college campuses and city streets, some disenchanted fugitives from the New Left, some stalwarts from the ranks of organized conservatism. Most of all, however, the ranks of Mr. Moon's "family" — as the faithful call themselves — are filled with the apolitical young, floundering in search of meanings and certainties.

Among the constituency of true believers many see him as the Messiah returned to complete his work. Mr. Moon claims no divine status, he does not deny it either — but preaches that Christ will be born again in Korea in our time. The theme is a pervasive one in the unorthodox Korean Christian cults from which Mr. Moon's own doctrine sprang.

The established, mainline Christian churches both in the United States and Korea generally take a less admiring view. In these ecclesiastical circles, Mr. Moon is regarded as a religious quack, a Korean-style Elmer Gantry who enjoys a warm and privileged relationship with the military-backed dictatorship of President Park Chung Hee.

Park has been jailing Christian clergymen in Korea in reprisal for the church's opposition to his regime's repressive policies. Unlike most of his countrymen, Moon and his principal supporters enjoy unres-

tricted travel and exchange privileges from the Park government.

In Seoul last week, General Secretary Kim Kwan Suk of the Korean National Council of Churches told Washington Post Correspondent Don Oberdorfer that Mr. Moon's religion "is not a church. It is a cult . . . a new sect which has been undermining the established church."

During a row between the major church organizations and the Unification Group in 1968 a group of Moon's followers — in a widely publicized incident — poured a pot of urine and feces on the head of a Seoul National University Professor of Religion.

Despite these early reverses the Unification Church is now flourishing, as is its founder. It may well merit the claim made by its leaders that it is the fastest-growing mass religious phenomenon in the United States, with thriving branches and offshoots in Europe, Japan and elsewhere.

In financial solvency, institutional discipline and top management it far surpasses such other rival youth cults of Guru Maharaj-Ji followers and the Hare Krishna devotees.

Cash contributions are currently flowing into the unification coffers at a rate of \$6 million annually, says the church's acting U.S. President, Neil Albert Salonen, a 27-year-old former group leader in the Dale Carnegie Institute.

The church claims a worldwide membership of 500,000 with some 10,000 active followers in the United States and a full-time "core membership" of 3,000 who sell candles, peanuts, flowers and "granariums" — bottled arrangements of dried flowers and seeds — on the streets. It is an economic activity, falling somewhere between panhandling and sidewalk capitalism, that is pursued with dawn-to dusk fervor by the members of the family.

Church spokesmen insist that this is where most of the cash comes from, along with a few church-operated cottage in-

dustries scattered through the country. (One true believer, however, recently turned over her legacy of \$300,000 in stocks and bonds.)

The economic miracle of the church's growth occurred mainly in the past three years, when receipts soared from \$100,000 to the current gross of 6 million. "We never expected anything like it," Salonen acknowledged with a broad smile during an interview in the church's Washington headquarters.

The secrets of Mr. Moon's personal finances are inscribed in separate, private books and apparently are unknown even to the highest official of his church. His net worth has been widely reported to be in the range of \$15 million, although he was flat broke when he began proselytizing his vision in post war Korea.

Mr. Moon's business card lists him as chairman of the board and founder of five companies, which manufacture a variety of products such as titanium, Ginseng tea (a Korean blend) and air rifles. These industries, according to church officials in Seoul, are not part of the church's estate. They belong to Mr. Moon, although his only visible source of capital has been the alms gathered in by the faithful.

In the United States the ecclesiastical as well as the more secular enterprises of Sun Myung Moon are tightly controlled by a small group of trusted apostles and proconsuls.

Within the church Mr. Moon's chief executive officer and American protege is Salonen, the brisk, cocky and fast-talking Dale Carnegie alumnus who is both the apostle of Mr. Moon's "divine principle" and also the chief pitchman for his anti-Communist gospel.

Ex-salesman Salonen heads both the church and its political-educational front, the Freedom Leadership Foundation (FLF). The mission of FLF, as defined by its leaders, is to achieve "ideological victory over Communism in the United States."

This is an edited reprint of an article which was originally published February 15, 1974 by the Washington Post. The entire article appeared in other U.S. newspapers such as the Sunday Gazette-Mail, Charleston, West

Virginia and the Des Moines Tribune, Des Moines, Iowa. The article was often quoted or referred to in local newspapers, which were reporting on the 32-city tour.

Burlington

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean founder of the International Unification Church and initiator of the National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis, is in Burlington.

Between 5,000 and 6,000 free tickets have been distributed throughout the state for his appearance at the Ramada Inn, South Burlington, tonight where he will discuss the "New Future of Christianity," according to one of his local followers, Nels Ericson of Burlington.

Moon speaks English, according to Neil Salonen, president of the Unification Church of America. However, in his 32 scheduled stops on his 1974 tour (Burlington is the second stop), and in his 21-city 1973 campaign, he has spoken Korean and has been translated by an interpreter. This is because the nuances and passion of his message are more familiar to him in Korean, said Salonen in an interview Sunday.

The church president said at the Rev. Mr. Moon's last stop in Portland, Maine, the mayor issued a proclamation supporting the Korean missionary and gave him a key to the city. Salonen said the Rev. Mr. Moon has been enthusiastically received on his previous tours.



Published reports have indicated some of the reverend's appearances have not drawn large crowds; others here indicated Moon's appearances have prompted fervent hymn singing and praying revivals on the streets of major cities, including New York. There, some 400 Moon worshippers commanded the steps of Federal Hall for two hours last September urging the skeptical to abandon Mammon for God.

This, the Rev. Mr. Moon's second national "Hope Tour," is costing about \$400,000

which, according to Salonen, is being provided mostly by contributions. His message has been voiced on Burlington radio stations regularly (10 times Sunday on one station), in advertisements in local newspapers, and is on posters in store windows throughout the Queen City in anticipation of his appearance.

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Preach, Urge Unification, Love Burlington Crowd Hears Moon

By KATHERINE GREGG

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, preaching unity and love, divided and drove some in his Burlington audience Tuesday to angry outcries.

Several dissenters who stood to shout their objections, hurling such epithets as "false prophet," "anti-Semite" and "Satan's carrier," were whisked from their seats by Chittenden County sheriffs and Moon's followers who stood watch over the aisles and doors.

Moon, who claims to have had direct word from God, told his audience his words did not represent "opinions," but were revealed truths. He particularly

singled out the "young people in the audience. I like young people," he said.

Many in the Korean missionary's standing-room-only audience in the banquet room at the Ramada Inn drifted out after the three-hour speech shaking their heads, murmuring disbelief, and stopping in the lobby or outside the inn doors to express their skepticism of the phenomenon they had just witnessed.

The phenomenon: Moon at the podium, then stomping across the stage, tight fist often upraised, quickly shifting from smiles to tones often snarled out in angry vehemence; his Korean words translated by his

interpreter, Colonel Bo Hi Pak, mimicking some of the reverend's gestures. And his followers.

"He must be something special, just look at all these nice looking young people who follow him," said one woman before the speech began.

"I believe he's sincere. He's just made some lousy interpretations of the scriptures," a man, who tape recorded the session and who described himself as a student of the Bible remarked.

"I don't doubt he has had an experience, but with Satan," said another handing out flyers calling Moon accursed and a false hope.

About 15 of the spectators questioned said they they came because they were curious having heard or seen the advance promotion and stir the reverend is said to have caused in other cities on his previous tour.

The reverend in his detailed interpretations and citings of the scriptures, among his many points, offered a new reading on a split between John the Baptist and Christ. He said all mankind should be unified under one church and said the second coming would be a heavenly kingdom on earth, with Jesus Christ taking a bride and mankind being recreated as brothers and sisters under the "first family."

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Reverend Sun Myung Moon and associates.

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Sun Myung Moon Reveals "Hope For Christianity"

by Kathy Stiassni

The Champlain Room of the Ramada Inn was the scene of engaging religious activity as Reverend Sun Myung Moon revealed his "New Hope for Christianity." Prospective converts and interested listeners were ushered in by decoratively bannered individuals, obviously members of Reverend Moon's movement, the Unification Church. The scene was an impressive one, with a flag at either side of the stage, one an American flag and the other the symbol of the Unification Church. The periphery of the room was dotted with several policemen hired by the Unification Church. They were soon to realize that they would not be afforded the opportunity to doze at their posts.

The evening's program commenced with a performance by the New Hope Singers. These bright starry-eyed representatives of the Unification Church sang several songs expressing

sentiments of joy at meeting the new messiah and communicating with God, one of these entitled "Sooner we'll be done with the troubles of the world." Following the musical introduction was a brief tale highlighting Reverend Moon's history and an explanation of his spiritual revelations. During these remarks members of the audience received a propaganda statement denying Reverend Moon's effectiveness and identifying him as a false prophet. These leaflets were distributed by Jesus' Modern Day Disciples from HIS Church. The stir caused by these notices climaxed as members of the audience stood up unexpectedly to voice their faith in Jesus and to disdain Reverend Moon's predicted coming of a new messiah. These "trouble makers" were hastily silenced and ushered to the door. The final prelude to Reverend Moon's lecture occurred as complimentary greetings

from dignitaries in religious and political circles were read. As the audience heard President Nixon's letter they laughed.

Reverend Moon was accompanied by an interpreter as he delivered his message in Korean. He gave a special welcome to the young people who he praised as a symbol of hope, enthusiasm, and vitality. He also initially asked his audience to listen with a sense of humbleness in order that they may begin to receive God's spiritual message. As Reverend Moon elaborated upon his and God's message, his tone became more emotional and his gestures more pronounced. He consistently presented his ideas with a dramatic and charismatic appeal.

Reverend Moon emphasized that the Christian faith was a tool of God and as such a vehicle for discovering truth. "We must know truth for in ignorance there is no

protection." The ultimate future of Christianity will culminate in the coming of a New Messiah. These statements caused interruptions from the followers of Jesus from His Church, one of whom claimed "if any man come unto you speaking another gospel let him be accursed." The Reverend commented that his Burlington experience was the most exciting of his Day of Hope tour.

The future according to Rev. Moon depends on man and his ability to accept or reject the New Messiah. The New Messiah will be most effective if the Christian world unites with the free world to accept the will of God. "The time of the coming of the lord is near. We cannot afford to make another mistake. God sent me to America to speak up." The audience was left to entertain the provocative question as to whether Reverend Moon himself is the New Messiah.

Manchester

Rev. Sun Myung Moon, leader of the International One World Crusade, spoke to more than 500 Manchester residents last night at the Sheraton Wayfarer Hotel in Bedford.

Moon stressed to his audience the need "in these times" to adhere to Christian principles.

He told the audience that he was sure some people would find his ideas revolutionary as it related to conventional Christians, but he added, "I have been a Christian for many years — however this did not give me complete answers so I set out in search of them. I am not originating what I teach. My truth is from the ultimate source and is clearly revealed in the Bible."

The fiery, fast talking Korean, who speaks little English, disclaims the role of Messiah but expresses a deep concern for the future of Christianity.

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Manchester, New Hampshire
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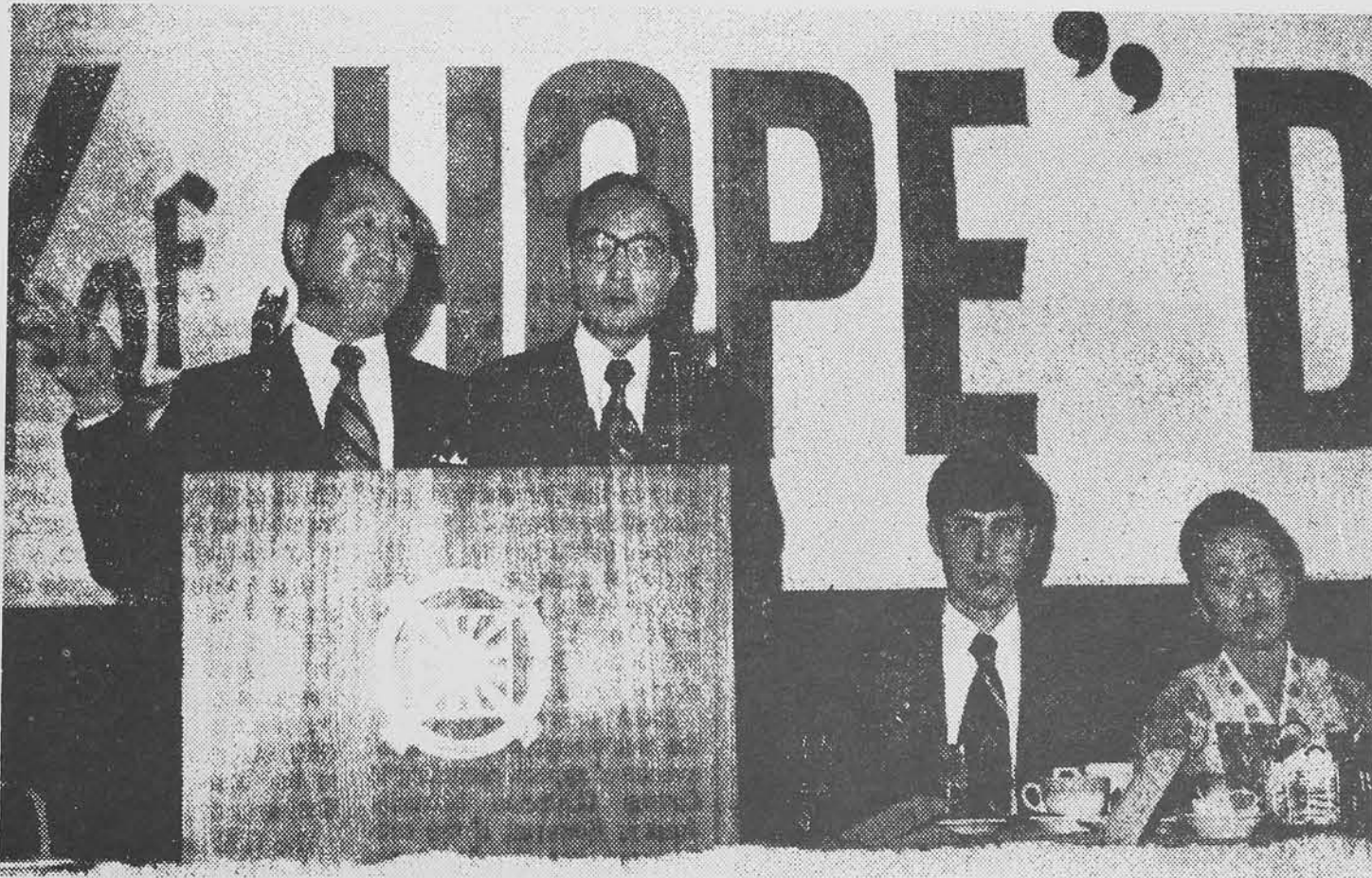
above: Our Master and Mother are greeted with flowers by the New Hampshire family.

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ADDRESSING THE 1974 Day of Hope dinner at the Sheraton-Wayfarer Motor Inn, Bedford, last night was Rev. Sun Myung Moon, of Seoul, Korea, founder of the international One World Crusade. Continuing

left are his interpreter, Col. Bo Hi Park; Michael Smith, director of the Unification Church, Manchester, and Mrs. Moon.

(Staff Photo)



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MELDRIM THOMSON, JR.
GOVERNOR

February 19, 1974

The Reverend Sun Myung Moon
Sheraton-Wayfarer Motor Inn
Bedford, New Hampshire

Dear Reverend Moon,

It is my great pleasure to extend warm greetings to you this evening.

Amongst men, few stand out above the rest. You have commanded the respect and admiration of your fellow-men by the dedication of your life to increasing the worldwide understanding of hope and unity under God.

On behalf of the citizens of New Hampshire, I extend congratulations to you tonight, and I hope that this "Day of Hope" dinner will be the beginning of another year of successful accomplishments in God's great work.

With warm regards,

Sincerely,



Meldrim Thomson, Jr.

MT/lc



right: At the end of the Day of Hope banquet, a guest gave this tie pin he was wearing to Our Master. The pin is a symbol of "Old Stone Face," a famous New Hampshire monument.



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GREETINGS TO THE REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON, MEMBERS AND FRIENDS
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"DAY OF HOPE" DINNER

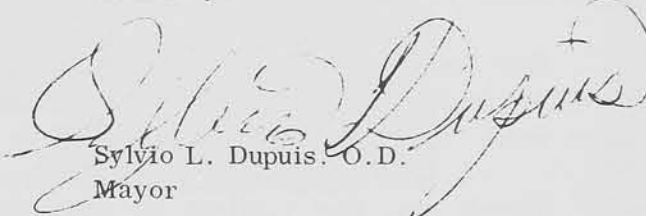
FEBRUARY 19, 1974

As Mayor of the City of Manchester, New Hampshire, I am pleased to take this opportunity to extend greetings and congratulations to the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and members and friends of the Unification Church of New Hampshire on the occasion of the "Day of Hope" Dinner being held in our community on February 19, 1974.

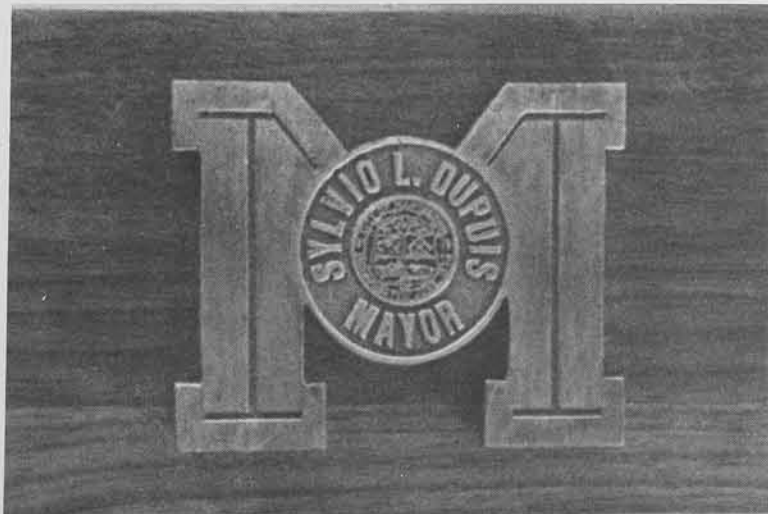
I commend you for the work you and your church are performing and urge you to continue your important efforts to further the cause of bringing about a harmonious world.

I know that the citizens of Manchester join with me in extending congratulations to all of you, and in wishing you a rewarding and enjoyable 1974 "Day of Hope" Dinner.

Cordially,



Sylvio L. Dupuis, O.D.
Mayor



left: This plaque of the City of Manchester was given to Our Master by Mayor Sylvio L. Dupuis.

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ELECTED THEM. ONLY TOGETHER CAN WE
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CITY OF DOVER, NEW HAMPSHIRE 03820

February 19, 1974

Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Dear Rev. Moon:

My welcome to you should not be a long lengthy greeting, for the message you bring is the shortest, simplest message ever given to mankind. The message is LOVE!

You are struggling to help all men, regardless of color, race or creed, become aware of that message, with the firm belief that with awareness will come an increased sense of responsibility.

How beautiful it would be if we could all be open - not just to hear the words, but to live the ideal; for then, and only then, will men value what is the good, the positive, the real.

Thank you for coming to our small corner of the world.

May your presence be felt!

Very truly yours,

Geraldine Sylvester
Geraldine Sylvester
Mayor

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OneWorld Crusade

A new Moon on the rise

Commentary/Analysis By

Vaughn Ackermann

The newest, oldest and by all means most enterprising business these days in the land is that of religioneering, or the game of packaging and selling the gods faster, cheaper, with less overhead and with the highest profit, *per capita* in the bank.

Gods and godlings, kickapoo-sales-messiahs and their agents are everywhere, spreading gospels to the masses and rolling in the coin, while politicians rejoice that at least some attention is leaving them to focus on even wilder displays of nonsense.

One politico, Richard Milhouse Nixon, embroiled with the foul bubblings of the Watergate cauldron, is particularly thankful for at least one of these movements afoot, to wit, the One World Crusade and Unification Church founded in 1954 by one Rev. Sun Myung Moon of South Korea.

The Nixonian gratitude lies in this: that one of Rev. Moon's basic tenets found in his "Answer to Watergate" tract, is that America is God's nation and that "at this time in history God has chosen Richard Nixon to be President..."

Wow! The Divine Right of Nixon proclaimed in clarion tones!

Yes, that's right, Nixon is of God, and God's new Elijah, and/or John the Baptist, preaching Unity before all else, is personified by one man—Moon himself.

Moon in Manchester

Last Wednesday evening the Unification Church and One World Crusade brought forth their leader for Manchester, N.H. to behold. The place was the Bedford Sheraton-Wayfarer Conference Center and the crowds gathered with buses and cars pulling in from all over the state. A church-owned bus hailing from Durham pulled up with approximately twenty believers aboard. This vehicle was to have been *The New Hampshire's* transportation, too, but the discovery of three 55-gallon drums of gasoline inside next to the seats left Photo editor White and myself somewhat unnerved. They may have believed themselves to be carried in the hand of the Lord, but we stray sheep, being flammable, made tracks toward the MUB and the relative safety of the staff car.

Inside the Conference Center throngs of people buzzed about, among which were wide-eyed and chaste-looking young women wearing skirts and handing out programs and assorted propaganda, while trim, tuxedoed and close-cropped young men eyed each newcomer to the quick. As 8:00 approached the tension in the plush-carpeted corridor increased and we noticed the crowd

heading into the conference room itself. The moment for Moon to appear awaited.

Then, all business and abrupt, three well-fed men in business suits, guarded by two staties and two Bedford town cops, strode into the hall and up onto the platform where three chairs, two large bouquets of flowers and a lectern stood. Two of these men were Orientals and one solidly Anglo-Saxon, and were, in brief, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, his interpreter, and Mr. Neil Albert Salonen, President of the One World Crusade.

Salonen directed the audience's attention to the International Day of Hope Singers to the right of the platform, and one Randolph Remel then led them in a few saccharine lyrics of the "la-la-la" variety. One thing about this chorus, aside from their generally good voices, stood out and that was the glassy-eyed stares of nearly all the men and the docile, almost bovine contentedness of the women. Remel directed in a jerky, high-school *musikhilf* manner and they followed his every gesture well indeed.

In the following introductory speech Salonen described how

Jesus Christ appeared in 1936 to the Rev. Moon and how Moon has "communicated with the highest Forms of the spiritual world." At that time the word of God directed Moon to spread the knowledge abroad.

"This great crusade was taken to America—on the urging of God," said Salonen with voice rising then falling.

Now, almost forty years later, Moon stood before Manchester on his 40-city nationwide tour to get America right with God.

Throughout all this the bulldog-like Moon and his bespectacled and dour-looking interpreter sat upright in their chairs looking straight ahead with fixed expressions and the mien of great moral purpose.

Then the real show began. Moon, introduced and ready to go, surveyed the crowd, while his stooping interpreter peered at us through coke-bottle-bottom lenses, and then it started—a three and a half hour tirade unmatched in my experience for dramatics, sheer hysteria and hilarity.

The Speech

The Rev. Moon opened with a tirade against "the thousand different interpretations of the Bible," and stated that since there is

only one God, one Way, and one Word, there should be founded one established, approved, certified, orthodox, homogenized and pasteurized interpretation to allay doubt and set the world square with God. Of course, what that viewpoint will be hardly needs discussion—it will, in brief, be the Moonian view.

This will be right and proper for one single reason: Moon knows whereof he speaks because God told him so through direct Revelation.

In a high-strung manner with much punching of palm and pounding of lectern, Moon roared in Korean:

"I met, I encountered, I was there, I talked with Jesus Christ and after being there, came down and was given the real view of life.

"God asked me to go to America for three years. This is the resolve, that I bring to Manchester!

"I hesitated like Moses, but God told me: 'Go to America, speak up, and let me take care of the result!'"

He paused for breath, wiping sweat from brow while the interpreter gave vent to the English translation. As the show progressed the interpreter's own antics



Rev. Sun Myung Moon on the platform of the Sheraton-Wayfarer conference center Bedford, N. H. Moon addressed a gathering of about 250 people last Wednesday night.

became more elaborate than they had been at the start and he did his job well. It's a hard enough business translating Korean into English, but you have to be a consummate showman to convey the manner as well as the matter. This was done with tremendous theatricality.

Since God gave the directives from Holy "Home Headquarters" in the form of his "code" (The Bible), man has been and is in need of Divine Knowledge, Moon demands new outlook

"Biblical study, academic analysis is no good! We need a revelation. God promised to send the Elijah before the Messiah. That revelation is happening now!"

Continuing in a rampage of high-gear emotionalism, Rev. Moon left the lectern and contorted himself into a paroxysm of fury before the audience. An all-out display of foot-stamping, judo-chopping, spinnings-around, torso-shaking, and crucifixion-posturing followed, with the voice of the new Elijah rising from the merest pianissimo through mezzo forte to full fortissimo.

"God's nation is America. Old one, Israel. Today's Christian faith is centered here. We are the chosen ones!"

He then elaborated on his concept of Unity, as expounded in his book *The Divine Principle* and found the whole of it Good.

This Unity, the core of the Moonian metaphysic, is simply this: that the USA is the New Jerusalem, that we must all unite for a heaven-on-earth, that Jesus' crucifixion failed in cleansing Man of sin, that the Messiah will come again to finish the job, that the devil and his minions lurk at our elbows, that they whisper directives into Kremlin ears, and that the new Elijah must spread the Word to make us all over anew forever and ever Amen.

Throughout it all he dropped many broad hints of his own Divinity, to wit, that just as the ancient Jews believed in a cloud-bringing Messiah but saw and rejected a carpenter so may the Lord of the Second Coming surprise many people and come in the form of—Moon?

Is that what he's saying?

Will Moon's gospel of uniting government with world religion bring on the Apocalypse?

Let me, then, evoke the words of one of the sagest men alive in these times. This is from a letter addressed to Rev. Moon and read by Archangel Salonen before the speech began:

"Amongst men, you stand out above the rest. You have spread hope and understanding of our universal God to the World."

The author—Governor Meldrim Thomson...

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The Question Corner



Rev. Sun Myung Moon and The Unification Church

By Rev. Richard J. Chagnon

Q: Can you tell me something about the Unification Church? Their founder, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon gave a talk recently in Manchester and I would like to know if he's worth listening to.

(T. D., Manchester)

A: This is one of the many inquiries received on the Unification Church. The following remarks are based on conversations I have had with members of the church, on talks given by Rev. Moon himself and by the New Hampshire director of the church, and on my own reading of Rev. Moon's *The Divine Principle*, a book which gives the foundation for the movement.



THE EMBLEM OF THE UNIFICATION CHURCH.

The circle in the center represents God, the twelve rays emanating from the center represent the twelve gates to the new Jerusalem, and the arrows encircling the symbol represent the Universal "give and take" among God, man and creation that is the basis for harmony and union.

The members with whom I have met and discussed are "clean cut" young people in their late teens or early twenties, and they left me with an excellent first impression. I must admit that their dedication to the movement and the

resoluteness of purpose I observed were rather inspiring; however, I do have serious difficulties with the interpretation of Scripture and the theology presented in *The Divine Principle*.

Scripture passages are used frequently to support the development of the *Principle*, and I have found the interpretation at times to be somewhat forced and on some occasions to be contradictory to that ordinarily given by both Catholic and Protestant biblical scholars. And yet, in a brochure put out by the Unification Church there is the statement that the church seeks to deepen faith and commitment among all Christians and in this way to overcome the barriers produced by varying Bible interpretations.

I feel it has fallen short of this purpose and has become, rather, another variation of Biblical interpretation itself. But I do strongly support the basic effort expressed "to deepen faith and commitment among all Christians."

My previous exposure to Eastern thought prepared me somewhat for the Eastern thought-form of the *Principle*, but I still have quite a bit of difficulty in reconciling the Rev. Moon's theology with that of the Catholic Church. The difficulty comes not from the patterns of Eastern thought, for which I have great respect, but from the use of some terminology that is confusing and a distortion of what is ordinarily meant by these terms.

I do, nevertheless, concur with some of their expressed goals, namely: "to deepen faith and commitment among all Christians; to bring about Christian unity when all act as one body giving wholehearted devotion and energy toward fulfilling God's will in loving Him and serving others; and to end... man's suffering by giving ourselves completely in love and service... and in bringing not only ourselves, but our families, churches, nations and the whole world to live in

this way."

I also stand in wonder at their ability at organization. The Unification Church boasts of movements in forty nations and in every state of the U.S., including over 120 American cities, and all this within a span of approximately 15 years. This church has given rise to many programs and movements such as the *One World Crusade*, "to reawaken the spirit of public service, self sacrifice, belief in God, human dignity, the value of freedom... and the hope for international brotherhood"; the *International Pioneer Academy*, "to educate the conscience and intellect of prospective social and world leaders"; and the *Freedom Leadership Foundation, Inc.*, "to counteract the influence of Marxist thought in America, particularly on college campuses, and the coincident erosion of national purpose and will"

With the presentation of such all encompassing ideals, one can easily see the obvious appeal the Unification Church has for young people. Add to this the person of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the Korean mystic, who claims to have received visions determining his mission, and who has suffered in Communist prison camps for having taught his doctrine, and the appeal to our young people gets even stronger.

My remarks by no means exhaust the subject, and I want to further study the movement before I can claim to make a conclusive judgement on its true purpose and merit. For the moment I suggest that even though the ideals are noble, and the stated purposes acceptable, their interpretation of Scripture and their theological approach work against their very lofty goal of the unification of Christianity.

We would do well to imitate their dedication and their determination to live up to our convictions and to work actively ourselves towards the unification of Christians.

Wasn't this one of the directions pointed to by Vatican II?



Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Because of other questions I have received on many of the religious cult groups proliferating across the country, I hope to elaborate somewhat on them in the next issue of *CONCERN*, and to share their experience of religion with young people.

Readers are invited to submit questions to Father Chagnon c/o *CONCERN*, 153 Ash Street, Manchester, N.H. 03105.

Providence

Rhode Island is in the special favor of God who has a purpose "for this great land" of America, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Korean founder of the Unification Church, said last night at a 1974 "Day of Hope" dinner at the Holiday Inn.

About 55 guests attended the dinner at the invitation of a team of 70 missionaries sent here by Mr. Moon two weeks ago. Guests were exposed to the Unification Church philosophy in dinner conversation with the missionaries and members of a 33-voice international choir that is touring 40 cities with Mr. Moon.

Among the guests was House Speaker Joseph Bevilacqua who read a proclamation by Governor Noel designating March a "Month of Hope."

Other guests included a few clergymen, some professors and students of sociology and religion from Brown University and Rhode Island College, and Rep. Edward P. Beard.

Neil Albert Salonen, president of the Unification Church of America, read a Dec. 11, 1973, letter from President Nixon expressing appreciation for the prayers and good will of the Unification Church.

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Providence, Rhode Island
February 22, 1974





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Philip W. Noel, Governor

MONTH OF HOPE

BY PHILIP W. NOEL

GOVERNOR

WHEREAS, Regardless of our religion affiliation or faith, we must all agree that the world is in great need of hope and unity among men of all nations to right the wrongs and cure the ills of this aged planet and her people; and

WHEREAS, The State of Rhode Island has long established a tradition of unity and understanding for all mankind and with this attitude the people of this State have sought to help others live a more Christian way of life in doing their part to strive for unity among all people; and

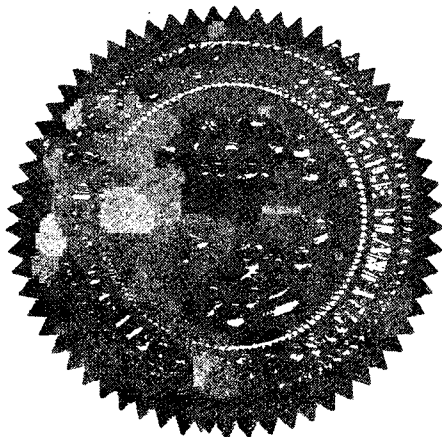
WHEREAS, During these times of increasing conflict among all levels of society, we must continue to reassure ourselves and our fellowmen of the faith that exists between us in an effort to overcome these conflicts.

NOW, THEREFORE, DO I, PHILIP W. NOEL, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS, PROCLAIM

MARCH, 1974, AS

MONTH OF HOPE

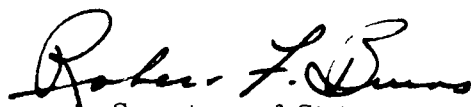
and urge all Rhode Islanders to join me in renewing our dedication to brotherhood and human understanding.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF,
I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the State to be affixed this twenty-first day of February, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and seventy-four, and of Independence, the one hundred and ninety-eighth.


GOVERNOR

By the Governor


Secretary of State

Hartford

An attentive crowd of more than 500 persons Sunday night heard a Korean evangelist call for a new and unified Christian movement to await the reappearance of Jesus Christ.

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who said "God told me to go to America," told those gathered at the Holiday Inn in Hartford that Christians are the instruments of "God's plan to save the world" at the Second Coming.

The controversial evangelist was on the fifth stop of a tour that will take him to 32 U.S. cities, along with a 34-singer choir recruited from 18 states and seven European countries.

The Rev. Mr. Moon's coming to Hartford was heralded by the appearance two weeks ago of a 15-member entourage, of mostly earnest young men and women who are paid only expenses.

One of them, a woman in her 20s who speaks only French, could be seen last week on Main Street passing out literature and trying to explain his political and religious views.

About 16 demonstrators paraded in front of the hotel Sunday night to protest the Rev. Mr. Moon's "Watergate Declaration," in which he asked Americans to "love Richard Nixon unconditionally and guide and comfort him."

— *The Hartford Courant*
Hartford, Connecticut
February 25, 1974

About 500 persons jammed their way into the Holiday Inn ballroom last night to hear a chunky, 54-year-old Korean evangelist warn them that "terrible days are near."

But before the Rev. Sun Myung Moon had finished his more than two hours of "Hellfire and brimstone," the number had dwindled to about 300.

And about a third of those who remained were the "portable" disciples of the Rev. Mr. Moon's Unification Church.

The young men, with their close-cropped hair and conservative suits — the young women in their neat dresses and sensible shoes were likened to "delegates to a Young Republican convention" by one man.

Many stood like sentries in the large room, their fresh, scrubbed faces fixed on their religious leader.

They were the same young people who packed the stands and waved "God Loves Nixon" signs at the White House treelighting ceremony in December.

The Rev. Mr. Moon, who earlier this month told President Nixon "not to knuckle under," kept the message nonpolitical — to words like good, evil, sin and repentance.

But as he spoke, about 25 persons chanted "Nix-on Moon" as they paraded in front of the inn. They carried signs urging Nixon's ouster and describing the Korean evangelist as a "fascist backed with U.S. money."

The Rev. Mr. Moon recently completed a 40-day "Forgive, Love, Unite" crusade in behalf of the Watergate-beleagured president.

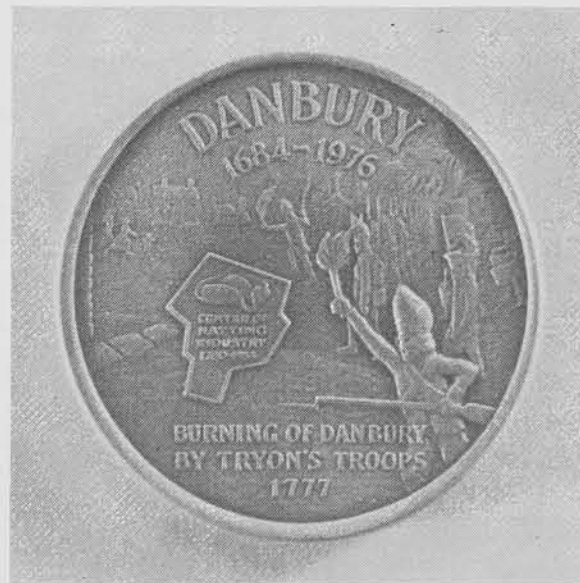
Regarded by some more orthodox Christian clergy as a sort of Korean-styled



Elmer Gantry, he reportedly has privileged relationship with the Korean military-backed leadership of President Park.

The church claims a worldwide membership of 500,000, with about 10,000 in the United States. There is a "core membership" in the U.S. of about 3,000 who hawk candy and peanuts in the streets to support their religious beliefs.

— *The Hartford Times*
Hartford, Connecticut
February 25, 1974



left: This American Revolution Bicentennial medallion was given to Our Master by the City of Danbury, Connecticut to commemorate His visit to Connecticut.

below: This medallion was presented to Our Master by Mr. Dow of the American Revolution Bicentennial Committee while He was on tour in Hartford. This medallion is given to only a limited number of distinguished persons.



Self-Appointed Messiah Leading Nixon Supporters

Washington Post Wire

WASHINGTON — Shortly before noon on the first of February the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, known variously among his followers as The Father of the Universe and the Messiah returned, was ushered into the presence of President Richard M. Nixon.

The chunky 54-year-old Korean Evangelist embraced Mr. Nixon and then prayed fervently in his native tongue while the president listened in silence. Mr. Moon ended the

House. No photographers were called in.

The previous morning Tricia Nixon Cox and her husband mingled with appreciative smiles among the disciples of Mr. Moon's Unification Church in Lafayette Square, across from the White House. There were characteristically well scrubbed and well-trimmed young men and women carrying signs proclaiming that "God Loves Nixon" and urging that all "Support our President."

The first family was clearly basking in the spiritual embrace of "the family" of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, of which Sun Myung founder, guiding light and — in accordance with his own theological precepts — the divine and ultimate master.

For 40 days at the turn of the year Mr. Moon and his followers waged a "Forgive. Love, Unite" crusade in behalf of the Watergate-besieged president of the United States through mass rallies, full-page newspaper ads and demonstrations staged in a dozen world capitals.

Each morning at the gates of the White House they prayed for forgiveness of Watergate. They packed the stands and waved "God loves Nixon" placards at the lighting of the National Christmas tree, thanks to an obliging national park service which awarded the Moonies 100 front-row gold-ticket positions, along with 1,100 other seats in the stands.

Mr. Moon said the decision to rally his followers behind the embattled president came to him as a direct revelation from God while he was resting in Korea from his 1973 coast-to-coast Evangelical "Day of Hope" stump of the United States.

The Rev. Mr. Moon will appear at an "Inaugural Banquet" at the Holiday Inn in Hartford on Feb. 23. He is scheduled to speak the following evening on "The New Future of Christianity." Local arrangements are being handled by The Unification Church, 750 Main St., Hartford, Katherine French, director.

audience with the exhortation: "Don't knuckle under to pressure. Stand up for your convictions."

Afterward the White House issued a brief announcement of the unscheduled visit. It explained that "the president wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank Reverend Moon for his support . . ." no other details of the session were provided by the White

Misrepresented

To the Editor of The Times:

We are writing this to correct and clarify the position of Reverend Sun Myung Moon which was misrepresented in the article you printed in The Hartford Times (Self-Appointed Messiah Leading Nixon Supporters, February 19), which you took from the Washington Post wire.

Your article says, "Reverend Moon's followers know him as the Father of the Universe and the Messiah returned." It would be much more accurate to say that Reverend Moon is bringing people to an awareness of what God is doing today and preparing for the New Age into which we are advancing. He is playing the role of forerunner to the New Age, something like the role of the Old Testament prophet Elijah.

Your article continues, "The first family was clearly basking in the spiritual embrace of 'the family' . . . Sun Myung founder, guiding light . . . the divine and ultimate master."

It seems strange that a Christian Korean evangelist is portrayed like some guru-type mystic from the East.

As you may know, Dr. Billy Graham, in a foreword to the book *Victor Over Persecution* by Koch, remarked that the faith of the Korean Christians is so strong that instead of missionaries being sent from the West to the East that soon missionaries will be sent from Korea to the West.

Reverend Martin Porter
Katherine French
Unification Church
Hartford

When the Lord appears in the world as a humble man of the flesh, he will be persecuted. However, he will later be lifted up to the throne of God, from which he will judge the people. But then it will be too late, because those people have done evil. They will be cast away.

God is love. He proclaims that before this day comes, He will announce the truth, by His servants, the prophets. Therefore He is declaring by this person, Reverend Moon, what will happen.

— "The New Future of Christianity"
Sun Myung Moon
February 28, 1974

Princeton

Proclamations were received from the mayors of the following:

- Borough of Hightstown
- Borough of Pennington
- Borough of Hopewell
- Township of Hopewell
- Borough of Highland Park
- City of Plainfield
- Borough of South River
- Borough of Princeton
- Township of Princeton
- Borough of Spotswood
- Township of Bridgewater
- Township of Piscataway
- Township of East Brunswick.

Honorary Citizenships were received from the mayors of the following:

- Borough of Hightstown
- Borough of Hopewell
- Township of Hopewell
- Borough of Highland Park
- City of Plainfield
- Borough of South River
- Borough of Spotswood
- Township of Bridgewater

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TRENTON, N. J., WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 1974



KOREAN EVANGELIST — Sun Myung Moon (left), Korean spiritualist who claims a 2 million-strong world wide following, speaks at Princeton's Nassau Inn last night. Moon, leader of the International Unification Church, addressed about 1,000 persons through his interpreter (right). Moon just completed a 40-day United States "Forgive, Love, Unite" tour.

State of New Jersey
Office of the Governor

Proclamation.

Whereas, the State of New Jersey, has beauty warmth and hospitality and,

Whereas, it is on the foundation of unity that our state has been able to flourish, and

Whereas, in these times of increasing conflict on every level of our society, the State of New Jersey is aware, that hope is the element that gives us strength:

Now therefore, I Brendan Byrne, Governor of the state of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim the days of February 26, 1974 to be

"DAY OF HOPE"

in New Jersey
Done this the 15 day of February, 1974.


governor

When God, as the Father of all men, is looking down on this world, at so many divided churches and so many denominations, who, in many cases, are fighting among themselves, He is grieved. This fact is really tragic. God knew there is an evil, a formidable evil power; the principality of evil is holding firmly the power of this earth. Evil is ready to destroy the Christian world by the ungodly ideology of Communism. And Christianity, on the other hand, instead of uniting themselves, are divided into their own self-interested fighting.

Christianity and the Christian world are chosen as the champion of God for the final dispensation. But when we are so blinded and short-sighted, then we are really bringing the Christian history into doom instead of prosperity. Time is urgent; the urgency of time is at hand. Do you have a clear-cut understanding of where Christianity is leading, where we are going, and what is our tomorrow? The more darkness falls, the more blindness comes upon us. Therefore, more and more each day we can see spiritual decline because we cannot see clearly the purpose and will of God.

— "The New Future of Christianity"
Sun Myung Moon
March 24, 1974

Wilmington

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the Korean Christian who founded the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, is due in Wilmington Feb. 27-28.

Moon, who has set for himself the gigantic task of unifying all Christianity, has attracted wide interest and controversy in Asia, Europe and the United States through his personal appearances. He will appear at a banquet in his honor Feb. 27, open by invitation only and is to address a public meeting on Feb. 20, time and place to be announced. His stop in northern Delaware is part of a tour of the United States begun last fall.

Area Unification adherents who hold forth at 2307 Baynard Blvd., are obviously excited about their international leader's appearance in Delaware and the chance to meet Moon face to face. In fact, they are a little awestruck at the prospect and admit unashamedly to a bit of hero worship.

The young adults who mostly make up the Unification movement in Delaware for the most part go about their dedicated religious life quietly.

They became visible in an in-costume rally in Rodney Square one recent morning to center on an effort for national peace and reconciliation. And they also rallied in Washington with others of their faith in mid-January.

—*Evening Journal*
Wilmington, Delaware
February 2, 1974

The Wilmington Unification Church "family" is looking for a large house to rent, with option to buy, in preparation for the coming of their international leader, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, Feb. 27 and 28.

Miss Nan Crist, Delaware representative for the Unification group which works out of headquarters at 2307 Baynard Blvd., said a house is being sought "because we don't want our leader to stay in a hotel."

In Tarrytown, N.Y. in 1972, followers provided Moon with an \$850,000 estate and concentrated on selling candles for 40 straight days to help pay for it. They brought in over \$500,000.

Moon will be accompanied to Wilmington by his wife, his interpreter (Moon speaks Korean) and other aides.

Miss Crist said also the Wilmington group will be assisted in preparations, including financing, by an international bus team, whose French leader has already arrived. Quarters are being sought for the 70-some team members.

A large church accommodations or some other large facility is being sought. "We all work together, pray together, and plan together, so we all like to stay together," Miss Crist said.

Finding a place large enough to line up that many sleeping bags may be a problem. But everything is apt to be very proper. Followers of Moon and his Unification movement are forbidden to smoke, drink alcohol or take drugs or engage in pre-marital sex.

—*Evening Journal*
Wilmington, Delaware
February 14, 1974



above: *New Hope Singers International*



STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT
GOVERNOR

February 26, 1974

Mr. Guido Lombardi
Unification Church
Director for Delaware
2307 Bayard Boulevard
Wilmington, Delaware

Dear Mr. Lombardi

As you are aware, I have been extremely occupied lately with the gasoline crisis in our State.

But I wanted to take a moment to thank you and the other members of the Unification Church whom I listened to at St. Mark's High School in Wilmington last week.

It was most thoughtful of you to appear there and raise your voices in song. Voices used in peace rather than protest are refreshing.

As I stood listening to your group before I entered the meeting with service station owners and operators, I remembered that famous quote from the late Sir Winston Churchill. And I shared it with all of you at the time: "Democracy is the worst form of government, except all others."

Our system is not flawless. There will be times, like last week, when various and earnest differences of opinion will manifest themselves. But in our free society, dissent is allowed. And this freedom of expression is a good thing. The various sides come together, try to work out a solution and share ideas to gain understanding.

And we in government try, with integrity, to make our system work for the betterment of all our people.

And on behalf of all Delawareans, I personally thank each of you for making your own contribution that day.

Sincerely,

Sherman W. Tribbitt
Governor

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The Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Sun Myung Moon speaks on love and world unity

By Eileen C. Spraker

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon came to Wilmington last night for the first of a two-night stand and was greeted like a king as he stepped out of his limousine with his entourage.

He spoke to about 150 invited guests in the Hotel du Pont Gold Ballroom on love and world unity and the special brand of Christianity espoused by his newly founded Unification Church.

Jesus People milled outside the hotel, passing out evangelistic tracts and a statement on "The Doctrinal Errors of Sun Moon," offering telephone numbers both in Wilmington and Newark for clarification.

Among the guests at the banquet were Lt. Gov. Eugene D. Bookhammer and State Treasurer Mary D. Jorlin. James E. Panyard represented Mayor Thomas C. Maloney of Wilmington. Only about 40

of the more than 70 young people who have been heralding Moon's coming around Wilmington for the past three weeks attended.

The One-World Crusade group of internationals arrived by van about three weeks ago and has been working with the small group in Wilmington selling flowers to help defray costs of the Moon visit.

Many of them had dinner as usual at Union United Methodist Church at 5th and Washington Sts., which has loaned facilities for the duration. Some later showed up in long white dresses and dress suits to sing for the audience.

Moon had done his homework. He knew all about Caesar Rodney and his historic ride to Philadelphia, proclaimed that "God loves Delaware" and that he, Moon, personally "loves each one of you deeply."

Speaking in Korean translated by an aide Moon warmed up with gestures, his voice rising to higher pitch as he got into his message.

The small Korean religious leader emphasized happiness, freedom, love, ideals and joy, and cited "services to others" as the deepest expression of love.

Guido Lombardi, who has been working closely with the Unification "family" in its house at 2307 Baynard Blvd., was master of ceremonies. Neil Albert Salonen, from Washington, the national president of the Unification Church in the United States, claimed the movement which Moon started in Korea in 1954 now encompasses all 50 states in the U.S. with about 10,000 members, most of them young adults.

Moon came to Wilmington from Princeton, N.J. and after a lecture tonight at 8 at the

Hotel Du Pont, will be off to Richmond, Va. tomorrow and Saturday and then on to Charleston, W. Va. Sunday and Monday.

Aides said he would be returning to his \$350,000 estate near Tarrytown, N.Y. last night and would be driving down to Wilmington by limousine again tonight for his public lecture. "It's the only way he can spend any time with his children," said Daisaku Ohnuki, a Japanese native who has been working with the Unification movement in this country for nearly 10 years.

Moon is the father of seven children. They are all with him in this country.

The Unification Church leader has been in the States for the past five months on a tour of 21 cities. His current tour will take him to another 40 cities in a grand swing to be completed in 64 days.

The month-long bally-hoo is over.

The followers of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon will be moving out of borrowed quarters in Union United Methodist Church at 5th and Washington Sts. this morning, moving on to set the scene for another stop on his current tour of 40 cities.

They'll be singing their songs and making their speeches in other squares as they pass out their flyers and aggressively sell their carnations — or whatever flowers they can buy wholesale and sell for \$1 or \$2 donations.

In a way, their way of life is a little scary.

They have cut short their education or careers to follow the Korean-born, deposed Presbyterian minister, who in 1954 founded his own church, the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity.

Who supports the work of the church?

"We do," they'll tell you, and they point to their flower sales, their candle, peanut, candy sales or whatever.

One of Moon's aides at a banquet for a select 150 guest list at Hotel Du Pont Gold Ballroom Wednesday night confided that the Ginseng Tea company, which Moon and the church own, is the biggest corporation in Korea. Moon's movement, too, is a bit unusual in that it is dedicated to reconciliation and harmony among all peoples, but lists among its various business enterprises an air rifle factory in Korea.

One Wilmington area parent said "The press owes it to the public to expose this movement. The kids are being exploited."

She tells about her 21-year-old daughter, whom she says has been so brainwashed, and is so surrounded by Unification-ers when she comes home to visit that she never has any time for a good mother-daughter talk.

"She sometimes takes in \$90 a day selling flowers, but she wears sneakers with holes in them. She has no money to buy shoes," the mother says.

But, Nan Christ, the acting Delaware representative for the Unification movement, which has a Wilmington house at 2307 Baynard Blvd., says her parents are pleased with her involvement in the church. "especially my father."

Another Brandywine Hundred parent says her son, a college graduate, has been working in Maryland.

She claims the Moon movement operates its centers "like a military camp" and she is convinced that all her phone calls to her son are screened.

The youth do work hard at their street selling . . . "begging," one mother says disdainfully.

Yet the dinner served at the Hotel the other night must have been a top menu moneywise on the hotel's offerings: thick slices of prime rib, baked potatoes, green beans, salad, fresh fruit cup and a fancy sundae.

One parent said her son was brought into the movement when he was feeling pretty down and out after exams at college and was offered "a vacation at a nice resort" —

room, board, and transportation from Newark for \$15.

The resort was the Unification center called "Belvedere" near Tarrytown, N.Y. It's an estate bought for \$850,000 about a year ago and used as a training and conference center.

Moon has stated that to unify the world will take great sacrifice.

He sums it up in one of his lectures, "America in God's Providence": "The Unification Church was formed to develop the providence of God. The spirit of the Unification Church is first to sacrifice the individual to find the family. We sacrifice the family to find other families, to find the nation, we sacrifice the tribe; and to find God's world, we sacrifice the nation."

One parent who backs her son's participation in the movement is Ms. Arline Honey, who said recently she thinks it's refreshing to see young people demonstrating for something. Moon followers demonstrated in Washington in January in support of President Nixon.

So far, membership in this country is low. National president Neil A. Salonen claims only 10,000 in 120 cities. But the Moonies have a drive and enthusiasm that rivals that of Mormons and even Jehovah's Witnesses, who up to now have surpassed in zeal.

— The Morning News

Wilmington, Delaware
Friday, March 1, 1974



STATE OF DELAWARE
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
DOVER

SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT
GOVERNOR

STATEMENT BY
GOVERNOR SHERMAN W. TRIBBITT
IN OBSERVANCE OF
A DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

WHEREAS, we have been in an era when divisions between different races, governments, peoples and socio-economic classes have created a state of misunderstanding; and

WHEREAS, in these times of increasing conflict on every level of our society, the State of Delaware can serve as an example to the United States and to the world by initiating and displaying the spirit and action of unification of heart and purpose of our many peoples and groups;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Sherman W. Tribbitt, Governor of the State of Delaware, do hereby declare February 27, 1974 as

A DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in the State of Delaware, and recognize that the deep spirit of unity and hope amidst divisiveness, may well serve to strengthen our State.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Sherman W. Tribbitt".

Governor

City of Wilmington
Delaware

Proclamation: WEEK OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

WHEREAS, the search for peace and understanding among all nations must continue; and

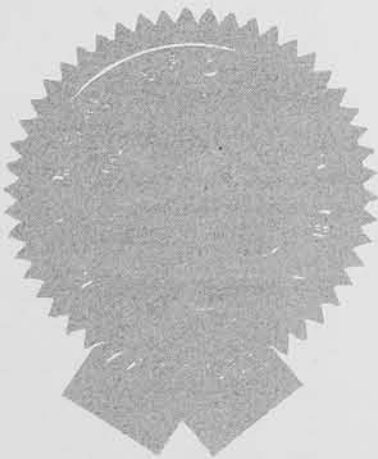
WHEREAS, that search, to be successful will require unity among the seekers; and

WHEREAS, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, will be in Wilmington to appeal to all citizens to join together in a bond of peace and understanding;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, THOMAS C. MALONEY, Mayor of the City of Wilmington, Delaware do hereby proclaim the week of February 24, 1974 to March 2, 1974 as

A WEEK OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

in the City of Wilmington and urge all citizens to renew their dedication to brotherhood and human understanding.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal of Office this 27th day of FEBRUARY, 1974.

Thomas C. Maloney
MAYOR

Attest: Lew J. Marshall

Richmond

A team of 70 Germans selling peanuts and candy are deluging the Richmond metropolitan area with information about the Unification Church International in preparation for a lecture here next Saturday by its leader, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon of South Korea.

Mr. Moon is scheduled to speak next Saturday at 8 p.m. in the business building auditorium at Virginia Commonwealth University. His topic will be "The New Future of Christianity."



Staff Photo by Gary Burn

BANQUET FRIDAY

The workers also are inviting political, business, religious, educational, media, military and other organizational leaders to a banquet in honor of Mr. Moon on Friday at the Hotel John Marshall.

Posters, full-page newspaper ads and radio and television announcements also are part of their two-week campaign here financed by sales of their wares.

The 30 individuals raising the money for the free invitational dinner and lecture are collecting from \$50 to \$100 a day each, according to Paul Werner, president of the Unification Church in Germany and supervisor of the local project.

Werner's team is one of about 10 international groups traveling primarily in the United States to strike up interest in Mr. Moon's third speaking tour of 40 cities.

STRICT STANDARD

"The U.S. is the last foothold for God," said Werner, an aggressive, articulate spokesman for the movement. "Communism preaches the anti-Christ. The U.S. must stay in good shape and help other nations so that all the world can have freedom," he said.

Other smaller teams of about 20 members each travel regularly from city to city in the U.S. spreading the ideology. The church's center here at 3608 Hawthorne Ave. is about two years old. Two other centers in the state are located in Charlottesville and Reston.

—*The Richmond News Leader*
Richmond, Virginia
February 23, 1974

One World Unification

Angelika Walther (center) is among 70 missionaries from West Germany here to gather support for a lecture March 2 of Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church. Moon, who will speak at 8 p.m. in the Business Building Auditorium at Virginia Commonwealth University, will be here as part of a 32-city tour, which so far has included a plea for support of President Nixon. The new denomination,

which preaches the sacredness of the family concept and the ultimate victory of democracy over communism, was accused last week by Kim Kwan Syk, general secretary of the National Council of Churches of Korea, where the movement began, of being a "cult...which has been undermining the established church."

—*Richmond Times-Dispatch*
Richmond, Virginia
Saturday, February 23, 1974

While the 150 guests dined on sirloin steaks, a quartet played soft, pleasant instrumental music.

That scene last night was a religious function in the Patrick Henry-Jackson rooms of the Hotel John Marshall. The invited guests supped at a banquet put on by the Unification Church, a worldwide movement claiming two million followers, including 10,000 in the United States.

Mr. Moon gave the audience a smattering of his views — that the United States is the center of the "Free World," that the "Unification Principle" of "love" will unite all persons and religions in the world and that families are essential to salvation because the coming Christ will marry and the union will demonstrate the perfect family relationship.

Before the program ended, Mr. Moon was presented a medallion of the City of Richmond by City Councilman Wayland W. Rennie. The movement, according to a follower, solicits such momentos for Mr. Moon. The Unification Church center is located at 3608 Hawthorne Ave.

Gesticulating and grinning, Mr. Moon claimed his role as the link between God and man. He praised Virginia as the "cradle" of democracy and freedom. "God bless America," he concluded.

—*The Richmond News Leader*
Richmond, Virginia
March 2, 1974

Sun Myung Moon, founder of the worldwide Unification Church, fulfilled yesterday his much advertised promise and brought his brand of civil religion to Richmond.

Moon, who is here as part of a 40-city tour, spoke to a gathering of about 160 select individuals during a banquet featuring sirloin strip steaks in the Patrick Henry and Jackson rooms of Hotel John Marshall.

Moon, who in recent weeks has won conservative support in this nation by his support of President Nixon, said he believes God has a special love for the United States. He added that because of Virginia's history, the state is playing an integral part in his movement.

Moon, told the group that he has "learned to travel in the spirit world. . . . The most stunning reality of a fundamental truth I found in the spirit world was that the way of life there is organized...according to the way of life of God."

Calling this life a "temporary world," he said that by living the idea of giving total love to others, people will make denominational walls and racism "collapse" and will find themselves closer to God.

—*Richmond Times-Dispatch*
Richmond, Virginia
February 23, 1974

Charleston

The Unification Church is staging a rally at the Lee Street Triangle from noon until 1 p.m. today in support of the church's "One World Crusade."

The rally will also draw attention to a talk on "The New Future of Christianity" at 8 p.m. Monday in The Charleston House by Sun Myung Moon, who founded the new religious sect in Korea in 1954.

— *The Charleston Gazette*
Charleston, West Virginia
February 28, 1974



West Virginia Family members pause with Our Master, Mother, and Mrs. Choi during a sight-seeing jaunt.

New Church Aims Appeal At Ideals, Anti-Communism

Metropolitan Charleston during the next two weeks will be the center of an intensive missionary campaign by the International Unification Church, which by its own admission, is not seeking converts from organized denominations.

The appeal largely is to young people through an idealistic view of Christianity by the unification of the spiritual and physical worlds, and anti-Communism.

Use of drugs, alcohol and tobacco are banned and free sex is frowned upon at the centers, one of which has been established in Charleston at 1520 Huron Terrace.

"Existing churches needn't feel threatened by us," church literature states. "We don't want to steal denominational Christians away from their churches; we only want to inform them how to establish an ideal world based upon God's universal principles . . . Even if they accept our teaching, they can stay in their churches if they choose."

Some local clergymen who have granted the Unification Church an opportunity to speak at various meetings are skeptical. "No matter how you look at it, they're trying to take our young people," one minister commented.

For the local crusade, 70 missionaries from Europe and Asia, most of them young people, have been brought into the area and are conducting public rallies, making home visitations, and appearing in local churches where invitations have been extended.



Activities this weekend will center on the founder, Mr. Moon, in whose honor a banquet will be held Sunday night at the Heart O'Town Motor Inn with a representative list of local guests invited, including politically and socially prominent residents.

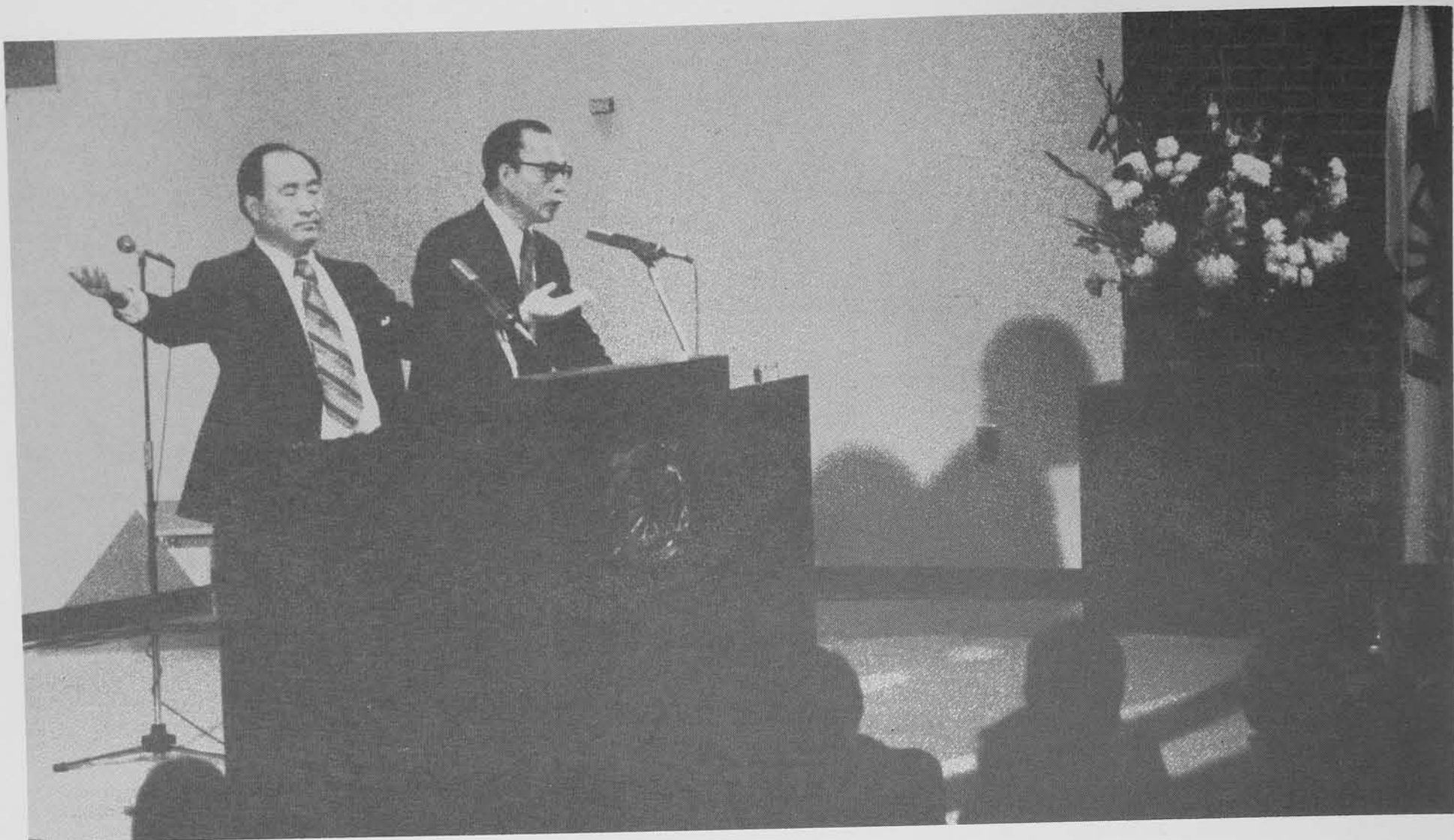
Local membership figures are vague, and the two-week Crusade, according to Dr. Sheftick, is intended to "test the climate" and to inform Charleston and West Virginia of the unification principles underlying Mr. Moon's movement.

On Monday night, in the auditorium of the Charleston House, Mr. Moon will give a public lecture, outlining his unification philosophy and giving his audience a glimpse of "The New Future of Christianity" which he says stems from divine revelations, beginning when he was 16.

Part of the revelation is that the East is to be a missionary to western Christianity and that the return of Christ will take place in Korea.

No expense is being spared to make Mr. Moon's visit, one of 32 on his current itinerary, a success. There will be no charge for the banquet and no charge for the lecture, according to Dr. Joseph Sheftick, director of field activities for the American branch.

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Oriental Evangelist: Give Judas A Medal

By **GEORGE ARMSTRONG**
Of The Daily Mail Staff

John the Baptist, not Judas, was the betrayer of Christ, according to the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the International Unification Church, in a lecture last night in the Charleston House.

The thrust of Mr. Moon's revelation was that God did not anticipate a world that required salvation, nor was the crucifixion part of God's plan.

"It doesn't make sense for God to be nailed on the cross," Mr. Moon told his audience which numbered perhaps 500 but dwindled to less than half as he took nearly two hours to make his final revelation that Christ will come again not "as a cloud from heaven," as indicated in Revelations, but as a "physical person."

Mr. Moon drew a parallel between today's world and that which existed at the time of Christ.

"After 4,000 years of preparation," Mr. Moon said, "Christ arrived on time at the appropriate hour but there was no acceptance, no welcome, because the people of Israel were chained to Old Testament prophecy."

Today, there must be preparation, with people ready to give Christ "red carpet" treatment, and Christians must be willing to sacrifice themselves, and not to selfishly believe that Christ is coming to save only Christians.

Mr. Moon said it has been revealed to him that John the Baptist failed in his mission as a prophet, and, instead of proclaiming himself as the prophet Elijah, thus fulfilling Old Testament prophecy,

questioned whether Jesus was the Son of God.

"There was no excuse for him not believing, not assisting," Mr. Moon said. "If he had become the chief disciple of Christ as ordained, the leaders and the chosen people of Israel would have accepted Christ. Instead, he was regarded as a swindler and was crucified."

"God knew Jesus could not break through the ignorance and adopted an alternative mission for Christ—to give His body as a ransom."

Judas, according to Mr. Moon, should be given a medal for helping God with his second plan for salvation.

God's strategy today is to communicate with his people of righteousness in code and symbols so as not to prematurely divulge his plans to the

followers of Satan, who today rule the world.

"Good needs a champion... we must become one. Christianity is divided," Mr. Moon said, "blinded, striving after our own interests."

God, however, will make preparations so that history will not be repeated, "will prepare a nation like America to be ready."

Just as Israel expected Elijah to return in a chariot of fire and proclaim the Messiah, Mr. Moon said Christ today might be rejected and put into the electric chair because he does not come "like a cloud from heaven."

Billy Graham, he hinted, could be the new Elijah and John the Baptist, but there was also the veiled suggestion that perhaps he, Mr. Moon, is that prophet.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon: Messiah to 'Family' . . .

By Laurence Stern and William R. MacKaye

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Shortly before noon on the first of February the Rev. Sun Myung Moon, known variously among his followers as The Father of the Universe and the Messiah returned, was ushered into the presence of President Richard M. Nixon.

The chunky, 54-year-old Korean evangelist embraced Nixon and then prayed fervently in his native tongue while the President listened in silence. Mr. Moon ended the audience with the exhortation: "Don't knuckle under to pressure. Stand up for your convictions."

Afterward the White House issued a brief announcement of the unscheduled visit. It explained that "The President wanted to take the opportunity to personally thank the Rev. Moon for his support."

No other details of the session were provided by the White House. No photographers were called in.

The previous morning, Tricia Nixon Cox and her husband mingled with appreciative smiles among the disciples of Mr. Moon's unification church in LaFayette Square, across from the White House. They were characteristically well-scrubbed and well-trimmed young men and women carrying signs proclaiming that "God Loves Nixon" and urging that all "Support Our President."

The First Family was clearly basking in the spiritual embrace of "The Family" of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, of which Sun Myung Moon ("Shining Beauty") is founder, guiding light and — in accordance with his own theological precepts — the divine and ultimate master.

FOR 40 DAYS at the turn of the year Mr. Moon and his followers waged a "Forgive, Love, Unite" crusade in behalf of the Watergate-besieged President of the United States through mass rallies, full-page newspaper ads and demonstrations staged in a dozen world capitals.



THE REV. SUN MYUNG MOON PREACHES UNITY
He Will Speak Here Monday Night

MR. MOON himself is an enigma — the central personality in a constellation of related religious, financial and political enterprises which operate on a worldwide scale.

In the United States he has gathered behind him thousands of young adherents from college campuses and city streets, some disenchanting fugitives from the New Left, some stalwarts from the ranks of organized conservatism. Most of all, however, the ranks of Mr. Moon's "family" — as the faithful call themselves — are filled with the apolitical young, floundering in search of meanings and certainties.

Among the constituency of true believers many see him as the Messiah returned to complete his work. Mr. Moon claims no divine status—he does not deny it either — but preaches that Christ will be born again in Korea in our time. The theme is a pervasive one in the unorthodox Korean Christian cults from which Mr. Moon's own doctrine sprang.

The established, mainline Christian churches both in the United States and Korea generally take a less admiring view. In these ecclesiastical circles, Mr. Moon is regarded as a religious quack, a Korean-style Elmer Gantry who enjoys a warm and privileged relationship with the military-backed dictatorship headed by President Park.

PARK HAS BEEN jailing Christian clergymen in Korea in reprisal for the church's opposition to his regime's repressive policies. Unlike most of his countrymen, Moon and his principal supporters enjoy unrestricted travel and exchange privileges from the Park government.

In Seoul, Gen. Sec. Kim Kwan Suk of the Korean national council of churches told Washington Post correspondent Don Oberdorfer that Mr. Moon's religion "is not a church. It is a cult. A new sect which has been undermining the established church."

During a row between the major church organizations and the Unification group in 1968 a group of Moon's followers — in a widely publicized incident — poured a pot of urine and feces on the head of a Seoul national university professor of religion.

At one point in the earlier days of the church, Moon was arrested on a morals charge — the date was July 4, 1955 — and a group of professorial and student followers were expelled from Ewha Women's University in Seoul. The church was a subject of controversy and scandalous rumors in the leading dailies of the Korean capital.

In financial solvency, institutional discipline and top management, it far surpasses such other rival youth cults of Guru Mararajji followers and the Hare Krishna devotees.

Cash contributions are currently flowing into the Unification coffers at a rate of \$6 million annually, says the church's acting U.S. president, Neil Albert Salonen, a 27-year-old former group leader in the Dale Carnegie Institute.

Within the past 18 months, the Moonies have bought two mansions in Westchester County, N.Y. — the \$850,000 Belvedere estate overlooking the Hudson that belonged to the Seagram distilling family, and the \$625,000 Exquisite Acres estate previously inhabited by the owners of Maidenform bra. The Maidenform property, now named East Garden, is the U.S. domicile of Mr. Moon and his family, who have permanent residency visas in the United States.

The church has just completed a \$1.5 million deal to buy the Christian Brothers Seminary in Barrytown, N.Y., with a \$350,000 downpayment payable over the first three months of ownership. It is, furthermore, a cosigner or direct lender for real estate worth an additional \$600,000 purchased by 15 regional unification church centers throughout the country.

The church claims a worldwide membership of 500,000 with some 10,000 active followers in the United States and a full-time "core membership" of 3,000 who sell candles, peanuts, flowers and "granariums" — bottled arrangements of dried flowers and seeds — on the streets. It is an economic activity, falling somewhere between panhandling and sidewalk capitalism, that is pursued with dawn-to-dusk fervor by the members of the family.

CHURCH SPOKESMEN insist that this is where most of the cash comes from, along with a few church-operated cottage industries scattered through the country. (One true-believer, however, recently turned over her legacy of \$300,000 in stocks and bonds.)

The economic miracle of the church's growth occurred mainly in the last three years, when receipts soared from

\$100,000 to the current gross of \$6 million. "We never expected anything like it," Salonen acknowledged with a broad smile during an interview in the church's Washington headquarters.

The secrets of Mr. Moon's personal finances are inscribed in separate, private books and apparently are unknown even to the highest officials of his church. His net worth has been widely reported to be in the range of \$15 million, although he was flat broke.

Mr. Moon said the decision to rally his followers behind the embattled President came to him as a direct revelation from God while he was resting in Korea from his 1973 coast-to-coast evangelical "Day of Hope" stump of the United States.

"We were all eyewitnesses to America's assassination of President John F. Kennedy in 1963," Mr. Moon proclaimed in full-page ads purchased in leading U.S. dailies early last December, "but today, without many realizing it, America is in the process of slowly killing her President again . . . 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"

"At this moment in history God has chosen Richard Nixon to be President of the United States . . ."

That was the message of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and it resounded loud and clear wherever he spoke.

Mr. Moon's business card lists him as chairman of the board and founder of five companies, which manufacture a variety of products such as titanium, ginseng tea (a Korean blend) and air rifles. These industries, according to church officials in Seoul, are not part of the church's estate. They belong to Mr. Moon, although his only visible source of capital has been the alms gathered in by the faithful.

STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
CHARLESTON

A P R O C L A M A T I O N
By the Governor

WHEREAS, Unity and understanding strengthen our communities and growth in unity and harmony is beneficial to all our citizens; and

WHEREAS, It is hoped that all citizens unite in their affirmation of our country's birthright and our national dedication and hope guaranteeing freedom for all men; and

WHEREAS, In these times of increasing conflict on every level of our society, West Virginia can serve as an example to these United States and to the world by meeting the challenge of these times, by working to bridge the gap of separation.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, ARCH A. MOORE, JR., Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby proclaim the week of March 3, 1974 through March 9, 1974, as a

WEEK OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

and the day of March 3, 1974, as a

DAY OF HOPE AND UNIFICATION

throughout the great State of West Virginia and to recognize the fact that unity of purpose strengthens our State.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State to be affixed.

DONE at the Capitol in the
City of Charleston, State
of West Virginia, this the
28th day of February,
in the year of our Lord, One
Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-
four and in the One hundred
Eleventh year of the State.


Arch A. Moore, Jr.
GOVERNOR

BY THE GOVERNOR:

Edgar F. Herdell
SECRETARY OF STATE



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ATTORNEY GENERAL

March 1, 1974

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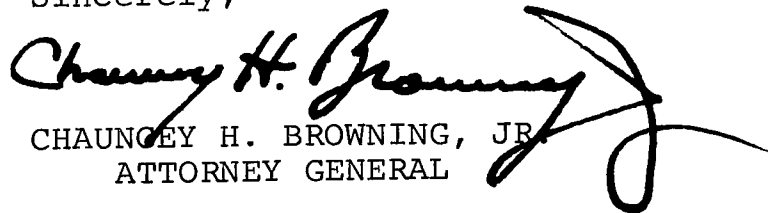
Dear Members:

It was with genuine and sincere regret that I was compelled to notify your gracious representative of my inability to attend the 1974 Day of Hope Dinner to be held in Charleston on Sunday evening. Had my convalescent period from major surgery been completed, it would have been my pleasure to have personally participated in the honoring of The Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

Having read the brochure concerning The Reverend Moon with considerable care, it is unquestionably my loss that I must miss an opportunity to meet him and listen to his message. The history of Reverend Moon makes it convincingly clear that he is a man of marked distinction who has attained significant international accomplishments. His commitment to world unity through the brotherhood of man is having increased success and the appeal his purposes have to so many of the world's young people is both remarkable and encouraging. Indeed, it is inspirationally heartening.

I am thankful for your invitation and of the interest you had in me. Please extend my best wishes to Reverend Moon for his continued success and for taking time to be with West Virginians who are members and friends of The Unification Church of West Virginia. Hopefully, he will visit here again.

Sincerely,


CHAUNCEY H. BROWNING, JR.
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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