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by Red Smith

April 11, 1976

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April 25, 1976

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"By the Light of the
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by Ira Pearlstein

April 1976

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by Michael Pousner

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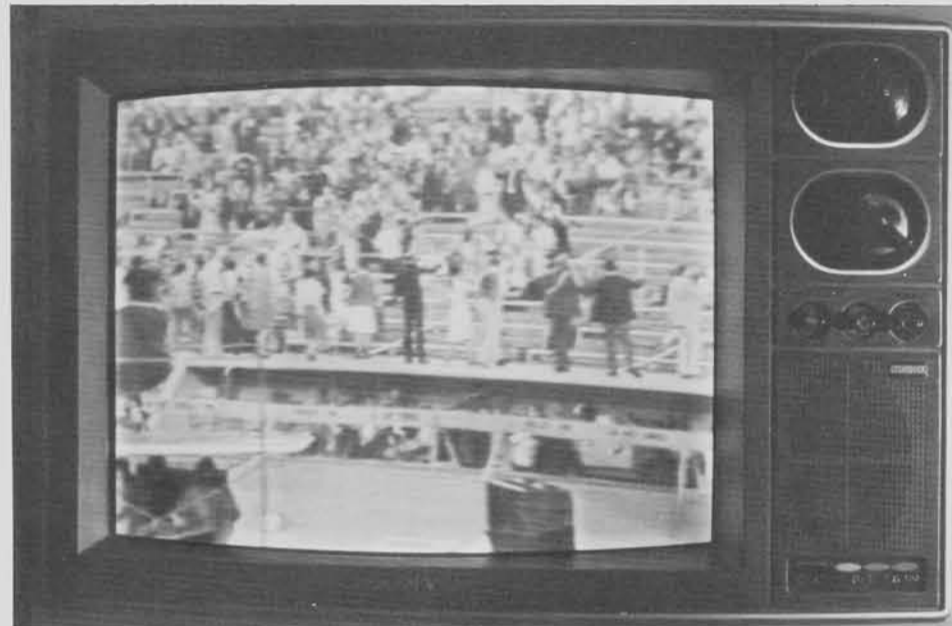
P. Lee Miller

Pre-Rally Coverage



The TV news media showed a lot of mixed feelings toward the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival held by Rev. Moon. Reports prior to the rally reflect total optimism as well as pessimism, complete support of Rev. Moon as well as ridicule. Today was the day for the scheduled Bicentennial God Bless America Rally, as well as the day in which parents held an anti-Moon rally.

Without exception, every station included reports from anti-Moon parents, adversaries of the movement and ex-members. Following are some of their comments:



It turned out to be a very heavy thing and it wasn't until the end of the first week that I found out that it had anything to do with Moon, and I had never heard about Moon before.... I think he's up to something very, very terrible. And he has tremendous power, and he must be a brilliant manipulator.

They get people who are in a vulnerable state of mind and depressed or blue about something or not feeling well and they suck them into their two or three day seminar and then it's a one week seminar and then it's a twenty-one day seminar and before you know it they don't have minds of their own to think with.

They told these kids to go and ask for money. If there's a sign that says beware of the dog, wild dog, go in. You're doing it for... you're doing it for God... ask them for money. Don't tell them it's the Unification Church. Use any pretense. Use education. Use, that it's for dope. Do anything. Just get money. Some of them collected from \$500 to \$1000 a day on this candy. Some of them would go to supermarkets and get the left-over food for nothing. But all these kids will do anything, like cleaning the streets. It's nothing to them. They do what they're told to do.

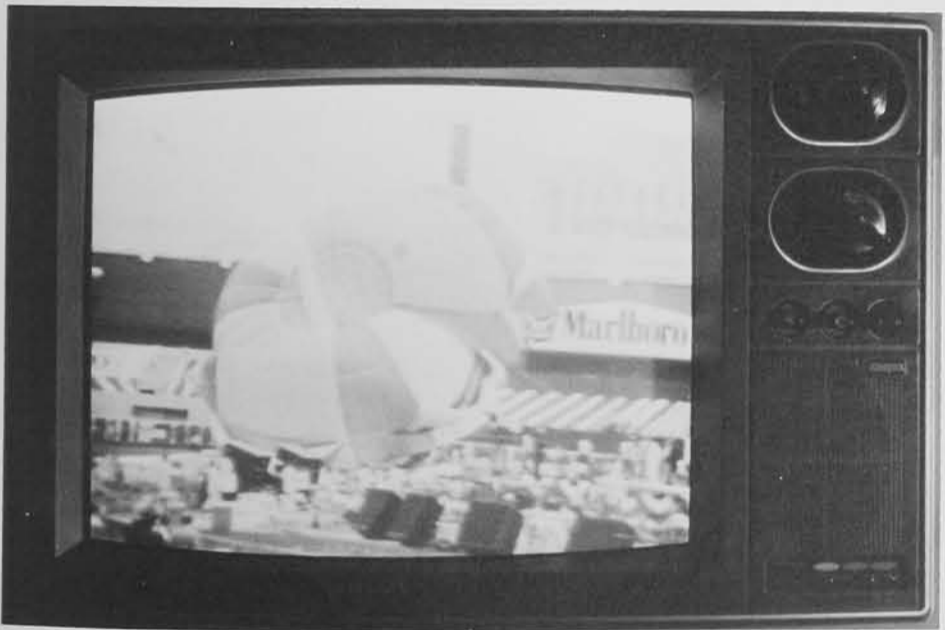
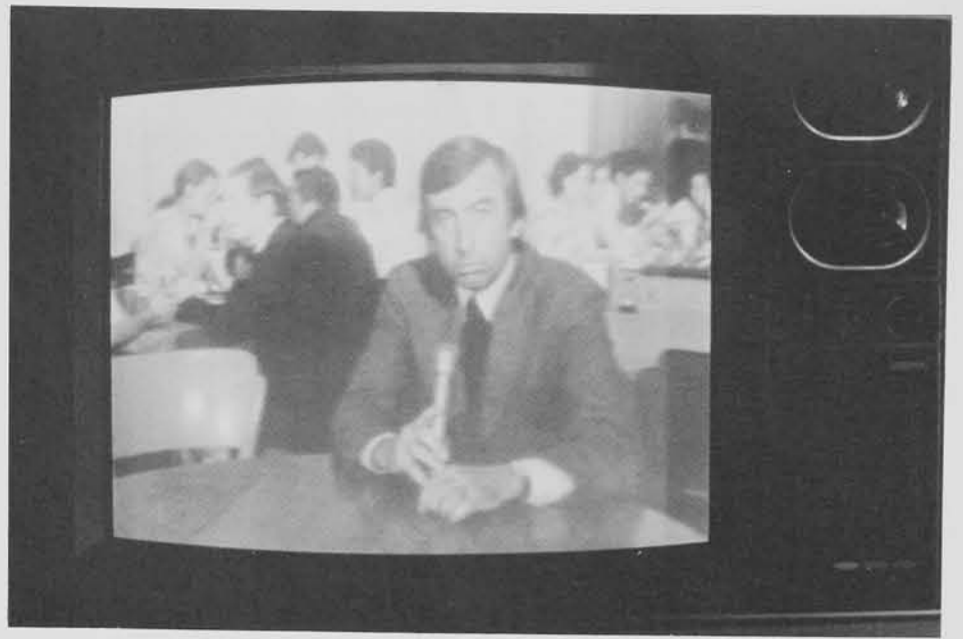
Moon feels that his mission is to mobilize an ideological army of young people to unite the world and open a new age of faith. Sounds harmless and even idealistic enough, but then Moon goes on to add, "... what I wish must be your wish..."

He comes to this country under the guise of this historical religious campaign but his main message is simply a political one, anti-communism and keep working people in their place.

It was obvious that the parents found some sympathy from the media. One reporter's commentary was:

Sun Myung Moon, the profit-making prophet came under attack today as a tyrant, a slavemaster, even a Hitler. The Korean cult leader and wealthy gun manu-





facturer was blasted by a group of parents from all over the country who came here because they say their sons and daughters were or still are held in the gravitational pull of Moon's teachings.... The parents admit that they are relatively helpless against Moon's overwhelming methods of mind-bending and money. But they say they are determined to move heaven and earth if they have to, to see to it that Moon and his millions are investigated from top to bottom.

But although the coverage was clearly sympathetic with the church's critics, a number of pro-Moon parents, offered words of support. One parent, who investigated the charges of the critics by making unannounced visits, said:

I have never found any kind of evidence of brainwashing, no powder sprinkled in the food, no sleep deprivation, nothing but a very stimulating and high quality life.

And some parents at the rally:

It was wonderful. It's a growing organization in this country and it's really very, very nice.... I'm very, very proud of my son here. He has two degrees from college and I'm very proud of him.

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My children were running around rather aimlessly and could not become motivated. So that eventually one day they went off with their packs on their backs and said that they were going to New York to join this organization and after that they got their hair cut and they've gone to school and they know how to express themselves. It's a wonderful organization.

Warren Lewis, a professor at the Unification Theological Seminary in Barrytown said of Rev. Moon:

When I'm in Rev. Moon's presence, ah yes, that's the word, one is in the presence of some very special kind of person. I don't think he is the Lord of the Second Advent, okay, but maybe we've got a man like a Luther or a Calvin or a St. Thomas Aquinas, somebody like that on our hands.

As one commentator summarized:

Why do they follow Moon? Mostly for a set of high ideals they say they find nowhere else. They are a mass movement following a prophet.

A lot of controversy was reported on June 1st, but the spirit of the Moon followers was undaunted. Michael Warder, a spokesman for the church, put it this way when asked to comment on the negative publicity by parents of members:

I'd just like to point out that there are 1,200 parents who spent two days at the New Yorker Hotel with their children for a program especially for them to find out the truth about the movement and they are all in the stadium now. I'm very happy to report that.

Outside Yankee Stadium, a reporter commented on the spectacle which occurred before the rally. The Hare Krishna was just one of many unexpected events, which included people passing out literature and proseletizing for various competing religions.

Asked whether he viewed the spectacle outside the stadium as opposition, Michael Warder replied:





I don't see them as opposition. Do you see them as opposition? I don't think [Rev. Moon] looks on them as opposition. I think it's part of the spectacle that we're seeing here today. It's a fantastic spiritual experience.

But perhaps the most unexpected—or the most important “expected eventuality”—was the rain. And the way the members reacted to the rain was also a surprise. Reports stated it like this:

Last time we talked to you at 5:00 the heavens had opened and it was pouring here, but the 10,000 or so Moonies who had already gathered inside Yankee Stadium were undaunted. They immediately started singing “You Are My Sunshine” and apparently whoever they knew, the influence is strong enough because the clouds parted and the sun is shining now, and it looks like tonight is going to be a nice evening.

...despite the threat of all of this awful weather the members of the Unification Church were predicting confidently all along that they would turn out enough people to fill Yankee Stadium and then some... They let people inside sometime around 4:30, and the heavens broke loose at about twenty to five, but that did not dampen the spirits of the Moonies. Some of them cleared away under the eaves but the rest of them just stood up singing their chants. So, that's still going on inside now as far as we know. They're singing, they're smiling and they're still planning to go on with the program... there will have to be some brave souls who will be willing to bear a lot of bad weather. It's awful wet here.

The skies are clear as of this moment, but a half hour ago it was darker by far. Just before 5:00 the lowering skies realized their threat and it poured. The Moonies raised their voices in song and chant and tried to chase that rain away. Well, apparently they succeeded because just about 20 minutes ago the skies cleared.

The rain didn't dampen the spirits inside. Even if the reporters wanted to give the downpour a negative angle, there was none to be found in optimistic church members. Asked after the thunderstorm if he still expected to fill the stadium, Michael Warder responded:

Well, with the good weather... I think we are. It was a little doubtful there when there was so much thunderstorm... but the weather changed immediately and I think we will... Well the program starts at 7:00, we've got one hour. The weather has cleared, I'm happy to report. So why doesn't everyone come on out... I really think we are going to fill up the stadium.

To which the reporter quipped:

Optimism and reality. Well, that's all I can say.

—Chris Ching

Post-Rally Coverage

WPIX was the only station that gave us permission to reprint their entire news transcript of the Yankee Stadium Rally. Therefore, for the sake of history, we reproduced this transcript in its entirety.

Reporter: Paul Bloom
WPIX-11 News, 10 P.M.
June 1, 1976

Commentator: ... about 40,000 showed up. The Rev. Moon was supposed to start speaking at 8:00 pm but the stadium was only $\frac{2}{3}$ full at the time so he didn't begin speaking until 8:25. Paul Bloom has been at Yankee Stadium since late this afternoon, and he filed this report a couple of hours ago.

Paul Bloom: The crowd at Yankee Stadium was falling below expectations. As 7:00 drew near the lower decks of the stadium filled slowly, as thousands of people poured through the main gate at 161st Street. But it appeared that a small percentage of the estimated 200,000 tickets that were being handed out were actually being used, and the audience by 7:00 pm still hadn't begun to fill the upper decks of the stadium. Near the main gates several protest lines had been formed by anti-Moon people. They shouted at those in the entrance line not to go in. The leader of the largest anti-Moon demonstration was 21-year-old Denise Peskin of Long Island, herself a former Moon follower who had been kidnapped and deprogrammed by her parents last year.

Denise Peskin: We're all here because we feel that Rev. Moon, Mr. Moon is using the Bicentennial, using our country, using our flag to hide behind the first amendment freedom of religion when his issue is not religion. He is a political movement. In his own words, "I will conquer and subjugate the world." Paul, this is a very dangerous issue. We have people here, we have parents whose kids are still in the movement whose ... this is a psychological kidnapping, brainwashing. I was in the movement for 8½ weeks, in which time I was told to drop out of school. I was forced to leave my family, leave my parents all in the name of God and in the name of love to further deceive the public.

Paul Bloom: The crowd resembles some sort of revival meeting, probably the first time Yankee Stadium has seen this kind of meeting in a long time. The only difference perhaps, the American flags that were handed out to people as they came into the gates. Rev. Moon is scheduled to speak at 8:00 tonight and right now people are watching the skies hoping that the weather holds out. [This is] Paul Bloom, Channel 11 Action News, Yankee Stadium.

Commentator: We'll have a film update on the Moon story later on in the show...

(Later)

Commentator: Here with an update on the Moon

rally and I believe he's on the phone now... Paul are you there?

Paul Bloom: Yes, I'm here George.

Commentator: What's going on out there?

Paul Bloom: Well George, Rev. Moon's message was peace but strangely enough things turned out pretty ugly outside Yankee Stadium when the Rev. Moon finished speaking. First of all, while he was speaking, about a half hour into his speech— he spoke for about an hour altogether, and about a half hour into it most people started getting up to leave. The crowd that they had had there, about 40,000 people, dwindled down to about 15 or 20 thousand by 9:00 or 9:15. The whole thing ended just a few minutes ago. And as about 15 or 20 thousand people piled into the streets around Yankee Stadium fights broke out. Several people were arrested. We saw one boy being chased down the street by police after he and several others had allegedly jumped a couple of Sun Moon followers right outside the gates of Yankee Stadium, and at last we heard at 161st, there was sporadic rock and bottle throwing. Firecrackers were going off and more police were being moved into the area to try and settle the crowd down. It was mostly young people involved in it. Mostly people who had just come to kind of raise Cain in the stadium. They didn't seem to be paying much attention to Sun Moon. There were a lot of fights in the upper decks during Moon's speech and it altogether was probably less than a success from our point of view.

Commentator: By in large, would you say that the people were there because they were curious or to cause trouble?

Paul Bloom: Definitely curiosity brought a lot of people there. We interviewed a lot of people going into the stadium and most of those who were there said that they were there because they had either never heard of the Rev. Moon before and wanted to hear his message, or they had heard so much about him that they wanted to see him in person. It was a lot of curiosity but strangely enough a lot of ministers were there too. We had spoken to two or three of them who said that if his message was that he was perhaps the second coming they certainly wanted to hear about it and be able to talk about it intellectually with their parishioners. There was a lot of interest there and curiosity. But there were also in the audience a lot of Moon followers, people from his organization who had been bused in. We understand that buses came in from as far away as Washington, D.C. for this particular rally.

Commentator: Okay thanks a lot, Paul. I guess things are starting to calm down out there now.

Paul Bloom: They're cooling down now, George.

Commentator: All right. Thank you.

Unfortunately, other stations would not grant permission to reproduce transcripts of their newscasts regarding the Bicentennial God Bless America Rally, for legal reasons or otherwise. Therefore, their coverage has been summarized below. The late evening news reports of the rally were as sizable as they were negative.

All of the stations gave substantial coverage to the anti-Moon demonstrations, both at the church headquarters building and at the stadium. Outside the church headquarters on 43rd Street, Mike Egart of "Citizens Engaged in Freeing Minds," a group made up of ex-Moonies and parents of Moonies, denounced Rev. Moon and the Unification Church:

I think that the Moon movement is the worst thing going in America right now. He is out for absolute power. He will stop at nothing to gain absolute power. And you can tell that by his speeches, and you can also tell that by the way he trains his members. His members are all brainwashed to follow what he says. You have no freedom. You have no privacy. You are told what to do at all times. It's a fascist, totalitarian movement. It has unlimited finances. It has fanatical followers. It's a monolithic movement. He won't stop. He won't stop at anything until the American people rise up and stop him.

Another negative parent, responding to the reporter's comment that her daughter "chooses to stay with the group," said:

She has not chosen, because we've learned from the young people that have gotten out that their wills are completely overpowered. That is what brainwashing is. Brainwashing is a slang for mind control and I think that that describes it best. Their wills are overpowered and if they do have thoughts about getting out, they are lectured to. They are counselled on a one-to-one basis so that by the time they finish they will want to stay with the cult.

On the same station, an ex-Moonie, who stated that she would have done anything for Rev. Moon, was asked if she would even have killed for him. Her response was:

Yes, he asked us. I was in the 120-day training and he came to talk to us. This was after Vietnam fell and Cambodia and they all went communist. Then he came to talk to us because he had said that he was afraid that North Korea would invade South Korea, and he said that, well, "If they do, will you go and will you fight and die for me? Will you fight the communists?" So we all screamed, "YES!" And he asked if he could trust us, and we screamed, "YES," he could trust us.

The demonstrations against the rally gave reporters a chance to air other controversial issues. One reporter asked, "Isn't this entire movement—where people give up their money and in [Rev. Moon's] own words, give up their minds to him—just basically the same as communism?" To this question, Michael Runyon replied:

No, not at all, because we are bringing God to the people. Communism is an atheistic, materialistic philosophy, while our philosophy is based on God, centered on God, and also is a spiritual philosophy. Ultimately we are talking about the brotherhood of man based on love.... Our members don't have to give up anything. It's completely voluntary what the members have, and none of the members—like Rev.



Moon or Mr. Bo Hi Pak—have any great wealth. It's all owned by the church....

Information concerning the rally itself was quite varied. Two stations reported what the police had estimated the size of the crowd to be—about 40,000. But most of them reported figures substantially below that. Channel 7 placed its "best estimate" at 25,000. Most of the reports described those who attended to be either followers or mostly just curious:

Disciples of Rev. Moon handed out flags and pamphlets about the cult, but other than those already among his supporters, it appeared that most of the attendants were just drawn by the free spectacle, and many expressed something less than reverence for the man who claims to speak for God.

By late afternoon few people had arrived at the stadium, but they continued to come from all over the country and even abroad. The Moon organization had hoped that 55,000 people might show up for tonight's festivities. But best estimates placed the crowd at about 25,000 and many of that number were the curious who were let in after the sagging attendance forced the Moon organization to let anyone inside the stadium.

The event which cost the Unification Church one million bucks to put together seems to draw in hundreds of curious minority group members, part of the church's big push in the church's massive campaign for converts. But the real object of it all was an up-front look at the 56-year-old self-proclaimed Korean evangelist who says he is in America to save the soul of this country.

One young boy came because "...Some people say he hypnotizes.... He hypnotizes people." Asked if he came to be hypnotized, he responded, "Yeah!"

A young woman member of the church—asked if she believed that Rev. Moon was the messiah and responding unhesitatingly with a firm "Yes"—was then asked why she was there. She replied:

Were you here when it was raining? Did you see all the people singing? Because of their belief and because of how much I believe in God. That's why I'm here.... You can't believe in Rev. Moon without believing in God.

The theme of Rev. Moon's speech was "God Bless America." But the speech was not delivered uneventfully.

While Rev. Moon was still on stage, thousands of people began leaving, and there were several disturbances on the ground floor and just outside the stadium. A number of people reportedly were injured and right now police are still dealing with large unruly crowds.

The Rev. Moon continued to speak in his native tongue of Korean, losing the interest of many of the bands of young toughs who showed up tonight. In fact, the police had to break up several clashes between hundreds of teenagers who were setting off firecrackers and smoke bombs and were also pelting many of the Moon followers with refuse thrown from the upper

tiers of the stadium. Other than that, it was just peachy pie....

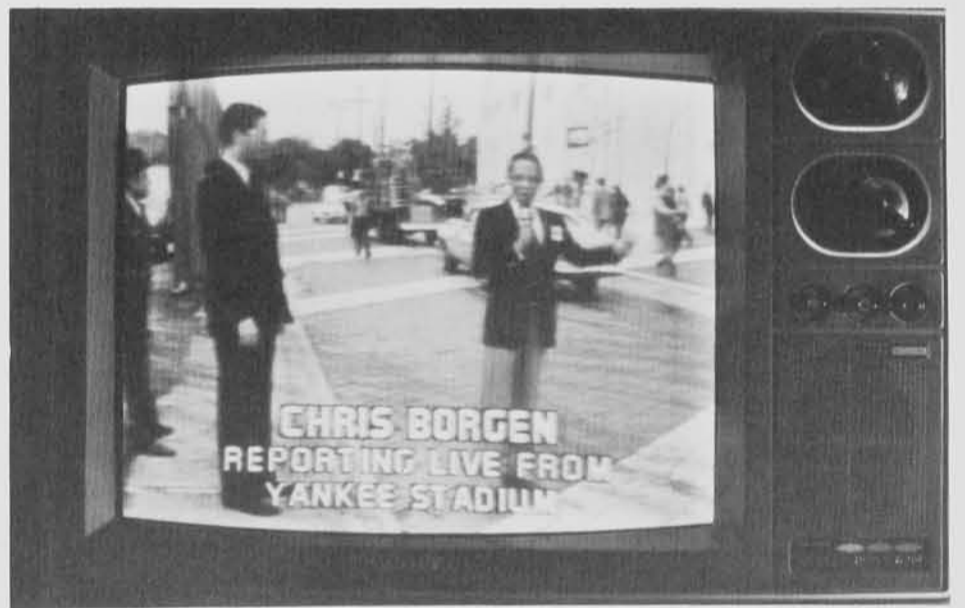
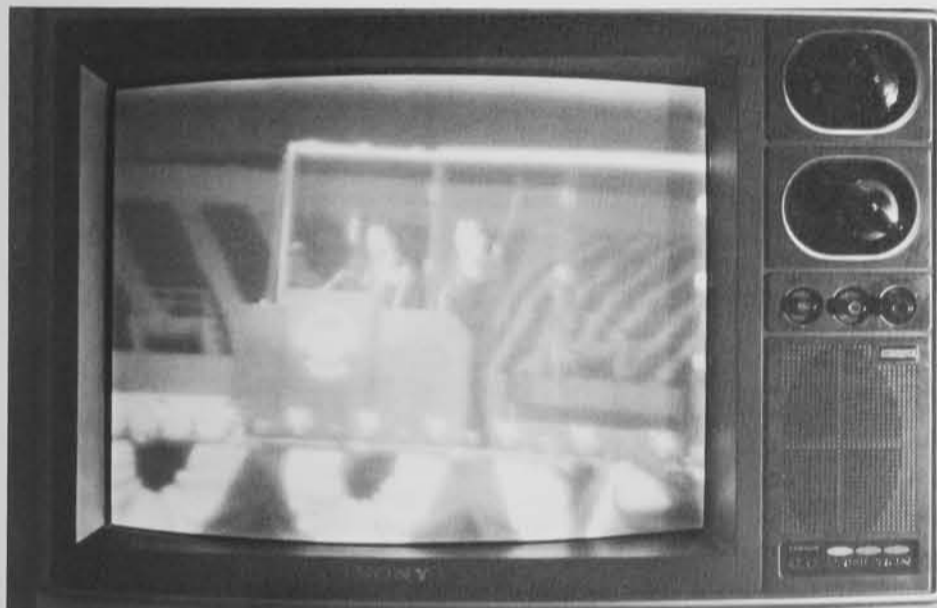
At 7:00, the rally organizers told Yankee Stadium management to open the doors to anyone with or without tickets. That may have been a mistake. Some teenagers turned rowdy, showering refuse from the upper decks down on people below. Someone set off firecrackers and a smoke bomb in the upper decks which sent young people on a stampede through the stadium corridors which almost turned into a fist fight. Police moved in and several teenagers were removed by force. The show went on without interruption and got an enthusiastic response from the crowd....



Most of the stations concluded their coverage with a statement similar to this one: "This evening's rally will almost certainly have to be considered a disappointing beginning to the God Bless America Festival." And one station used the rally coverage as an opportunity to malign the Unification Church and insinuate connections to the South Korean government and the CIA.

You've all heard of the farmer and the mule. I'll talk logic later, says the farmer swatting his beast between the eyes with a two-by-four. But first I've got to get his attention. Well, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon has certainly won our attention. His two-by-four has proved to be in great measure television news. Night after night cameras have pursued not just religious zeal, but religious zeal housed on expensive estates, showcased in big arenas, clothed in new uniforms and surrounded by skilled press agents. The cast for this operation has come not just from the exertions of American Moonies, but from the Rev. Moon's own industrial complex in Korea. And some sources say from the South Korean government and the CIA. The Unification Church says it admires the Park regime but denies that it is a paid agent of it. Wherever the Moon money comes from it comes in highly visible bunches and it seems to prove that if you still can't buy a mule's or a person's cooperation, you can sure purchase its attention. And as the proverbial farmer might have noticed, that's a start.

—Chris Ching



The Washington Post

WEDNESDAY JUNE 2, 1976

Rev. Moon Festival Eclipsed Faithful Followers and Hecklers Clash in N.Y.

By Marjorie Hyer
Washington Post Staff Writer

NEW YORK, June 1—The massively publicized Bicentennial God Bless America Festival of the Unification Church and the Rev. Sun Myung Moon was eclipsed at Yankee Stadium tonight by smoke bombs, shouts and fistfights.

It came off about as planned, however, but with about half as many persons in attendance as expected, and with a lot of hard feelings.

Moon brought his by-now familiar message: God has blessed America above all other nations, but America has fallen into evil ways from which she must repent and return to God—with Moon's help—in order to defeat the world Communist conspiracy.

But Moon's speech was punctuated by boos, firecrackers, smoke bombs, shouts, and, at one point, prolonged chanting by placard-carrying foes of the cult.

Large numbers walked out shortly after he began speaking. A number of fistfights erupted between hecklers and Moon followers, who regard their Korean-born leader as something akin to divine.

Only on occasions did the cheers of Moon's faithful followers, who gathered here from all over the world for the festival, drown out the restless chatter from the crowd.

Despite several months of saturation promotion of the rally in New York and nearby cities, the controversial cult managed to fill only about half of the newly refurbished Yankee Stadium's 55,000 seats for the festival. About 30,000 were there.

But if Moon, the evangelist, failed to fill the stadium with admirers, the festival attracted one of the largest assortments of protest groups since the end of the Vietnam war to the sidewalks outside the stadium for several hours before the program began.

"It's a religious smorgasbord," exclaimed a bystander. Yellow-robed Hare Krishnas chanted and danced and sang and peddled their books and sought contributions. Hundreds of fundamentalist Christians passed out tracts and preached and warned that Moon was a "false prophet" and the "devil himself." Young black men hawked Bilalian News, the Chicago-based Black Muslim newspaper.

The area surrounding the stadium became a marketplace for religious ideologies.

Rabbi Avraham Weiss of the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale came with about 30 youths from his synagogue. "not to demonstrate but to try to reach out to some of the Jewish kids who are caught up in this movement," he said. Asked how he proposed to "reach out," he replied jauntily, "watch me."

Amiably, the youthful rabbi, with a yarmulka perched atop his head, approached a little knot of young people, introduced himself and asked if any of the group was Jewish. The youths turned out to be an aggressively evangelical Protestant group who immediately set about trying to convert the rabbi.

"Those kids are entitled to their beliefs, but I think Moon is a charlatan," he said after he had politely disengaged himself from the group.

Groups of parents whose children have been caught up in the Moon movement and some disenchanted former followers of the cult were among the most persistent demonstrators both at the stadium and in protests earlier in the day outside the cult's downtown headquarters on 43rd Street, just off Fifth Avenue.

In his address, Moon, who was heavily guarded by New York police and spoke behind a bulletproof shield, took note of some of the criticisms of his movement.

"It is not important whether I am persecuted or not," he said. "I am only concerned with the will of God and the mission God gave me . . . I am concerned

that without knowing the situation clearly, you may be found opposing God's will. If what I am doing is not the will of God, it will not go too far anyway. If, however, what I am doing is the will of God, then no matter how much some people reject and persecute us and try to block the way, this mission will succeed."

Moon said that "It is my firm belief that the United States was indeed conceived by God . . . There is only one nation like this in all of history . . . The United States of America. It is apparent that this unique nation of America is the creation of God."

Moon said that "God is the motivation, the cause, and the foundation of the independence of America."

He warned, however, that today "the world has lost faith in America and New York has become a jungle of immorality and depravity."

Because of America's "moral illness," he said, "God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor . . . For the last three years with my entire heart and soul I have been teaching American youth a new revelation from God." These youths, he said, now have a clear concept of what a God-centered nation must be.

He denied that he was interested in either money or power, as some of his critics have charged.

"I came to America because this is the country which God, our heavenly father, has chosen. I came to America because I know the heart of God. I know that in spite of America's rebellion against him, God will not abandon this country . . . I know God's will is to save the world and to do this America must lead the way," he said.

Tonight's festival was the first in the Unification Church's Bicentennial celebration. A similar program is scheduled to be held in September on the grounds of the Washington Monument.

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Moon Trek Strands 100 At Start Here

By Alice Bonner
Washington Post Staff Writer

Buses carrying passengers from Washington to the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's "God Bless America Festival" in New York yesterday left more than 100 angry ticketholders standing on the street after all the seats were filled.

Police were called twice to quiet disturbances at 14th and F Streets after crowds were told the seats were all taken. Police said no arrests were made.

Waving the \$3 tickets with a picture of Moon saluting, the irate passengers demanded their money back, threatened physical violence to organizers of the trip and accused the Korean evangelist of betrayal.

"You come over in the ghetto and take the suckers' money," one man shouted. "Just have another one and come on our street."

One group forced trip organizer Steve Simpson to empty his pockets and buy back their tickets as he tried to hand out slips for reimbursements at a later date.

The printed refund slips apologized "for this inconvenience" and invited those denied seats to another Moon festival to be held at the Washington Monument next September.

Some of the people, carrying light luggage and picnic gear, said they had waited since 7 a.m. as one bus after another filled up and departed. They complained their children had been kept

out of school and they had taken the day off from work just to make the trip.

Scheduled to leave at 11 a.m., the last two buses pulled out at 10:30, slamming their doors on about 75 persons, some of them still pushing to board. They had paid \$3 each for food on the "free" trip to New York. Earlier buses left about 50 ticketholders behind.

Nearly 600 persons did get seats on the 13 chartered Metro buses bearing Moon banners. They were promised, for an additional \$5, sightseeing tours of the Empire State Building, the United Nations and other New York attractions before Moon's unity rally in Yankee Stadium.

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Moon's Night A Deluge of Rain, Rowdies & Rhetoric

By Lindsay Miller

The Moonies blamed the rain.

Otherwise, insisted the relentlessly grinning followers of Korean cultist Sun Myung Moon, Yankee Stadium would have been overflowing for Moon's "Bicentennial God Bless America Festival" last night.

As it turned out, only about half of the 54,000 seats of the newly refurbished stadium appeared to be filled.

Police and Moon people put the crowd at 40,000, an estimate other observers thought too high. It was also pointed out that many of those who showed up were black or Hispanic teenagers who circulated noisily about the stadium, apparently drawn by the free admission, and totally uninterested in a message from the new Messiah, which is what Moon's followers believe him to be.

Police reported seven arrests in and around the stadium. One charge was robbery, one assault and two possession of a gun. One cop was injured slightly dispersing a crowd when an unidentified youth thrust a hobnailed shoe into his arm.

In contrast to former Moon rallies where Moon's super-loyal troops kept everything under tight control, last night's rally had an odd, disjointed, almost surrealistic air.

The weather was part of it.

Two hours before the start at 7, a downpour began. Clumps of young Moonies, who had been decorating the stadium, went under the eaves and sang "You Are My Sunshine"—a favorite Moonie tune—for an hour, until the rains stopped.

But despite the bright banners and bunting, the balloons and flags, the night provided a cold, steely edge.

Smiling Moonies passed out small American flags and flags with their own Bicentennial logo to everyone who entered.

But many of the teenagers and children who had been attracted by the free tickets to the stadium quickly turned the flagsticks into drumsticks and used them to beat hand railings and each other.

The seats nearest the field went to the approximately 3,000 Moon followers who had been brought here in vans from Moon outposts around the country.

With them were some 600 pro-Moon parents who are being put up free at the 40-story New Yorker, the Manhattan hotel Moon's Unification Church purchased last month for more than \$5 million.

Also in the privileged box seats were several groups, black and Hispanic, invited and transported to the stadium as "friends of the church."

Asked why she was there, one young Cuban woman from Elizabeth, N.J., said, "I don't know. I was told to come."

She didn't say by whom.

But even those with front-row seats did not get a close view. Moon spoke (and the symphony, rock group, Korean dance troupe and choral society which he bankrolls all performed) on a stage— isolated from the crowds—in the infield at the request of the Yankees, who wanted to protect the turf.

Taking advantage of the Yankees' instant replay technology, Moon's speech and the other performances were simulcast on the stadium electronic scoreboard.

Moons' growly, emotional voice and his rapid-fire delivery, while typically Korean, seemed to shock some of the audience.

His message, while buried in rhetoric, might have also been shocking: "God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor, in the role of a firefighter ... Good medicine may taste bitter, and an operation may involve some pain, but the treatment must begin at once."

The treatment Moon recommends— actually he says it's God's idea—is the merger of all religions into his own Unification Church.

Otherwise, he said, Satan will take over America, which is "God's chosen country." For Moon, communism and Satan are one and the same. "America is God's final bulwark on earth."

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Nay Sayers Orbit the Stadium

Chanting "Moon Go Home" and branding the self-ordained Korean evangelist a "mind kidnapper," religious groups joined fearful parents in an amalgam of persuasion and protest last night outside Yankee Stadium—scene of the "Bicentennial God Bless America Festival."

As thousands queued up to enter and hundreds of the curious milled about, a ring of demonstrators marched with signs that read "Let Our Children Go," "Moon is the Natural Predator of Our Young" and "Would Christ Make Shotguns?"—an allusion to Sun Myung Moon's reported ownership of a rifle factory in South Korea.

Dozens of proselytizing Christian sects, hoping to find masses of dissatisfied spiritual seekers, distributed handbills and argued the supposed errors of the Unification Church with anyone who would listen. Their accusations against Moon ranged from preaching "a lie" to being "the Devil himself."

Near one gate, 30 Krishna Society members beat their tambourines and danced, and handed out samples of "sacred" food. Black Muslims hawked their newspaper.

On a more secular note, a small group attacked the Moon church as "scabs" for doing their work refurbishing the

newly purchased New York Hotel instead of hiring union labor.

Among the most persistent and personally concerned were several Jewish groups, especially troubled by what they said were large numbers of "alienated" young Jews joining the movement.

Members of these groups sought out their coreligionists in the throng with the question "Excuse me, are you Jewish?" and then tried to dissuade them from going inside.

"What Hitler didn't accomplish young Jews are accomplishing themselves by assimilation into an alien culture," declared Mrs. S. Hoffman, representing the Jewish Identity Center of Jerusalem. She and others claimed that 30 to 40 per cent of Moons' followers are Jewish.

"What we object to," she added, "is young Jews leaving their own fertile fields, tested by time and true, to go into other things that might be potentially dangerous."

Rabbi Abraham Weiss led a contingent of about 30 young people from the Hebrew Institute of Riverdale L.I., "looking for my brother and sister Jews."

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Moon Thunders at Foes in a Stadium Rally

By D.J. Saunders and Patrick Doyle

Pace Changes

His voice booming like that of a general addressing his troops, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon took to Yankee Stadium last night, denounced the "current decadence" of America, especially New York City, and repeated his contention that God had sent him from his native Korea to save the world.

As a well-orchestrated cadre of supporters waved banners and flags and part of his audience sat in almost hypnotic thrall, Moon thundered out his message.

With his colleague, Col. Bo Hi Pak, matching Moon's stentorian Korean word for word with an equally thunderous English translation, the self-proclaimed oriental minister made point after point during his 50-minute talk to roaring applause.

Moon announced: "In the 1950's, America seemed to be the hope of the world. The symbol of America was the city of New York. Today, however, the world has lost faith in America and New York has become a jungle of immorality and depravity, a city transformed under the attack of evil..."

As the applause died down, Moon continued:

"It is God who sent me to America. In the role of a doctor, the role of a firefighter..."

"United, the free world must liberate the enslaved Communist world. This time, our task is to build one world under God!"

An official estimate of 38,000 men, women and children had crowded into the first two tiers of the newly rebuilt 55,000-seat ballpark as Moon took his place on a platform at second base. Immediately in front of him, he faced a select group of several thousand members of his Unification Church, seated around home plate and strategically located to applaud him on.

The first arrivals, somewhat before 7 p.m., were greeted by a 70-piece brass band, the Unification Church's own Go World Brass Band, playing some of America's most stirring marches.

Then, as the crowd settled down, the pace changed. The New York City symphony orchestra struck up such numbers as "America the Beautiful" and the "Battle Hymn of the Republic" and the allegro from Beethoven's Fifth Symphony.

Again, the pace changed. Now there was a folk ballet, with 17 young women beautifully gowned in the flowing Korean costumes, moving through intricate dances. Then the New York Singers International went on, and members of the audience, each of whom had been handed small American and Unification Church flags, began to cheer and wave the flags in unison.

Walk Out

But whether the evening was a triumph for Moon was problematical. As had happened when he took over Madison Square Garden two years ago, about a quarter of his audience walked out during his talk.

Among those who stayed were Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Kasbow of Detroit, whose son, Ralph, is a fulltime missionary for Moon's church.

"I came to this great event," said Paul's mother, Helen, "because I very much wanted to. All this talk about brainwash is very false. We are Catholics. We still are. This is just an extension of our religion, like going from grade school to high school. Paul could leave anytime he wanted to."

Said Paul: "I'm very happy in this church."

But Frank Homick of Ridgewood, Brooklyn, was one of those who walked out. "I just wanted to see the stadium. And Moon, too. I never saw the stadium before."

Another skeptic was Matthew Van Leeuwen of Queens, who said:

"This was all very surprising. I wonder where he got the money for this show. Nobody put his hand out for money. It is curious how a foreigner can come over here and put a thing like this on."

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A LOT OF EMPTY SEATS are visible as Rev. Sun Myung Moon, head bowed, leaves Yankee Stadium after rally last night. The crowd was smaller than the Moonies had expected, and there were a lot of troublemakers on hand.



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Religion and the Moonies

By William Reel

RABBI MAURICE DAVIS exaggerates not one bit, in my opinion, when he compares Sun Myung Moon to Hitler. Rabbi Davis has deprogrammed 100 Moonies. He works tirelessly to expose the totalitarianism of the Moon movement. He notes that Moon has the financial wherewithal and the fanatical following to achieve his stated goal,

which is to take over America. He maintains that Moon's minions, who look so harmless selling candy and flowers, are "willing to kill for Moon."

In the past couple of years, I've interviewed a number of Moonies. These kids are pathetic—every one of them an inadequate personality personified. I visited with one the other day as he was trying to give away tickets to last night's rally at Yankee Stadium to the citizens



There are plenty of spaces available in Yankee Stadium as balloons rise from behind home plate to fill air above infield of 55,000-seat ballpark during Moon gala.

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who live around Fourth Ave. and Bergen St. in Brooklyn.

The Moonie, an emaciated, glazed-eyed type (aren't they all?) told me he was 30 years old, that he grew up in Seattle, that his father is a skid-row bum, that he was in a Catholic seminary for three years but dropped out, that he spent six years "studying to become an archivist" before joining up with Moon, a year or so ago, to save the world and that his mother, a nurse, wishes he'd quit Moon and come home.

All in all, a not untypical Moonie saga.

I've also observed Moon's top aides in action. These guys are very smooth, very efficient. They are every bit as slick as the Moonies on the street are sappy. If the Moonies all look like Donald Segretti, the top guys in the movement all look like H.R. Haldeman. Prussian precision, through and through. These guys know they are in on a ground floor of a lucrative hustle.

Rabbi Davis is puzzled as to why so many educated, upper-middle-class young people are attracted to Moon. He wonders what accounts for their immaturity,

their vulnerability, their naivete. I don't pretend to know, but I'll hazard a partial answer: America is a sucker for a Moon because religious leadership in this country is practically nonexistent. A guy like Moon fills a vacuum. Name me one legitimate spiritual leader in America. Norman Vincent Peale? Granted, a great man. Bishop Fulton Sheen? Okay, that's two. Billy Graham? Yes, with reservations. He's a little too simplistic for my taste.

Three names. All have been around for years. Sheen, probably because he always talked about God and never preached on air pollution or women's rights, has been cast aside by his own church. And, boy, does his church need him. The American Catholic hierarchy is a scandal, a real haven for under-achievers. When was the last time a Catholic bishop said anything memorable? You can't remember? Don't feel bad. Neither can the Holy Spirit, who has to take the blame for these timid types.

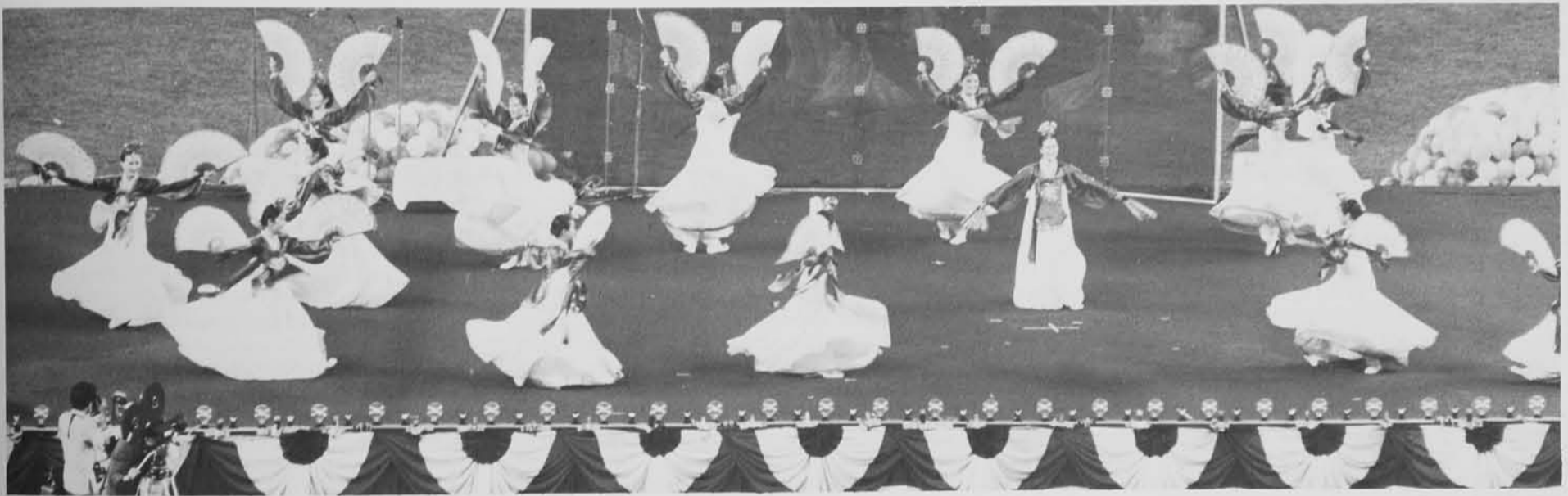
The smartest guy in New York, if you ask me, is the Rev. John Andrew, 45, director of St. Thomas Episcopal Church

on Fifth Ave. at 53rd St. He came to St. Thomas four years ago from England, where he served as top aide to Michael Ramsey, then the archbishop of Canterbury. A lot of Ramsey's genius rubbed off on him.

In 1973, Father Andrew's first full year at St. Thomas, attendance at worship service was 55,000. In 1974 it was 70,000. In 1975, 82,000. I recently read half a dozen of his sermons. Guess what? They were all about Jesus Christ. Father Andrew once told me: "If the claims of Christ are preached with clarity and intelligence and courtesy and charity, people will listen and respond."

Father Andrew is in Washington today, a committee of priests and laity interviewing him about becoming the new Episcopal bishop of Washington. He is one of five nominees for the post. I'd hate for New York to lose him, but, in a way, I hope he gets the job. It would give him the forum and the prominence needed to emerge as a spiritual leader. We need a good new one to get our minds off Moon.

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Police Officer holds suspects found with loaded gun in stands. Festival turned unruly when youthful gangs rampaged in stands.

At Yankee Stadium: Moon Draws 38,000 Satellites

Dancers of Korean Folk Ballet swirl across stage at Yankee Stadium during Rev. Sun Myung Moon's God Bless America Festival last night. A crowd of 38,000 attended event on free tickets given out by Moon followers during past several weeks. Festival featured dancing, patriotic music and a long sermon by Korean-speaking Moon, delivered through an interpreter. The message: God had sent Moon to save the world.



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Rev. Sun Myung Moon acknowledges cheers during 50-minute speech.

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Moon Talks Peace To Rowdy Crowd

By **JEFFREY BORAK**
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NEW YORK—The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, head of the controversial Unification Church International, brought his mission to Yankee Stadium Tuesday and while he was warning his followers that America would become a "living hell" if the will of God were forsaken, bands of kids roamed the upper decks and corridors, destroying decorations, setting off smoke bombs and firecrackers and starting fist fights.

The Unification Church has become familiar to area residents because of a church center in Barrytown.

A heavy rain late in the afternoon held attendance to between 25,000 and 30,000, well below the 200,000 church officials predicted would gather inside and around the stadium.

Loyal followers of the self-styled Korean evangelist had begun arriving at the stadium late in the afternoon. They filled the lower levels seats, clapping and waving small American flags and pennants bearing the Unification Church symbol in rhythm while the Go-World Brass Band blared out Scott Joplin rags and John Philip Sousa marches.

It might as well have been the Fourth of July. Red, white and blue bunting hung from the upper level railings, punctuated at periodic intervals with nests of white balloons bearing the "God Bless America Festival" logo.

Dozens of Moon followers, clothed in America the Beautiful white coveralls, swarmed over the massive stage which stretched across the center of the stadium infield, drying the wet carpeting, setting up chairs and small pedestals for the opening numbers in the Bicentennial Festival program.

Multi-colored bunches of balloons bounced under netting on the infield, while in the bleachers, church workers were stretching rows of red, white and blue streamers.

Parents who had been protesting the church's recruitment and training practices in front of its new center at the Hotel New Yorker in downtown New York had not yet arrived.

Church staff members patrolled the circular entry turrets outside the stadium, watching the arriving crowd, walkie-talkies in their hands. A phalanx of church staffers guarded the press entrance, carefully screening arriving members of the press and invited VIPs. Just inside the press entrance, a television crew prowled the halls and de-

scended on a hapless Moon follower who turned and flashed a somewhat bewildered smile at the camera, her Bicentennial Festival button and plastic flag glinting in the camera lights.

By seven o'clock, the designated time for the start of the rally, less than one-tenth of the anticipated crowd had arrived. At the promptings of an enthusiastic emcee, the audience roared for the Go-World Brass Band to continue playing.

Thirty minutes later, after several repeat performances of "When The Saints Go Marching In" and "The Washington Post March," the main portion of the program began. The crowd had grown somewhat. They sat respectfully through "America the Beautiful" and "Battle Hymn of the Republic," sung by the New Hope Singers International; grew restless through a performance of the final movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony and snapped to rapt attention for an appearance by the Korean Folk Ballet.

Neil A. Salonen, president of the Unification Church of America and the Bicentennial God Bless America Committee, introduced the Rev. Moon who made his way to the stage to the enthusiastic cheers of his devoted supporters, accompanied by Col. Bo Hi Pak who would translate the Rev. Moon's speech into English.

A group of kids in the upper decks along the left field side of the stadium already had ravaged one nest of balloons and were hard at work destroying the rest.

"America's greatness and pride stem from God," the reverend thundered in Korean from his podium. "If you allow God to leave America, however, this nation will decline; it will be subjugated by Satanic heads. When this happens, the future of America will be dismal, tragic. America will become a living hell."

A row of firecrackers went off to the cheers of a small section of the crowd.

"In the early 1960's," he continued "America seemed to be the hope of the world and the symbol of America was the city of New York. Today, however, the world has lost faith in America, and New York has become a jungle of depravity and immorality."

Smoke drifted out from the last row of the upper deck, sending members of the crowd to the lower rows, while others stood and watched a fist fight which was quickly broken up by stadium police.

Outside the stadium, members of

other religious sects and protesting parents stalked the streets around the stadium while inside, Ted Patrick, whose methods of deprogramming youngsters who have joined the church have been criticized as being harsher than the church's own training program, prowled the stadium's corridors mumbling that the people attending the rally didn't know what they were getting into.

"Your dedicated sons and daughters are champions of God crusading for the victory of God's will. As God's front line, they are declaring war against evil," Moon's voice boomed.

Outside the press room there was chaos. One bearded youth tried to persuade newsmen that he had been forcibly evicted from the stadium for speaking to an Associated Press correspondent.

Children were running through the concrete corridors and charging down the ramps. A well-dressed middle aged couple stood in the center of the corridor looking for a way into the stands.

"Which way do we go?" the woman asked, somewhat bewildered at the scene around them. Like a number of others, she and her husband were there simply out of curiosity. They had received free tickets earlier in the week from Moon's followers.

As they started off, the distant sounds of chanting which had been echoing from the upper reaches of a nearby ramp grew louder. A boy raced down the ramp. "Man, they're crazy," he said. "They're crazy. Those Moon people want to take over the world." He disappeared into a nearby crowd. Behind him came a herd of youths, charging down the ramp, screaming and yelling.

Inside, Moon's speech was drawing to a close but a steady exodus already had developed, leaving behind increasingly barren stretches of seating.

Those who remained to the end, cheered enthusiastically and waved their banners as the Rev. Moon left the platform.

The chorus and a soloist sang three choruses of "God Bless America." What balloons were left were released.

"Let's not make this the end," Salonen exhorted the remaining faithful. "Let's make this the beginning of a new spirit."

For some of the Rev. Moon's followers, it had been a disheartening affair. They would try it again in September, however, this time in front of the Washington Monument.

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RISING TIDE

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Cloudbursts Fail to Dampen Hopes in Bicentennial God Bless America Festival

More than 40,000 people braved torrential winds and cloudbursts in New York City to hear a strong anti-Communist patriotic message by the Reverend Sun Myung Moon June 1, at the newly renovated Yankee Stadium. His topic at the gala 'Bicentennial God Bless America Festival' was 'God's Hope for America.'

'As the champion of God, America must win ideologically over atheistic Communism on the worldwide scale, with the unity of all races and nationalities. America must win in the name of God,' Rev. Moon told an overwhelmingly enthusiastic audience, which included delegates from more than 40 nations and a contingent of some 600 parents of his youthful followers.

'This is a great victory for God and America,' stated Neil A. Salonen, President of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, who also served as President of the sponsoring Bicentennial God Bless America Committee and emceed the evening's festivities.

'This tremendous response represents a realistic hope that America will respond to God's inspiration and begin her third century with a renewal of her great spiritual heritage of unity under righteousness and freedom.'

Test

Rev. Moon emphasized in his speech that America was 'conceived by God' as a 'microcosm of the world' in which all races and many nationalities are represented. He warned, however, that if America fails to unite with God at her centre, she will be divided and fall into destruction, becoming a prey to the atheistic, conflict-oriented ideology of Communism.

He said that today, 200 years after the Declaration of Independence and a century after the Civil War, America faces a 'third great test.' This, he said, is 'the confrontation between the God-affirming world and the God-denying world.'

He stated that by America's building 'One Nation Under God' and extending the ideal of God-centered freedom to the international level under the slogan 'One World Under God', the Communist world will be liberated. 'America must lead the way,' he stated, to this ideological victory.

Mr. Salonen expressed his gratitude to the thousands of volunteers who helped the GBA Committee through their work

of cleaning up the streets of New York, distributing leaflets and inviting people to the Yankee Stadium event, putting up posters, organizing pre-rally dinners and promotional events.

Immediately following the conclusion of the rally, hundreds of 'God Bless America' members in their white 'America the Beautiful Campaign' coveralls took to the streets to remove thousands of red, white and blue posters which had promoted the event. New Yorkers were surprised the next morning to find barren construction site walls and virtually all of the posters taken down within hours.

Undampened Spirits

With the programme at Yankee Stadium scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm a torrential downpour was flooding Manhattan at 6:00 pm. Gleeful New York 'Times' reporters filed stories putting the crowd at 5,000 in the first edition, 25,000 in later editions. However, the New York 'Daily News' reported 38,000 in attendance, with about 30,000 still in their seats at the programme's conclusion.

Tens of thousands more, leaving their homes after the rain let up, were turned away at subway stations. (A 6:20 pm report put the crowd waiting for Yankee Stadium trains at Grand Central Station alone at more than 10,000.) Thousands more were unable to enter the stadium itself due to last minute rush, which was exacerbated by gangs of Communist demonstrators, young toughs and religious sectarians outside. Sporadic violence was reported both inside and outside the stadium.

(One follower of Reverend Moon died last Tuesday morning after being severely beaten by toughs while he was promoting the 'God Bless America' Festival in Harlem.)

The rain and physical opposition, however, did not dampen the spirits of the people inside Yankee Stadium. From about 5:00 to 6:15 pm, enthusiasts in the stands waved American flags and chanted the song 'You Are My Sunshine' until the rains and winds finally subsided.

While it was still drizzling, the 'Go-World Brass Band' marched out on field and began playing patriotic music. Soon the sun was peeking through the darkened skies.

Then came 'Sunburst', a young folk-rock group which gave an impressive

performance with up-tempo numbers such as 'Save the Country' and several original songs. Throughout the evening, the Yankees' unique centre field 'instant reply' screen highlighted the colourful performances with excellent camera work and closeups.

The programme took a more serious vein as the 'New Hope Singers', directed by Randolph Rimmel, performed the National Anthem, followed by 'America, the Beautiful' and 'the Battle Hymn of the Republic.' This was followed by a stirring rendition of the final movement Beethoven's 5th Symphony, conducted by Thomas Ludwig, a tremendous young director of the impressive New York City Symphony.

Mr. Salonen then introduced the Korean Folk Ballet, whose performance of 'Buk Kae Chung', the graceful Korean Royal Fan Dance, drew several sustained rounds of applause from the audience.

Rev. Moon's Message

Introducing Rev. Moon as featured speaker, Mr. Salonen made reference to his lifelong devotion to God, including his 2½ years of imprisonment in a North Korean labour camp and his experiences of brutal torture at the hands of the North Korean Communists. Mr. Salonen also noted that Rev. Moon inspired the formation of the Freedom Leadership Foundation in the U.S. in 1969, to make Americans more aware of the Communist challenge to our free society.

In his 40 minute speech, which included translation by interpreter Col. Bo Hi Pak, Rev. Moon spoke of the moral crisis now faced by America, and the need to include God as a central point in solving our many complicated problems.

He also alluded to what he called the 'three great tests' of American history—the Revolutionary War, the Civil War, and now the ideological struggle against Communism. He stressed that America overcame her first two challenges by putting her faith in Divine Providence and uniting in determined sacrifice to accomplish God's will despite many serious obstacles.

'200 years ago your brave ancestors in the Continental Army fought the revolution, the war of independence, with faith in God. George Washington knelt down at Valley Forge asking divine inter-

vention, and he and his army were able to win over the invincible British Army. Only through divine intervention could he win the war and America's independence. At that moment, God laid the 'Foundation of Land' for America.

'Approximately 100 years later when, contrary to God's will, slavery and segregation were rampant here in America, God raised up Abraham Lincoln as His champion, and brought about the victory of the Civil War, liberating the slaves, and affirming equality for all people. By doing so, God laid the 'Foundation of People' for America, transcending race and nationality. Yet this was an external test.

'Today, 200 years later, America is undergoing another test. This time the test is an internal or spiritual one. It is a religious test, an historical, ideological test. On the other side of the world, the God-denying ideology of Communism has risen up and is ready to undertake an all-out offensive against the free world. Destroying America is the Communists' final and ultimate goal. They know America is God's final bulwark on earth. More than anything else, this is a test of whether America will stand as God's nation or fall.

'America cannot win this battle alone. She needs God. In this test you cannot win without God who is the foundation of all truth, and all true ideology. A confrontation is inevitable between the two worlds—the God-affirming world and God-denying world. This is a confrontation of ideology. Therefore, as a champion of God, America must win ideologically over atheistic communism on the worldwide scale, with the unity of all races and nationalities. Our faith in God must be stronger than their faith in Communism. America must win in the name of God.'

Mr. Salonen commented on the diverse character of Rev. Moon's Yankee Stadium audience by saying, 'The fact that so many black, hispanic and white Americans turned out together for this event is in itself a fulfillment of Rev. Moon's vision of an America united beyond racial and ethnic barriers... This is a great victory for God and America.'

'From here,' said Salonen, 'we move on to Washington Monument,' where an even larger rally featuring Rev. Moon is scheduled for mid-September.

Moon Rally Draws 25,000, Half of Stadium Capacity



By Eleanor Blau

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon attracted 25,000 spectators to Yankee Stadium last night for a rally that his followers had predicted would fill the 54,000-seat amphitheater to overflowing.

Most of the spectators—presumably members of the Moon movement—cheered, applauded and waved little American flags as Mr. Moon spoke about international brotherhood and a mission that he said God had for America.

But several thousand of the people who had gathered under threatening skies left during the course of Mr. Moon's talk of more than an hour—many of them children and teenagers who had started booing, shouting and whistling from the moment Mr. Moon began his speech, which was translated from Korean.

Youths Hurl Programs

The youths hurled programs and decorations, let loose balloons from an upper tier and ran through the corridors shouting and laughing.

Firecrackers and what appeared to be a smoke bomb added to the confusion. At one point, a group of parents chanting "Moon go home," engaged in a brief shoving match with Moon devotees in an aisle. Outside the stadium, there were protesters, too.

In contrast to Mr. Moon's appearance at Madison Square Garden nearly two years ago, he did not allude to his involved theology. It holds, among other things, that God intended Christ to marry and have "perfect children."

It implies but does not state explicitly

what his followers believe: that Mr. Moon is the new Messiah.

Instead, Mr. Moon focused last night on America.

"The United States of America was indeed conceived by God," he declared.

Fewer Emotional Gestures

Speaking emphatically, but with fewer emotional gestures than at Madison Square Garden, he said: "If you allow God to leave America, however, this nation will decline, it will be subjugated by Satanic hands. When this happens, the future of America will be dismal, tragic. America will be become a living hell."

Mr. Moon did allude to some of the controversies surrounding him.

"Why is Reverend Moon so involved in America's Bicentennial? It is none of his business," he said, quoting his critics. "Ladies and gentlemen, if there is illness in your home, do you not need a doctor from outside?"

At another point, he said: "Why has Reverend Moon come to America, where he has encountered such tribulations? Am I pursuing my own honor? Is money my goal, or power? No! Never! I came to America because this is the country which God, our Heavenly Father, has chosen."

Before and during what was billed as the "God Bless America Festival," more than 400 demonstrators of assorted persuasion picketed outside, denouncing Mr. Moon as, among other things, a fascist dictator, a false Christian and a deluder of American youth.

There were Baptists, Lutherans and Evangelical Christians, a hundred or more parents and at least one self-proclaimed communist group. At times a few of the demonstrators exchanged leaflets. About 25 people sang Gospel songs outside one entrance.

Among the demonstrators was a woman from a Lutheran church in the Bronx, who said: "Moon is mixing religion up with nationalism. We love our country, but we feel that the church must remain outside as a critic."

Musical and dance groups took up most of the nearly three-hour event. A brass band, an orchestra, two groups of singers and a Korean folk ballet performed more than an hour and a half after the 7 P.M. start of the program.

Organizers of the rally had predicted an overflow audience similar to one at the Madison Square Garden rally in 1974, when thousands more showed up than the 20,000 who could be seated. That time, too, many in the audience started leaving soon after Mr. Moon began his speech, and more than half had left before the program was over.

Wearing business suits, Mr. Moon and his interpreter stood behind the lectern on a red-covered podium on the infield.

Before the start of the program, a downpour had interrupted efforts to decorate the podium and may have contributed to the disappointing turnout. But the rainfall seemed to rouse the spirits of the Moon adherents, who chanted, waved their flags and sang "You Are My Sunshine."

About 100 members of Citizens Engaged in Freeing Minds, many of them parents of present and former "Moonies"—as followers of Mr. Moon are called—picketed the sect's headquarters at 43rd Street and then at the New Yorker Hotel earlier in the afternoon before moving on to Yankee Stadium.

Placards carried by the demonstrators read, among other things, "Democracy vs. Slavery," and "See the Moon's Amazing Robots. They Walk! They Smile! Wind Them Up—Out Comes the Master's Voice."

Also coinciding with the rally came a demand by Robert A. Low, the New York City Environmental Protection Administrator, that a \$100,000 bond posted by the promoters be kept by the city until all posters advertising the event were removed as promised.

Representative Bella S. Abzug, Democrat of New York, denounced the planned use of nonunion "Moonies" for the renovation of the New Yorker at Eighth Avenue and 34th street. The Moon sect bought the hotel recently to make it into its headquarters.

"With as many as 40 percent of the city's construction workers unemployed, we cannot condone a renovation project of this magnitude being undertaken by non-union labor," Mrs. Absuz said. She said in a statement that "these young people should not be used to scab at constructions sites."

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I.R.S. Studying Moon Sect's Tax Status

By Ann Crittenden

The Internal Revenue Service is conducting an investigation of the tax-exempt status of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Unification Church and other Moon-affiliated organizations, according to Representative Peter A. Peyser, Republican of New York.

Mr. Peyser said yesterday that as a result of several conversations with the office of I.R.S. Commissioner Donald C. Alexander, "It is my distinct understanding that an evaluation and an investigation of the Unification Church and its related organizations is under way at the I.R.S."

In keeping with a long-standing policy of non-disclosure of any information dealing with ongoing investigations, spokesmen for the I.R.S. would neither confirm nor deny the report.

Income Sources Studied

Mr. Peyser said that he understood that the investigation had been under way for several months, and was centered in the New York office of the Internal Revenue Service. Apparently the I.R.S. was examining, among other things, the political activities of the various Moon groups and their non-religious sources of income.

According to Mr. Peyser, whose home in Irvington, N. Y., is immediately adjacent to Unification Church property in Tarrytown, many Congressmen have been under pressure from their constituents for more information and inquiry into

the controversial activities of the evangelical anti-Communist Moon movement, and have asked the I.R.S. to look into the matter.

"This should not be categorized as a witch hunt," he said, "we just want to know what is going on, and the only way we will know is through a thorough audit."

"It is important that the public know that on the Governmental end, everybody's not just sitting there," he added.

The Unification Church, whose methods of recruiting and retaining its followers, have long been a subject of controversy, particularly among parents, has more recently come under scrutiny for its political activities in the United States, and for its close ties with the South Korean Government and the Korean Central Intelligence Agency.

Questions have also been raised about the Church's emphasis on fund raising and building influence among prominent and wealthy individuals, and its lack of social programs.

Partly as a result of these concerns, a number of Federal, state, and local authorities have begun to question the Moon groups' claims to be part of a religious movement, and to thereby qualify for income and real estate tax exemptions.

The New York City Tax Commission currently has three applications for real estate tax exemptions from the Unification Church—for the old Columbia Club on West 43rd Street, a brownstone on West

107th Street, and an old candy factory in Long Island City, currently used as a printing plant.

A fourth application—for the recently purchased New Yorker Hotel—is expected soon. According to the president of the commission, Marshall G. Kaplan, the New Yorker is assessed at about \$11 million, and the Moon organizations' total holding in New York City amount to \$16 or \$17 million. At a real estate tax rate of \$8.17 per \$100 of assessed value, their total New York City tax would amount to \$1.39 million per year.

Mr. Kaplan said yesterday that the city would be holding a hearing on the Moon tax-exempt applications to determine whether they comply with the New York law governing tax-exempt organizations. Essentially, he noted, the law requires only that an organization prove it supports the existence of a divine being and is engaged in promulgating these beliefs.

The city will probably not make a decision on the Moon organization applications until next winter, according to Mr. Kaplan. He noted that the city has never won a lawsuit challenging the right of any group to an exemption. "Everybody who claims he's a religion has wound up with an exemption," he said.

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Signal to General Park

As a majority of the House International Relations Committee recognizes, this is no time for the United States to bestow a blessing on the repressive regime of President Park Chung Hee with a two-thirds increase in military aid for South Korea. When it votes today on the military assistance bill, the House will strike a blow for decency without jeopardizing an ally's security if it sustains the committee recommendation that arms aid for Seoul be held at the existing level for the next two years.

Continuation at the present scale would provide South Korea with \$290 million in grants and credits for arms purchases over the two-year period. The Administration has requested \$495 million, citing higher costs, the desirability of enabling South Korea to continue a five-year plan for armament modernization, and the need to reassure an allied Government of the constancy of the United

States despite the Indochina debacle.

Yet a \$200 million boost in arms aid now would be widely interpreted in Korea and elsewhere as an American vote of confidence in a regime that has steadily intensified a campaign of suppression, arbitrary arrest and torture, aimed at crushing all dissent. It would also constitute a victory for a South Korean lobby which—whether or not it includes the Rev. Sun Myung Moon among its members—has had an impact on Congress reminiscent of that of the more visible China lobby of two decades ago.

While Congress is debating military aid, a trial is proceeding in Seoul of eighteen prominent political and religious leaders, including South Korea's only living ex-President, Yun Po Sun, former Foreign Minister, Chyung Yil Hyung, and Kim Dae Jung, onetime candidate for President against General

Park. Their "crime" is that they issued a declaration calling for President Park's resignation and the restoration of democracy.

Administration officials argue for the increased military aid on the ground that it would "send a signal" to the Communist Government in North Korea, which is surely one of the most repressive totalitarian states in the world, about the durability of the American commitment to Seoul. At this time, however, it might be more appropriate to send a signal to President Park that the United States, while faithful to its responsibilities, is increasingly intolerant of his progressive destruction of democratic civil liberties in South Korea, a nation that many thousands of Americans died to save.

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Bicentennial God Bless America Festival “God’s Hope for America”

Text of the keynote speech given by Reverend Sun Myung Moon at Yankee Stadium, June 1st, 1976

Distinguished Citizens of the United States and Honorable Delegates of the world, I would like to speak to you tonight on the subject “God’s Hope for America.” But first of all, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you for coming today.

Here in grand Yankee Stadium we have gathered to celebrate America’s 200th birthday.

Among this year’s many celebrations, our Festival at Yankee Stadium is unique for the following reasons: first, we have gathered together in the name of God, and second, we are having an international celebration. Representatives from all over the world are here for this joyous celebration.

God’s Goal in History

Today we are living in an age when we must look at every individual



tians to be willing to give themselves for the salvation of the world. However, today Christians of the world are not even close to realizing this heart of God.

ferent nationalities. In your bloodstream many kinds of blood are blended together. Nations who used to be enemies have united in your blood. When the individuals and

Americans? True Americans are those who have a universal mind. True Americans are those who believe in the one family of man, transcendent of color, and nationality as willed by God. True Americans are those who are proud of such international families, churches and of the nation which consists of all peoples. In the sight of God, there is no black; there is no white; there is no yellow. We must look at the human race, as God sees it. America must return to the true founding spirit of the nation, to the ideals which her ancestors sought to establish with sweat and blood. America must return to *Godism*, an absolutely God-centered ideology.

God is the motivation, the cause and the foundation of the independence of America. America was born through the Providence of God. If we are centered upon God, we will

there are basically two ways of life. One is the selfish way of life, and the other is the unselfish way of life where one thinks beyond himself and his family and lives for the greater purpose of the nation and the world. Throughout history, whether in the East or West, those who played important roles were public-minded or selfless persons.

The well-being of the family should come before that of the individual; the nation should come before the family; and the world before the nation, and God before the world. This is the philosophy of the selfless way of life. The righteous men and women and saints in history were those people who selflessly sacrificed themselves for God and mankind. Jesus Christ was indeed the supreme example of such a righteous man.

It is truly God, however, who is supremely selfless, supremely public-minded. When mankind rebelled against Him, God did not take revenge; He forgave. And God has been working tirelessly to raise sinful men up out of sin into salvation. To do this God sent His only Son Jesus Christ. Even at the cost of sacrificing His Son, God wanted to save the world. God erected Israel as the chosen nation. The purpose of the chosen nation is also to save the world. And God raised up Christianity for the same purpose—to save the world.

The Bible says in John 3:16, "God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Remember, the world is God's goal. And just as Jesus willingly gave his life so that the world might live, God wanted all Chris-

and national barriers gather together to create a church, a society and a nation, that nation will become God's ideal nation for all peoples.

There is only one nation like this in all of history—The United States of America. It is apparent that this unique nation of America is the creation of God. The people of America have come from every corner of the world. To be an American does not depend upon what race you are, what belief you have, or what cultural background you are from. It is only in this nation that no matter where you are from, you can say this is my country. That is America!

America is a microcosm of the world. Transcending nationality and race, America has created a model for the ideal world. God Himself had purposely hidden this land of America from civilization until His time was full, and then upon her God raised up this model nation. In His Providence God anointed America with oil; He poured out abundant blessing upon this land. In a short 200 years, God raised this nation to be the mightiest nation on earth.

America Today

But blessing never comes alone; it comes with responsibility. If one forsakes the responsibility, one also forsakes God's blessing. Inevitably the blessing of God will leave, and the nation doing this will decline. Is it not true that the signs of such decline are already apparent in America today?

Beloved American people, the time has come that we must repent. We must fear the wrath of God. In the truest sense, who are the true

However, as soon as we turn away from God, we will be divided.

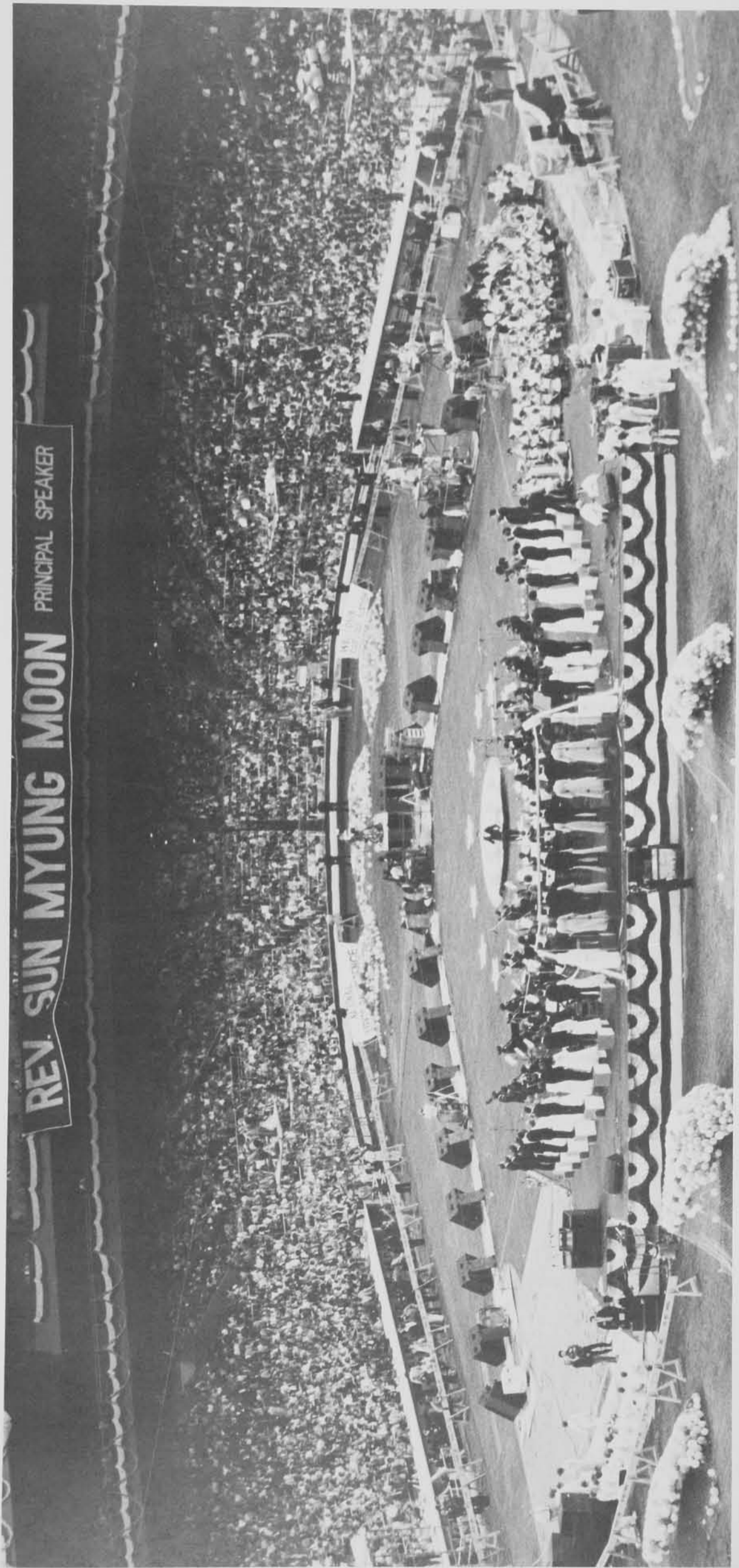
Ladies and gentlemen, if America wants to keep the blessing of God as the leading nation of the world, it must form a partnership with God. Do you have God in your homes? Do you truly have God in your church? Do you have God in your society and nation? God is the cement. With God, America will stay together like concrete. But if God leaves, she will be like sand. When the flood comes, all will be washed away.

America's greatness and pride stem from God. With Him America deserves the blessing and can remain as the mightiest nation. With God, you can preserve your dignity and the leadership of the world. If you allow God to leave America, however, this nation will decline; it will be subjugated by satanic hands. When this happens, the future of America will be dismal, tragic. America will become a living hell.

When God's blessing is great, and one forsakes God's will, God's punishment is equally great. In the early 1960s, America seemed to be the hope of the world, and the symbol of America was the city of New York. Today, however, the world has lost faith in America, and New York has become a jungle of immorality and depravity. It has been transformed into a city under the attack of evil. Chicago is no different; nor Los Angeles. Throughout all of America, Satan is becoming the master. God has been forgotten in this country, and if forgotten, God can only leave America. Now is the very moment that this is taking place!

When the unifying force of God

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leaves America, nothing will be able to hold America together. The family will break down; churches will divide, and America will become mortally ill because the cells of her body are decaying. This will be the perfect opportunity for the evil of communism to overtake America. This state of emergency is here now. Someone must do something!

The Work of Reverend Moon

There are critics who say, "Why is Reverend Moon so involved in America's Bicentennial? It is none of his business." Ladies and gentlemen, if there is illness in your home, do you not need a doctor

young people are struggling, agonizing over their mission to create a world free of struggle and agony. Our battle is God's battle against Satan. For the sake of God, we will never retreat, but will win, whatever the sacrifice may be.

It is not important whether I am persecuted or not. I am only concerned with the will of God and the mission God gave me. I am concerned that your rejection of me could result in the rejection of God. I am concerned that without knowing the situation clearly, you may be found opposing God's will. If what I am doing is not the will of God, it will not go too far anyway. If, however, what I am doing is the will of

affirming equality for all people. By doing so, God laid the "Foundation of People" for America, transcending race and nationality. Yet this was an external test.

Today, 200 years later, America is undergoing another test. This time the test is an internal or spiritual one. It is a religious test, an historical, ideological test. On the other side of the world, the God-denying ideology of communism has risen up and is ready to undertake an all-out offensive against the free world. Destroying America is the communists' final and ultimate goal. They know America is God's final bulwark on earth. More than any-

inter-religious unity. For this, we need a spiritual revolution. We need a new ideology, and this new ideology must incorporate Oriental philosophy, uniting the cultures of the East and the West.

This new ideology will also be capable of unifying all the existing religions and ideologies of the world. Therefore, it has come in the form of a new religious or spiritual movement. The Unification Church Movement has been created by God to fulfill that mission. This spiritual movement must first succeed here in America in order to spread throughout the world. The new ideology which the Unification Church

on fire, do you not need fire fighters from outside? God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor, in the role of a fire fighter. That is why I have come to America. Good medicine may taste bitter, and an operation may involve some pain, but the treatment must begin at once. Should a patient complain and push away the doctor's hand when he touches the infected part? For the last three years, with my entire heart and soul I have been teaching American youth a new revelation from God. They now have a clear concept of what the God-centered family, church, and nation should be like. They also know the dark reality of America. Thus they have become determined fighters to bring new life and salvation to America before it is too late. They know the critical state of the nation. They know the grieving heart of God. And they are absolutely determined to turn the tide back to God. Their enthusiasm is beautiful to behold.

Your dedicated sons and daughters are champions of God crusading for the victory of God's will. As God's front line, they are declaring war against evil. They are courageously fighting this noble battle. We must overcome evil. It is our mission to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. Therefore, we must build a model of the Kingdom of God right here in America, which God loves and has prepared the most.

Ladies and gentlemen, remember, these young people are working tirelessly. Their hearts are filled with tears and sighs in order to create a world free of tears and sighs. These

some people reject and persecute us and try to block the way, this mission will succeed.

Why has Reverend Moon come to America where he has encountered such tribulation? Am I pursuing my own honor? Is money my goal, or power? No! Never! I came to America because this is the country which God, our Heavenly Father has chosen. I came to America because I know the heart of God. I know that in spite of America's rebellion against Him, God will not abandon this country. His will is to make America an example of a Godly nation that the nations of the world can follow. I know God's will is to save the world, and to do this America must lead the way. This is why I came to America. With God you can win; with Satan you will fall.

Three Great Tests

Ladies and gentlemen, 200 years ago your brave ancestors in the Continental Army fought the Revolution, the War of Independence, with faith in God. George Washington knelt down at Valley Forge asking divine intervention, and he and his army were able to win over the invincible British Army. Only through divine intervention could he win the war and America's independence. At that moment, God laid the "Foundation of Land" for America.

Approximately 100 years later when, contrary to God's will, slavery and segregation were rampant here in America, God raised up Abraham Lincoln as His champion, and brought about the victory of the Civil War, liberating the slaves, and

or fall.

America can not win this battle alone. She needs God. In this test you can not win without God who is the foundation of all truth, and all true ideology. A confrontation is inevitable between the two worlds—the God-affirming world and the God-denying world. This is a confrontation of ideology. Therefore, as a champion of God, America must win ideologically over atheistic communism on the worldwide scale, with the unity of all races and nationalities. Our faith in God must be stronger than their faith in communism. America must win in the name of God. Thus God would establish the "Foundation of the New World Ideology" in a higher dimension.

One World Under God

The American forefathers fled from religious persecution in Europe, came to the new world, and in the spirit of building "One Nation Under God" they brought about a new nation here in America which is now at the threshold of her third century. In a similar way, today people are fleeing from the communist world of slavery to the free world. Many were persecuted for their religious beliefs and ideological differences. The time has come to unite them to build a new world centered upon God. United, the free world must liberate the enslaved communist world. This time our task is to build "One World Under God."

To do this, Christianity of the world must unite. The church must liberate herself from sectarianism. She must undergo a drastic reform, and achieve an ecumenical and an

power to awaken America, and it has the power to raise up the model of the ideal nation of God upon this land.

With that done, the rest of the world will follow America's example and will build the Kingdom of God upon their respective lands. Then we shall all truly become brothers and sisters under one Father, God. This will be a world of love, a world of happiness. Our planet will be one home, and mankind will be one family. God's will, His long cherished desire from the beginning of time will finally be fulfilled. This will be the eternal, ideal world of God. Indeed, it will be the Kingdom of God on earth. We will build it with our hands.

This is our supreme mission. It is truly our God-given, sacred mission. God is crying out to the world, and we are His instruments. The world must respond to His call. Listen to God's commandment. Initiate a courageous march towards the Kingdom of God on earth. Whatever the difficulty, let it not stop us. Our march is God's, and it will go on to the end.

My beloved citizens of America, today let us pledge to God Almighty our loyalty and dedication to the fulfillment of this divine mission. Ladies and gentlemen, in the name of God, let us unite, and together build the Kingdom of God on earth!

Let us together give our united thanks to God. In the name of the people of the world, may I congratulate you on the 200th birthday of the great nation of America. May God bless you, and may God bless America and her third century. Thank you very much.

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40,000 attend Unification rally

By Barbara Ross
Staff Writer

Sun Myung Moon's followers are stripping New York today of thousands of posters they erected in recent weeks to promote Moon's Tuesday night "God Bless America" rally in Yankee Stadium.

The Bicentennial project of Moon's Unification Church drew some 40,000 persons to the recently re-opened stadium, less than the 55,000 which Moon organizers had hoped for, and was marred by unruly gangs of youths who distracted the audience by setting off fire crackers, smoke bombs and fire alarms.

Police reported at least seven persons were arrested in or around the stadium including two on weapons charges.

At least half a dozen people were treated in the stadium's first aid facility for minor cuts and bruises suffered in scuffles. One man clutching his stomach was escorted to an ambulance but a police officer said he was not hurt, only drunk.

A security guard said the Moonies, as the Korean evangelists followers are known, caused the problem when they opened the gates to everyone, not just ticket holders.

"These kids circle around here all the time when there's a game but they never got in until today. Now they're running wild," the guard said, referring to youngsters from the South Bronx neighborhoods around the stadium.

The gates were opened to all at around 7 p.m. when the rally was scheduled to start. By that time, only 25,000 were seated. Many others were jammed up outside the stadium near the 161st Street subway station where more than 200 picketing Moon critics competed for attention with rival religious groups—notably a chanting band of Hare Krishna devotees.

Many of those in the audience were black or Spanish-speaking, and many had brought children, ranging in age from infants to teenagers, who enjoyed themselves clapping hands and rapping miniature American flags against their chairs in time to the music. Why did they come?

Michael Runyon, a Unification spokesman, said New York City's minorities came because they think of Moon as a "third world leader."

However more than a dozen families questioned said they came out of curiosity: They wanted to hear Moon, and the entertainers, including two bands, two



Unification Church distributed miniature American and Korean flags Tuesday at Sun Myung Moon's Yankee Stadium rally and the crowd here

gets into the flag waving spirit thanks to some Sousa marches played by Unification's brass band.

singing groups and the Korean Folk Ballet.

One Manhattanite in a three piece suit said he "came to sop it all up" because he wants to write a screenplay based on Moon's movement.

Priscilla Marco, 18, of Astoria, Queens, said she went to "keep an eye on" her girlfriend who was attracted to the movement.

Wilbia Carmichael, an older woman from Manhattan, said she came "because the spirit moved me. I wanted to hear some good news. You can't hear enough these days, and the more you hear the more you need."

When Moon was introduced at 8:20 p.m. by Unification Church President Neil A. Salonen, the audience gave the Korean industrialist a warm standing ovation which lasted several minutes.

In his 45-minute speech, Moon did not offer much good news, just a warning: Speaking in Korean through Bo Hi Pak, his interpreter, Moon said America is in a "state of emergency" because "God has been forgotten in the U.S."

"God sent me to America in the role of a doctor, a fire fighter," he said, explaining how it was natural that an "outsider" would be called in for the job.

"If there is an illness in your home, do you not need a doctor from the outside?" Moon asked.

He posed the question more than mid-way through his speech, by which time the audience had thinned considerably. Some of the crowd, in fact, had begun to leave within a few minutes after Moon started talking. "I don't know what he's saying. Do you?" asked one girl on her way out.

Unification spokesmen blamed Tuesday's disappointing turnout on the weather. They said a brief downpour at 5 p.m. made people think the event would be cancelled.

However, a few people outside the stadium said they hesitated to go in after hearing Moon's critics.

"I'm not sure yet what we're going to do," said one perplexed looking mother surrounded by her family.

The critics came from all over the metropolitan area and from as far away as Maine and California. They differed broadly in their reasons for attacking Moon and the Unification Church.

The Rev. Frederick G. Pillmeier of The Church of The Holy Comforter in the Bronx, who was distributing pamphlets outside the stadium, said that his literature (entitled "Follow the Sun, Not

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Rev. Moon") was sponsored by 40 Lutheran churches in the Bronx.

Like Calvary Baptist Church of Manhattan and the First Presbyterian Church of Babylon, L.I., which both were represented among the protestors, the Lutherans oppose Moon on Biblical grounds. They say Moon distorts the Bible in his doctrine, "The Divine Principle."

Others attacked Unification from a political standpoint. A group calling itself the "Communist Cadre" carried red banners saying "Smash War Profiteer Moon and his neo-Nazi Unification

'Church.'"

A recently formed "Ad Hoc Coalition to Expose Moon" proclaimed in its posters: "Moon is a union buster" and "We want jobs, not scab labor" (referring to the fact that many Moonies do all kinds of jobs for Unification without pay.)

Pickers also included parents and ex-Moonies who charged in their speeches and posters that Unification "brainwashes" its followers. These critics were organized by Citizens Engaged in Reuniting Families, a national group founded in White Plains.

Moon's group says it spent about \$1 million on the Yankee Stadium rally, much of it for promoting the event on radio and television.

Susan Reinbold, a movement spokeswoman, said Unification also spent money housing 4,000 Moonies and their guests in the metropolitan area. She said she was not sure how much, if anything, Unification spent transporting these people. There were, for example, 14 bus loads from Washington, D.C. and 10 buses from Toronto, Canada.

Some parents in the stadium said Unification had offered them an all-

expense paid trip to New York but Miss Reinbold said most parents of Moon followers paid their own way.

Miss Reinbold said Moon had dropped plans for a 50-state speaking tour which was to follow the Yankee Stadium rally.

"We found it costs more than we can supply," she said.

Moon's next major speech, she added, will be delivered in September on the grounds of the Washington Monument in the nation's capital.

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Letters from readers

'Bravo and applause for Barbara Ross'

TO THE EDITOR

Bravo and applause for Barbara Ross on her wonderfully informative and revealing series of articles on Moon's Unification movement in this country.

This was a great job of reporting, giving emphasis to the impact the movement has had and will have on our own village. Let us hope that government

investigations of this organization keep them from realizing their dreams of conquest.

The articles were capped off Friday, May 27, by a great editorial, one that I enjoyed tremendously and heartily agree with, but I hope that the premise of the eventual breakthrough of Moon's movement through America's eventual enlight-

enment proves prophetic. Meanwhile, let's give all Americans' freedom of choice and religion but let's give Moon and his money-grubbing, empire-building, political power-seeking cohorts nothing else.

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Tarrytown Trustee
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RELIGIOUS CULTS

Newest Magnet for Youth

Mystic sects that offer love and joy to the U.S. young are getting a big response. But they're also drawing fire from parents and other critics.

Again many of America's young people are on the move toward a radically different life—not to drugs or rioting as in the 1960s but to religious cults.

By the hundreds of thousands, these youths are living and working on behalf of new-found beliefs and leaders.

Such converts can be seen roaming the streets of U.S. cities—selling incense as Oriental monks or singing Gospel hymns and taking up collections.

Many are living in suburban or small-town communes, others in communities of their own in the countryside.

Battle for loyalty. Their shift often brings a total break from past friends, jobs or studies, and family.

In that situation, a continuing state of hostilities has developed between some of the cults and some parents who believe that their children are being bilked and brainwashed in virtual captivity.

There has been a rash of forcible removals of young people—with or without court orders—from the communes. Officials are looking into some of the cults for tax and other violations.

This growing warfare between conventional America and the cults moved into a new dimension on June 1 at New York City's Yankee Stadium, where 30,000 persons came to see and hear Korean evangelist Sun Myung Moon, head of the Unification Church and a leading figure among the new cultists.

Hecklers tore down decorations and fought with Mr. Moon's followers. The millionaire preacher delivered his speech behind a shield of bulletproof glass to the accompaniment of boos, cat-calls and smoke bombs.

At present, anywhere from 1 million to 3 million Americans, mostly in their 20s or late teens, are involved in 200 to 1,000 of these new cults.

Cultism, however, is not a new development in this country.

Over the centuries, narrowly based sects have built up—then usually lost—followings for dogmas and panaceas ranging from free love to snake handling. Hindu mystics at one time or another have done well in the United States.

Few if any such movements, though, centered as strongly on youth as the current ones do.

Today, the nation's "new believers" vary widely—from Oriental meditators to bands of youths waiting in the desert for saviors due to arrive in spaceships from "the same kingdom that Christ came from."

Brief sketches of the largest and best-known cults appear on page 53.

What enables such groups to prosper?

Many religious and social analysts point to a large reservoir of troubled

youths in the U.S.—some involved in drugs, and others with traditionally devout views that crack, often in the transition from home to college. These and other youngsters are attracted to the authoritarian image presented by many cult leaders.

For such young people, religious fervor usually runs at a high pitch.

"Warmth" and "love" cited. Cultists speak enthusiastically of the "warmth" and "love" they find among fellow members. Mr. Moon's followers, for example, call him "our spiritual father" and call their group "a unified family."

In most religious communities, visitors find a strict routine of lectures and ecstatic prayers. Many cults ban drinking, drugs, nonmarital sex. In the Unification Church, sexual relations are prohibited even for newlyweds for 40 days.

Defectors, however, have testified that female members of the Children of God sect were sometimes sexually abused by cult leaders.

It is also charged that millions of dollars raised by the rank and file through begging or work go into the pockets of many cult leaders.

As leaders of parents' protest organizations see it, the young people are enticed into cults' week-end retreats by smiling and affectionate members; then their resistance is weakened by long hours of work, indoctrination and, often, malnutrition. The process, these parents' leaders say, amounts to "psychological kidnaping."

Such charges have not been upheld in court, and cult leaders strongly deny exploiting young members. Mr. Moon, for instance, says that he keeps for



Hopes of ecstasy, peace lure young to new religions



Sun Myung Moon greets throng of 30,000 at Yankee Stadium rally later marred by boos, violence

his personal use only part of the sprawling New York estates that his church has bought for training centers as well as a proposed university.

Similarly, the Divine Light Mission asserts that its youthful guru, Maharaj Ji, pays for his personal possessions—including a string of luxury cars—from voluntary gifts outside church channels.

A number of experts have voiced skepticism about critics' charges that brainwashing is employed by the cults. Herbert Hendin, a Columbia University psychoanalyst who studies youth movements for the Center for Policy Research, reports:

"I've never seen one of these young people who didn't have some kind of serious failure in family life.

"They're turning desperately from the pain of the outside world to the childlike support and structures of a make-believe family."

Some sociologists compare the cults with "hippie" groups of the 1960s, with mysticism replacing drugs and religious devotion providing the sense of purpose once given by radical politics.

Still, some religious leaders find the authoritarianism in some cults "chilling," and are joining efforts to combat them.

One such leader, Rabbi Maurice Davis, has helped to organize a national network of groups composed of former cultists and parents of present members.

"Deprogramming" efforts. Some parents in the last three years have resorted to abducting young people, usually by snatching them outside a commune, rushing them into a waiting car and speeding away.

Frequently, the youngster is turned over to a "deprogrammer" for four or five days of 20-hour-a-day "stressful interviewing" in a locked room, to rid the young person of cultist beliefs.

The best known of such deprogrammers, Ted Patrick, says that he has returned more than 1,000 "cured" believers to parents, although he admits his methods are illegal if the abducted cultist is past the legal age of adulthood. In May, Mr. Patrick lost a court appeal in Los Angeles on charges of unlawfully imprisoning a cult member, and says he expects to spend nearly a year in jail.

Officials in the Tucson, Ariz., district attorney's office are handling the matter in another way.

Prosecutors help families get a writ of *habeas corpus* ordering the cult to produce a certain member for a court hearing on whether he or she should be ruled mentally in-

THE RISING CULTS—FACTS AND FIGURES

Among the largest and most controversial of cults in the news are these:

The Unification Church. It was brought to the U.S. in 1972 by Sun Myung Moon, a millionaire industrialist from Korea. The group now claims 30,000 U.S. members, averaging 24 years of age. Of these, 7,000 are described as full-time members.

Church officials say that income to national headquarters totaled 12 million dollars last year, with State organizations pulling in about the same amount. Parents' protest organizations estimate the church's total income at more than 100 million dollars a year. Its extensive real-estate holdings include the recently purchased Hotel New Yorker.

Main beliefs include faith in a Korean-born prophet—assumed by many to be Mr. Moon himself—who is destined to bind the world into one Christian "family." The group also preaches anti-Communism and support for the Government of South Korea.

The Divine Light Mission. It was established in the U.S. five years ago by Prem Pal Singh Rawat, 18, known by the title of Guru Maharaj Ji.

The group claims 50,000 followers in the U.S., including 3,000 who tithe 10 per cent of their income. Another 575 who belong to monastic orders take an annual vow of poverty, chastity and obedience, and often give all their possessions to the mission—but only after a year's trial, leaders assert.

The national headquarters in Denver reported an income of 3 million dollars last year.

Religious disciplines, the mission says, consist of updated versions of Hindu meditation, service in hospitals and prisons, and proselytizing.

The International Society for Krishna Consciousness. It claims a total of



Chanting, self-denial are called keys to enlightenment by the Krishna followers.

2,000 flowing-robed "Krishna chanters" in the U.S., plus hundreds of part-time members at 29 centers across the country.

The U.S. branch was founded in 1966 by A.C. Bhaktivedanta Prabhupada, an 80-year-old Indian preacher.

Assertedly based on ancient Hindu scriptures called *Vedas*, the movement prohibits the eating of meat, drinking of alcohol and most sexual activity. Commune members must arise about 4 a.m. for long hours of chanting, drum beating and the selling of incense or publications to raise money.

The Church of Scientology. Established in 1954, it claims 600,000 members. Over-all income figures are "not available," church leaders say.

Critics estimate, however, that the group has only 5,000 to 10,000 hardcore members and income of anywhere from 50 million to 300 million dollars a year.

Instead of monastic disciplines, Scientology emphasizes "processing" members with an electronic device called an "E-meter" to heal emotional traumas. Founder L. Ron Hubbard is a former science-fiction writer, engineer and U.S. Navy officer.

The Children of God. It has been described as having 3,500 members in 120 communes around the world. But the organization has become diffuse since its California-based leaders left for Europe several years ago.

Prophecies and orders are handed down by founder David ("Moses") Berg through pamphlets called "Mo letters."

Funds for the apocalyptic sect are raised mostly through members' donations and street solicitation.



WIDE WORLD



Pickets protest Mr. Moon's New York City rally. Worried parents have formed national network to oppose alleged brainwashing by cults.

RELIGIOUS CULTS

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competent. On at least one occasion, sheriff's deputies have gone out in the predawn hours to pick up the person, so the commune does not have time to spirit him away.

Testimony on radical changes in a cultist's behavior usually persuades a judge to grant the parents or spouse a 15 to 30-day conservatorship, the prosecutors say. During that period, the cult member is questioned by a hired deprogrammer working under supervision of Kevin M. Gilmartin, Pima County's official court psychologist.

Ex-members are free to return to the sect after the court order expires, but only one out of nearly two dozen has chosen to do so, the lawyers say.

Eventually, the Tucson prosecutors hope to have their method taught to thousands of district attorneys across the nation. So far, it has been upheld by local courts from Arizona to the Washington, D.C., area.

This procedure is being denounced strongly by cultists, however, as a misuse of government powers.

In a protest meeting with U.S. Senator Robert Dole (Rep.), of Kansas, Unification Church President Neil Salonen described the process this way:

"If you find a favorable judge . . . the person can wake up and find he no longer has any legal rights. To me, this is dangerous in our society."

Moves by U.S.? Signs of Federal Government involvement in the cult controversy are surfacing in Washington, D.C., where parental complaints of "psycho-

logical kidnaping" by cults have been coming into the U.S. Department of Justice at the rate of four or five a day.

Roger Cabbage, an attorney designated to handle these cases, says that Federal Bureau of Investigation agents are investigating two or three cult-related complaints a week. But he adds: "We've researched the law on coercion, and we simply can't find anything illegal in most of these allegations."

In February, officials from several federal agencies told a meeting of angry parents that they would consider any formal complaints of shady financial practices or hourly-wage violations filed against the cults.

Already, the Immigration and Naturalization Service has refused to admit 583 aliens for missionary training by the Unification Church, because the training was "principally fund raising by street solicitation . . . of borderline legality."

On June 1, U.S. Representative Peter A. Peyser (Rep.), of New York, indicated that the Internal Revenue Service is investigating the Unification Church to see if it is violating rules restricting political lobbying and personal enrichment of church leaders.

Getting the IRS to revoke tax-exempt status is one of their main goals, cult opponents say. In the only such action to date, however, the Church of Scientology has won back through a long legal battle tax-exempt status for all but a few of its regional chapters.

Many federal officials remain wary of any action that might tamper with the nation's tradition of religious freedom.

One federal investigator, for example, calls the pleas received from parents "heartbreaking," but adds: "Some peo-

ple would maintain that any form of religion involves brainwashing. Who is the Government to say that one religion is more valid than another?"

Religious scholars—and some parents, too—suggest that cults may be socially beneficial to certain young people, considering the high rates of crime, suicide and other destructive behavior among youth today. Irving I. Zaretsky, coeditor of "Religious Movements in Contemporary America," observes:

"Many entered cults to get free of drugs, and their rehabilitation rates are rather high, compared with government programs. What will happen if we cut off this relatively healthy outlet or antidote for antisocial behavior?"

Forecast: "leveling off." How long will the present crop of cults continue to flourish? Martin E. Marty, of the University of Chicago Divinity School, sees signs that they may have peaked. "Campus leaders tell me the number of new recruits is leveling off, and most members leave after a few years in the cults," he says.

Professor Marty, a religious historian, predicts that none of today's cults will show the staying power of such dissenting faiths as the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Mormons.

As he sees it:

"Those groups were able to survive persecution and grow because they offered a structure of belief that would support people all through life and would encourage them to raise their children in the Church.

"But most of these cults are antagonistic toward nuclear families. They don't give their young members room to grow up."

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THE GOD BLESS AMERICA FESTIVAL AT YANKEE STADIUM IN NEW YORK, WITNESSED BY MOONIES AND PICKETED BY FOES

The Darker Side of Sun Moon

Ladies and gentlemen, if there is illness in your home, do you not need a doctor from outside? God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor, in the role of a fire fighter . . . For the last three years, with my entire heart and soul I have been teaching American youth a new revelation from God.

The speaker was that sleek, self-anointed savior from Korea, Sun Myung Moon, 56, and his podium last week was in New York's Yankee Stadium. As the head of the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, Reverend Moon, whose country was once a target for Christian missionaries, is now three years into his program for turning the tables on the West and evangelizing it for his own (TIME, Nov. 10). He had forecast an overflow crowd of 200,000, perhaps even an absurd million, for his stadium extravaganza. In preparation, 1,500 of his relentlessly smiling young followers held brass-band rallies from Harlem to Wall Street, plastered every available wall with red-white-and-blue posters bearing Moon's smiling face, and handed out free tickets to the "God Bless America Festival." In a shrewd civic come-on, platoons of Moonies donned white jumpsuits, armed themselves with brooms and plastic bags and cheerfully worked from neighborhood to neighborhood tidying up city streets.

In the event, the stadium seating 54,000 was only about half full. Many who did come left long before the end of Moon's hour-long harangue, punched out in rough, guttural Korean and translated into English paragraph by para-

graph. Outside the stadium, 50 groups of Moon's foes paraded and picketed with signs like A PROPHET FOR PROFIT, and NO SLAVE LABOR ALLOWED. Among the most vociferous of the demonstrators were parents of his disciples, who for the most part lose contact with their families upon joining Moon's religion.

The Unification Church is only one of dozens of religious cults that are drawing young Americans these days. Other notable ones are Hare Krishna, the Children of God, Brother Julius, Love Israel and the Divine Light Mission. But Moon's penchant for publicity and totalitarian trappings attracts the most attention and stirs the strongest emotions—not only in the U.S., where he claims 30,000 followers, but in South Korea, where he claims 300,000 and in Japan 200,000. His small following in Europe has grown rapidly in the past few years. There are 1,000 in France, 6,000 in West Germany.

Ginseng Tea. To some spectators in New York City in the weeks leading up to his rally, his cadres of short-haired, fresh-faced youths marching and singing together were a reminder of early Nazi days. So are the anti-Semitic doctrines expressed in Moon's religious writings, though many of his followers are young Jews. Moon's wealth and his political connections and apparatus are also under increasing scrutiny. He never seems to lack funds with which to fly or bus squads of converts wherever he needs them. Strongly anti-Communist, Moon orates frequently about politics. An industrialist back home in South Korea, he is staunch in his support of President Park Chung Hee, and during the

Watergate crisis, met privately with Nixon and took out full-page ads supporting him.

Moon lives in baronial splendor with his second wife and eight of his nine children overlooking the Hudson River. In the past few years his church, or its satellite organizations, has invested at least \$19 million in California and the New York City area. Latest purchase: Manhattan's Hotel New Yorker, for over \$5 million.

Where does the money come from? Although there have been rumors of large donations from industries in Japan and Korea, this is not the case. But Moon has interests in a number of businesses in many countries, among them South Korea's Il Hwa pharmaceutical company, which exports ginseng tea, and Tong Il Industries, which manufactures air rifles. Moon exploits the talent and energy of his hard-core disciples, who go on the streets to sell flowers, candles, peanuts and ginseng tea. Their take is considerable—perhaps \$10 million a year, and because his cult is legally a religion, all income is tax free. "They told us that our work bought the Hotel New Yorker," a Moonie street peddler said proudly last week. It is also Moonies who are remodeling the hotel to make it a Unification Church hostel and headquarters.

The Moonies are overeducated for their work. Drawn mostly from middle-class families, many were college students originally attracted to the movement by various idealistic-sounding causes. Fort Worth debutante Cynthia Slaughter was drawn by an ad seeking someone interested in the "betterment of mankind" (see box page 50). Others learn about the movement when they go to discussions of "ecology," "moral-

ity," and the spiritual salvation of the U.S.

Once seduced into their weird new world, converts are surrounded always by warm, supportive Brothers and Sisters and are reassured by smiles, friendly pats and handholding (called "love bombing"). Premarital sex, however, is banned, as are drugs, and the moralistic tone of the centers generally attracts those looking for discipline and order. The disciples sleep only five or six hours a day, eat simply and are assigned tasks such as domestic work, proselytizing or selling. In order to peddle their wares they may claim to be helping drug addicts, orphans, anybody—since such lies are merely "heavenly deceit."

Heretics' Insights. The Moonies become infused with the "Divine Principle," Moon's doctrine as spelled out in his book, the movement's bible. Many converts come to believe that Moon is a second Messiah who will exceed Jesus Christ in glory. They also learn Moon's law of indemnity. Both their sins and their ancestors' must be atoned for through nonstop exertion. Many of them turn over their bank accounts to the movement, and willingly cut themselves off from their own families. They honor, even pray to, Moon and his wife, as their "true parents."

Some observers are tolerant of the Moonies. "I just wonder why we can't get more motivation like the Moon motivation in our own churches," says the

Rev. Dan Potter, director of the Council of Churches of the City of New York, which nevertheless has refused to admit the Unification Church to its membership. Adds Potter: "We are all a collection of groups grown out of the insights of so-called heretics." Religious orders have long sequestered their initiates from the world, and ceaseless work can be seen as beneficial.

Yet there is little evidence that the Moonies' efforts contribute to anything but Moon's coffers, and the glassy-eyed behavior of the youngsters has so alarmed many parents that they have resorted to illegal kidnappings and "deprogrammings" to retrieve their offspring. The best known of the deprogrammers is Ted Patrick, 45, an ex-middleweight fighter and onetime community relations aide for Governor Ronald Reagan in California. Patrick claims to have rescued 1,000 youths from the Unification Church and other cults. Mrs. Jenetta French of Greensboro, N.C., who has "lost" two daughters to Moon, described how Ronda, a former airline stewardess,

behaved when Patrick was trying to deprogram her. "She was very childlike. In the car she would sing to drown out what you were saying to her. When Patrick tried to talk to her, she hummed put her fingers in her ears, hid behind a piece of paper, anything to keep from listening." Eventually Ronda went back to Moon.

Parents in France, West Germany and other countries are also alarmed. After Mikio Goto, 19, dropped out of college and started peddling ginseng tea on Tokyo streets for Master Moon, his father formed an association of victims parents, kidnaped his son, and "brainwashed him out of insanity."

Blood Cleansing. The Pied Piper of this international youth brigade was born into a Presbyterian family in Chongju-Gun, in northern Korea. He attended a pentecostal church, and on Easter Sunday of 1936, he reports, Jesus appeared and told him to carry out his unfinished task by completing man's salvation. Moon got married in 1944 but left his pregnant wife behind in Seoul to go to preach in the north. There, in 1948, he was imprisoned.

According to a former North Korean army officer who was in prison with him at the time, Moon received a seven-year sentence because he had contributed to "social disorder" he had been proclaiming the imminent coming of the second Messiah in Korea. When the Chinese pushed the U.N. troops out of



SUN MYUNG MOON AT RALLY

not done at random but what I am doing is under God's command.

There is no complaint, objection against anything being done here until we will have established the Kingdom of God on earth up until the very end! There can never be any complaint!

I want to have the members under me who will be willing to obey me even though they may have to disobey their own parents and the Presidents of their own nations. And if I gain half the pop-

ulation of the world, I can turn the whole world upside down.

LIFE WITH FATHER MOON: You must start over again your new life, from that point denying your past families, friends, neighbors and relatives.

You must keep yourselves pure. If you may have to be stained in some way or another, it is better for you to kill yourselves than to remain alive.

In restoring man from evil sovereignty, we must cheat.

FUTURE PLANS: Once our movement arouses the interest of the people in a nation, through mass media it will spread all throughout the world... So, we are going to focus our attention on one nation from where to reach the world. For that purpose I chose the U.S.

The present U.N. must be annihilated by our power. That is the stage for the Communists. We must make a new U.N.

If the U.S. continues its corruption, and we find among the Senators and Congressmen no one really usable for our purposes, we can make Senators and Congressmen out of our members... I have met many famous, so-called famous, Senators and Congressmen; but to my eyes, they are just nothing. They are weak and helpless. We will win the battle. This is our dream, our project. But shut your mouth tight.

The Secret Sayings Of 'Master' Moon

Although Sun Myung Moon sometimes appears to be a Christian evangelist, he is in actuality the megalomaniacal "messiah" of a new religion. Excerpts from speeches that "Master" Moon has given to disciples in the inner sanctum of his cult.

MOON ON MOON: He [God] is living in me and I am the incarnation of Himself.

The whole world is in my hand, and I will conquer and subjugate the world.

MOONISM v. CHRISTIANITY: God is now throwing Christianity away and is now establishing a new religion, and this new religion is Unification Church.

All the Christians in the world are destined to be absorbed by our movement.

There have been saints, prophets, many religious leaders... in past human history... Master here is more than any of those people and greater than Jesus himself.

OBEYING MOON: I am a thinker, I am your brain.

When you join the effort with me, you can do everything in utter obedience to me. Because what I am doing is

North Korea in 1950, Moon fled to the south and later started a church in Seoul. In those days, say early members of the sect, ritual sex characterized the Moon communes. Since Moon was a pure man, sex with him ("blood cleansing") was supposed to purify both body and soul, and marriages of other cultists were in fact invalid until the wives slept with Moon. As the cult became bigger, the blood-cleansing rites were abandoned, but today Moon arranges his disciples' marriages, and after a mass wedding ceremony in Seoul in 1970 enjoined 1,500 newlyweds from sex for 40 days.

Over the years, beginning in the '50s, Moon wrote and rewrote the *Divine Principle*. According to him, Jesus was supposed to marry an ideal wife and begin the "perfect family." He failed in this endeavor because he was crucified by his own people. For this reason

Jews suffer from "collective sin."

Since Jesus failed, a new Messiah must come to complete the task of building the "perfect family." According to *Divine Principle*, the time for this "Lord of the Second Advent" to be born was right after World War I, and the place, Korea.

Thinking Big. Moon's notoriety and success are causing him trouble. In February, Kansas Senator Robert Dole held a meeting of 400 people from 30 states to discuss the Unification Church before representatives of various federal agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service and the Department of Labor. Other Washington hearings on the cult's activities are being scheduled. Since some government officials believe there are extremely close ties between the Moonies, the Korean CIA and the Park regime, such investigations plus Moon's

often unsavory publicity may build up enough resistance in Congress to be reflected in votes against aid to South Korea. As a result of the recent furor, there are indications that Moon's high-level support at home considers him a political liability.

Fervent Moon disciples merely compare their setbacks and the antagonism they encounter to the persecution of Christ, and their leaders are far from discouraged. Unfazed by the halfhearted turnout at Yankee Stadium, they plan another, even more ambitious Bicentennial rally in Washington, D.C. this fall, and as for real estate, they continue to think big. Last week the U.S. leader of the Unification Church, Neil Salonen, declared: "It is our view that the first and the best of things should be dedicated to God." Next major projected purchase: the Empire State Building.

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To Another Planet—and Back

Cynthia Slaughter was 24, not long out of the University of Texas at Austin, when she fell under the sway of the Moon cult. After two months, she was deprogrammed by Ted Patrick last September, and now frequently speaks out against Moon. She wrote this account of her experience for TIME:

A blind advertisement in the *Denver Post* read: "Sincere, conscientious person interested in the betterment of mankind call this number..." Out of curiosity I called, and the young woman who answered explained that she worked for an organization similar to the Peace Corps that operated out of a community center in Boulder. She asked me to come for an interview.

The center was located across from the University of Colorado in an old Chi Omega sorority house. I talked with a young man from Austria named Lorenz Würrer. He said that he belonged to a youth movement and asked me if I'd like to come to a weekend retreat to learn more about it. I really liked the atmosphere in the place. Little did I know that my mind had begun a journey from which it might never return.

Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, a group of about 15 of us heard lectures lasting all day long. That night we were told that the end of the world was at hand, but before this, the Second Coming of Christ would occur. We were also told that the person who had brought these new truths to the world was Sun

Myung Moon, a Korean. When I wanted to leave, I was told that Satan would try to pull me away from God because I had been chosen to build the kingdom of heaven. I felt that someone had placed a psychological bomb on my head, and if I left it would explode.

That week I was driven to spend a few days on a farm in Noble, Okla. We heard lectures every day, then worked and sang in the yard. We all ended up the week by joining, then went back to our own centers. When I arrived in Boulder, I was allowed to go into the Prayer Room to see Moon's picture. We prayed out loud for 20 minutes, heard a leader read from Moon's works, sang songs, then bowed before Moon's picture, saying, "Good morning, true parents" (Moon and his wife, we were taught, are the true parents of mankind).

The schedule was always the same: up at 6:30, prayer meeting, breakfast with more songs and prayers, then fund raising. We all went in a van together to the towns around Boulder, singing and praying. Even if we could only wrangle a penny from someone, it was a victory for God. The more money we raised the more God-centered we were. We even had to go to bars at night to raise money, arriving home anywhere from 11 o'clock to 1:30 a.m. After two weeks of this I was so tired that, as I arose in the morning, I would fall against the wall. In five weeks of fund raising, I made \$3,000 for the organization.

At the end of August I had to return home to handle some unfinished business. The day after I arrived, we were eating breakfast when the doorbell rang. Suddenly a black man entered the room and introduced himself as Ted Patrick. The church had warned us that Patrick kidnaped people, gagged, beat them and tried to "deprogram" them.

Patrick and I argued and yelled at each other for eight hours. He showed me documents from Korea about Moon, and played tapes from other deprogrammed Unification members. He asked if I would kill for Moon. I said, "Yes, if he asked me to," although I had never thought of this before.

What finally affected me was a Bible passage that Patrick read to me: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." As I started to think, I felt as though a light had been turned on in the room and a burden lifted from my shoulders. I really was free.

The months that followed were hard. Adjusting to the outside world again was like arriving on another planet. Driving my car, balancing my checkbook, watching TV and reading books besides Moon's *Divine Principle* were strange. It took a long time to fill the vacuum that had been created inside me. It was like withdrawing from a drug. Since then, I have met many others who have left the movement with the fear and guilt I experienced; their stories are almost identical to mine.



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DIE WAHRHEIT ÜBER REVEREND SAN MYUNG MUN

In letzter Zeit standen die Vereinigungskirche und ihr Gründer, Reverend San Myung Mun, im Brennpunkt öffentlichen Interesses. Dies ist zum größten Teil auf das Auftreten Reverend Muns in der Öffentlichkeit und auf das beispiellose Anwachsen der Mitgliederzahl der Vereinigungskirche auf weltweiter Ebene zurückzuführen.

Da die Botschaft Reverend Muns neu und ungewöhnlich ist, sind selbstverständlich Kontroversen aufgetreten. Wie die meisten Propheten der Geschichte war auch Reverend San Myung Mun den Angriffen eifersüchtiger Religionsführer ausgesetzt. Andere, die seine Mission nicht verstanden, fühlten sich von dieser schnell wachsenden Bewegung bedroht.

Bis zu diesem Zeitpunkt hat die Vereinigungskirche geschwiegen und keine offizielle Erklärung in bezug auf diese Angriffe abgegeben. Es lag uns nicht daran, die Konflikte in den traurigerweise bereits zersplitterten religiösen Gemeinschaften noch mehr zu schüren. In letzter Zeit nahmen die Angriffe jedoch zunehmend härtere Formen an und vermittelten der



mehr gewachsen ist. Die Folge davon sind Entfremdung, der Mangel an Zielen und Idealen, Unmoral und unverblümter Hedonismus. Daher ermutigen wir junge Menschen, ihre ursprüngliche Natur, die sich nach Liebe, Schönheit, dem Guten und nach Gott sehnt, wiederherzustellen. Das Resultat davon ist, daß das Leben vieler junger Menschen buchstäblich gerettet wurde.

DIE FAMILIE

Eine starke Familieneinheit ist der Schlüssel zu einer moralisch einwandfreien Gesellschaft. In unserer Gesellschaft jedoch nimmt der Zerfall der Familieneinheit in besorgniserregendem Maße zu. Die Vereinigungskirche vertritt den Standpunkt, daß der Bestand der Familieneinheit nur dann gewährleistet ist, wenn sie Gott zum Mittelpunkt hat. Zusätzlich zu unseren geistigen Vorbereitungen üben wir als Mitglieder der Ver-

DIE MISSION DER VEREINIGUNGSKIRCHE

Die Vereinigungskirche steht auf der Grundlage der Bibel und einer neuen Offenbarung Gottes, die Reverend San Myung Mun empfing, um die Welt auf die Wiederkunft Christi vorzubereiten. Die Mission der Vereinigungskirche besteht darin, diese Offenbarung zu verkündigen und ein Fundament für die Errichtung des Reiches Gottes auf Erden zu legen.

Um diesen Auftrag durchführen zu können, müssen wir Antworten auf die wichtigsten Fragen des Lebens erhalten. Die Offenbarung, die Reverend Mun empfangen hat, gibt uns diese Antworten. Wir streben nicht danach, eine weitere Konfession einzuführen, sondern wollen als Katalysator der Vereinigung aller Rassen, Konfessionen und Nationalitäten dienen.

Daß die Menschheit vom Reiche Gottes noch weit entfernt ist, ist wohl jedem klar. Viele Menschen sind nur darauf bedacht, ihren Besitz und ihren Machtbereich zu vergrößern und ihre persönlichen Vorteile wahrzunehmen. Es ist daher nicht verwunderlich, daß die sozialen Verpflichtungen vernachlässigt werden. Der Anstieg der Kriminalität, die Zunahme der Ehescheidungen, des Drogenkonsums und der Pornographie sowie das Überhandnehmen gewalttätiger Ideologien sind die Merkmale einer Gesellschaft, die ihren Sinn und Ihre Richtung verloren hat.

Es ist offensichtlich, daß die Menschheit bisher unfähig war, diese Probleme zu lösen und den Zweck ihrer Erschaffung zu verwirklichen. Nur das Wort Gottes kann eine Lösung herbeiführen, und Reverend Mun ist von Gott als Prophet gesandt, um uns dieses Wort zu übermitteln.

URSPRUNG DER KONTROVERSEN

Die Aussage der Vereinigungskirche, daß sich diese Welt einer fundamentalen Wandlung unterziehen muß, damit alle Probleme gelöst wer-

den können, hat eine Kontroverse hervorgerufen. Zur Erfüllung des Willens Gottes sind persönliche Opfer notwendig. Dies mag denen un bequem sein, die nur ihre eigenen Interessen verfolgen. Eine wachsende Anzahl von Menschen hat jedoch die Herausforderung angenommen, ihre vorher vagen religiösen Ideale in unserer Kirche zu realisieren.

In jedem religiösen Bekehrungsprozeß ist ein Wandel unausbleiblich. Infolge der dramatischen Veränderungen, die im Leben der Nachfolger Reverend Muns eintreten, hat man ihn beschuldigt, er bediene sich Techniken der Gedankenkontrolle oder der Gehirnwäsche, um Anhänger zu gewinnen. Ohne Zweifel spielen rassenbedingte stereotype Vorstellungen von Orientalen bei diesen Anschuldigungen eine Rolle. Der Erfolg Reverend Muns hat jedoch nicht das geringste mit solchen Praktiken zu tun.

Richter James A. Belson vom Obergerichtshof des Distrikts Columbia, USA, gab am 23. September 1975 folgenden Gerichtsentscheid bekannt:

1. Es kann nicht gesagt werden, daß sich die Vereinigungskirche „unerlaubter Mittel bedient, wie Verfahren, die mit Hypnose vergleichbar sind, oder ein systematisiertes Programm der Gedankenkontrolle unter Ausnutzung von Müdigkeit und Nahrungsentzug als Teil einer Bemühung anwendet, um die Zugehörigkeit (von Mitgliedern) zu gewinnen oder zu erhalten.“
2. Die Vereinigungskirche wendet keine „Verfahren an, die sich im wesentlichen von denen unterscheiden, die von anderen religiösen Organisationen zum Zwecke der Bekehrung gebräuchlich sind.“

Es entspricht der Wahrheit, daß Mitglieder sich völlig für die Mission der Kirche zur Verfügung stellen. Sie haben eine derartig inspirierende neue Sicht und Hoffnung gewonnen, daß ihre Herzen von der Liebe Gottes und der Sorge um ihre Mitmenschen überfließen. Dies ist die Ursache ihrer großen Hingabe.

Die Vereinigungskirche weist kategorisch die absurde Unterstellung der Gehirnwäsche an ihren Mitgliedern als völlig unwahr zurück. Wir sind der Auffassung, daß der Mensch mit seinen Institutionen der Herausforderung der heutigen Welt nicht

Dr. J. H. Kim, der Vorsitzende des Board of Christian Missions, hat sich gegen den Trend der Vereinigungskirche ausgesprochen.

Viele Familien haben den wunderbaren Geist unserer Bewegung persönlich erfahren. Wir veranstalten Elterntreffen und regen Familien an, unseren Treffen beizuwohnen, um mehr über die Dinge zu erfahren, die ihre Kinder erkannt haben.

Tragischerweise sind einige Eltern in bezug auf das Wesen unserer Kirche völlig irreführend worden und haben sich dazu hinreißen lassen, ihre Kinder mit Gewalt zu entführen, und sie auf brutale Weise dazu zu bewegen, ihren Glauben zu verleugnen. Die Vereinigungskirche verurteilt solche Praktiken als einen Verstoß gegen das Grundgesetz, das die Religionsfreiheit und die grundlegenden Menschenrechte für jeden Bürger garantiert.

Die Vereinigungskirche versucht, eine enge Beziehung zwischen ihren Mitgliedern und deren Eltern zu fördern. Im Gegensatz zu den Aussagen einiger Kritiker ist es nicht die Kirche, die die Familien auseinanderreißt, sondern es sind die Gegner der Kirche, die dies durch erschreckende Unterstellungen, illegale Entführungen und Techniken von Gehirnwäsche verursachen.

GOTT UND DER KOMMUNISMUS

Reverend Mun ist davon überzeugt, daß Moral und der Glaube an Gott die unerläßlichen Voraussetzungen für eine gute Regierung bilden. Einige haben diesen Standpunkt umgekehrt, um die Vereinigungskirche der Verfolgung politischer Ziele zu bezichtigen. Die Kirche möchte, daß Gottes Liebe und Wahrheit die Herrschaft über alle Aspekte der menschlichen Gesellschaft haben, und sie steht auf dem Standpunkt, daß die führenden Politiker auf die Stimme Gottes achten sollten. Reverend Mun hat jedoch niemals politische Macht oder ein politisches Amt angestrebt, weder in Korea noch sonst irgendwo in der Welt.

Die starke Opposition unserer Kirche gegenüber dem Kommunismus wurde manchmal mißverstanden und als politische Aktivität ausgelegt. Wir widersetzen uns dem Kommunismus, weil er die Existenz Gottes leugnet. Damit verneint er den wahren Wert eines jeden Menschen als Kind Gottes. Er lehnt die freie Meinungsäußerung, die

Presse-, Religions- und Versammlungsfreiheit ab und hat politische Systeme errichtet, denen in diesem Jahrhundert über 60 Millionen Menschen zum Opfer fielen. Der Kommunismus ist der Feind Gottes und der Feind des Menschen, und unsere Kirche hält es für die Pflicht eines jeden religiösen Menschen, sich ihm zu widersetzen.

Da die Vereinigungskirche eine neue Weltideologie proklamiert, um den Kommunismus zu überwinden, haben sich anerkannte kommunistische Gruppen in den verschiedensten Ländern offen zusammengeschlossen, um unsere Bewegung in Mißkredit zu bringen und zu zerstören. Sie haben nicht davor haltgemacht, unsere Freunde und Mitglieder zu terrorisieren.

Der Kommunismus ist mehr als ein politisches, wirtschaftliches oder militärisches System – er ist eine falsche Ideologie, eine atheistische Religion. Nur ein lebendiger Glaube kann ihm effektiv entgegenreten. Wir betrachten dies als unsere Christenpflicht und Verantwortung.

GELDMITTEL

Die Kirche erhält sich durch Spenden und den Vertrieb von religiösen Schriften. Sie wendet diese Gelder zur Durchführung ihrer missionarischen und humanitären Aktivitäten, zum Kauf von Ausbildungsstätten und für den Lebensunterhalt ihrer Missionare im In- und Ausland.

Berichte über Reverend Muns persönlichen Reichtum sind völlig unwahr. Alle Anlagen und Einrichtungen, die er während seines Aufenthalts in Amerika benutzt, sind rechtmäßiges Eigentum der Kirche; sogar sein Wohnsitz ist Teil eines offiziellen Zentrums, in dem internationale Zusammenkünfte und Gottesdienste stattfinden.

Einige Menschen haben behauptet, die Vereinigungskirche empfangt Geldmittel aus Regierungs- oder CIA-Quellen. Diese Aussagen sind ebenfalls unwahr. Wir fordern jeden auf, die entsprechenden Dienststellen zu überprüfen oder diese Anschuldigungen zu belegen.

Die Mitglieder der Vereinigungskirche arbeiten unentgelt, und jeder Pfennig, der der Kirche zur Verfügung steht, wird dazu verwendet, die Missionsarbeit zu fördern, Literatur zu verbreiten etc. Alle diese Leistungen werden von Freiwilligen erbracht aus einem wirklichen Eifer und Verlangen heraus, den Willen Gottes zu erfüllen und der Menschheit zu helfen. Man be-

Ostermorgen, im Alter von 16 Jahren, erhielt er die Antwort. Während er auf einem Berg betete, erschien ihm Jesus Christus und offenbarte ihm seine Berufung als Prophet, um die Welt durch eine neue Botschaft der Wahrheit auf die Wiederkunft Christi vorzubereiten. Welch eine großartige Botschaft – jedoch unter solch schwierigen Umständen!

In den darauffolgenden neun Jahren studierte und betete er, um sich auf seine Mission vorzubereiten. Als er zu lehren begann, wurde er verspottet und verfolgt und schließlich für drei Jahre ins Gefängnis geworfen. Wer von uns wäre einem solchen Ruf gefolgt und hätte seine Mission unter solch schwierigen Umständen ausgeführt? Daß er seine Aufgabe unter solch ungünstigen Verhältnissen beginnen und mit unerschütterlichem Glauben weiterführen konnte und eine Bewegung aufbaute, die nun in über 120 Nationen vertreten ist und mehr als zwei Millionen Anhänger hat, ist ein Beweis für den großen Glauben Reverend Muns und die Kraft seiner Botschaft.

Sein ganzes Leben lang hatte Reverend Mun nur den einen Wunsch, den Willen Gottes zu erfüllen. Vor drei Jahren befahl Gott ihm, nach Amerika zu gehen. Er wehrte sich dagegen, ähnlich wie damals Mose, und sagte: „Ich bin Koreaner und nicht einmal der englischen Sprache mächtig – wie kann ich diese Botschaft in Amerika verkünden?“ Gottes Antwort war: „Ich werde dir den Weg ebnen und dir Kraft geben – Amerika muß diese Worte hören, bevor es zu spät ist.“ Er folgte dem Befehl Gottes. Das Geheimnis seines Erfolges ist darin zu finden, daß er bei der Durchführung des Willens Gottes immer eine demütige Herzeshaltung bewahrt und den Menschen mit großer Zuversicht begegnet!

Die eindrucksvolle Liste seiner Erfolge zeugt von seinem demütigen Glauben und seiner Entschlossenheit. Zeugnis für diese Botschaft der Wahrheit Gottes abzulegen. Allein im Jahre 1975 machten Reverend Mun und unsere Kirche große Fortschritte in der Verfolgung unseres Zieles, internationale Harmonie und Verständnis der Völker untereinander zu erreichen.

● Im Februar wurden 1800 Paare in einer öffentlichen Zeremonie in Seoul, Korea, in der Ehe gesegnet. Sie kamen aus 25 Nationen, um zu erklären, daß ihre Ehen für Gott und die Menschheit geschlossen werden.

● Junge Missionare aus Japan, Amerika und Deutschland wurden im Mai in 120 Nationen ausgesandt.

Mun die „Fourth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences“ (Wissenschaftlerkonferenz), an der sich 350 Gelehrte und Wissenschaftler aus 57 Nationen beteiligten.

● Am 18. Dezember sprach Reverend Mun im Capitol in Washington, D.C., zu Kongreßmitgliedern und ihren Mitarbeitern über das Thema „Gottes Plan für Amerika“.

EINE HERAUSFORDERUNG

Trotz der Kontroversen, mit denen unsere Bewegung konfrontiert ist, arbeitet Reverend Mun unbeirrbar daran, Gottes großen Plan zu erfüllen. Er bedient sich aller Hilfsquellen, die ihm zu Gebote stehen, um das Fundament für die Errichtung des Reiches Gottes zu legen. Seit seinen Anfängen vor 30 Jahren – unter den primitivsten Bedingungen – ist er unerschütterlich geblieben. Nun hat die Vereinigungskirche auf der ganzen Welt zwei Millionen Mitglieder, die durch Reverend Muns Leben und Lehre neue Hoffnung schöpfen konnten.

Skeptiker und Zyniker verspotteten und verfolgten große religiöse Führer der Vergangenheit wie Mose und Jesus. Die Geschichte hat bewiesen, daß ihren Verleumdern die große Sicht fehlte und sie in Unwissenheit um die Wahrheit handelten. Wir sind der Überzeugung, daß Gott der Menschheit heute einen weiteren Propheten gesandt hat und bitten Gott ernsthaft darum, daß das deutsche Volk diesem Mann Gottes sein Herz öffnen möge.

Wenn es jemanden gibt, der es besser machen kann als Reverend Mun – möge er frei und offen reden! Wenn es jemanden gibt, der das deutsche Volk besser als Reverend Mun dazu inspirieren kann, Gott, Deutschland und die gesamte Menschheit zu lieben – möge er hervortreten! Wenn es solch einen Menschen gibt, ist Reverend Mun gerne bereit, ihm nachzufolgen und ihm zu dienen. Bis dahin sind wir davon überzeugt, daß Deutschland und die Welt Reverend Mun brauchen!

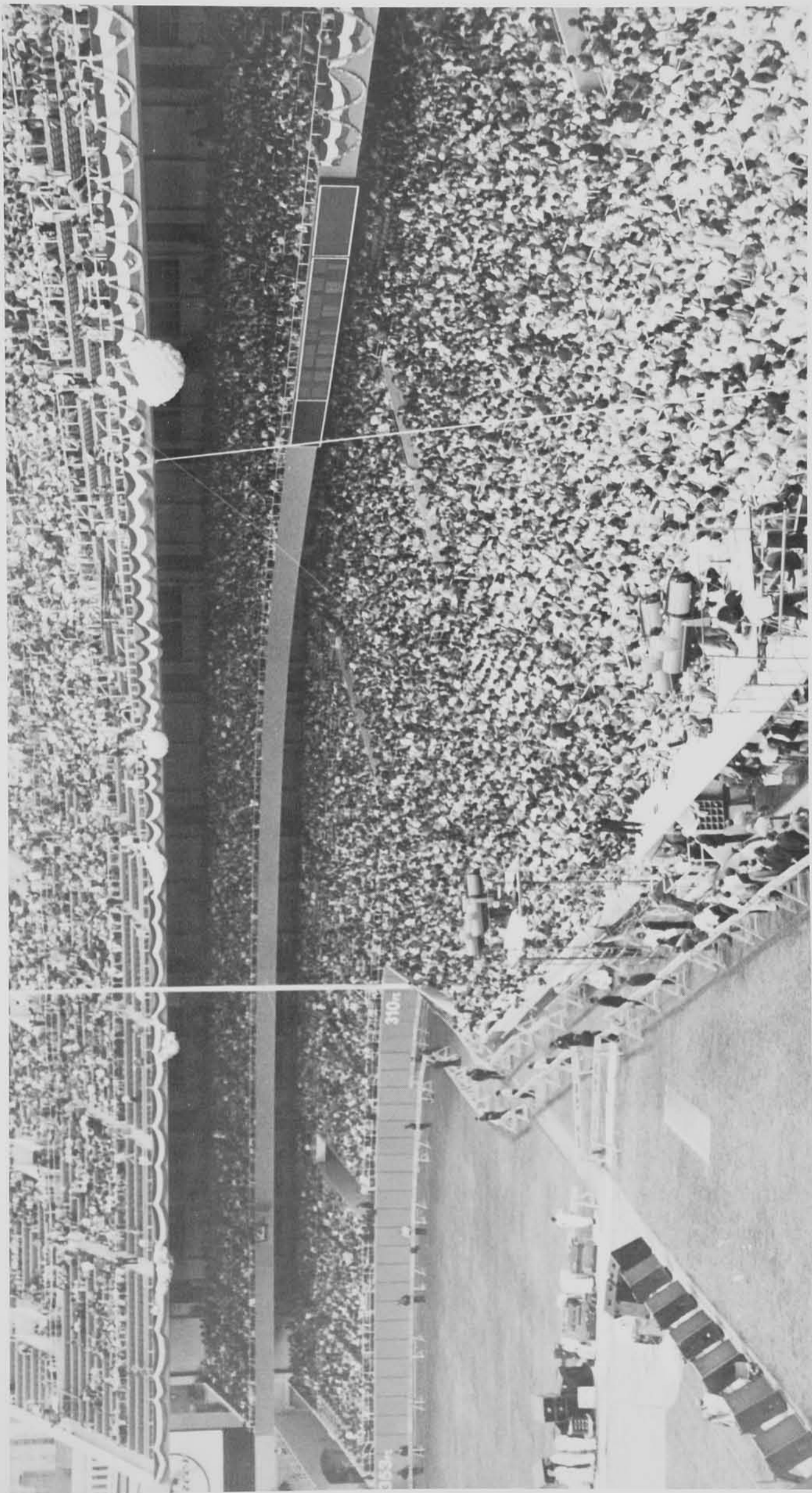


Offizielle Erklärung der
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REVEREND PAUL WERNER, Präsident

EIN PROPHET WIRD BERUFEN

Der Schlüssel zum Verständnis der Motivation der Vereinigungskirche liegt im Verständnis der Voraussetzungen und der Motivation ihres Gründers. Reverend San Myung Mun wurde 1920 in Korea geboren, als seine Heimat unter der Herrschaft einer ausländischen Macht stand. Er wuchs als Christ zu einer Zeit auf, in der Christen verfolgt wurden. Schon als Kind betete er ganz intensiv, aber nicht um Hilfe für sich selbst oder für seine Familie, sondern um eine Möglichkeit, seiner Nation und seinem Gott zu dienen. Am



Ich wünsche weitere Informationen über die Vereinigungskirche.

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- Am 7. Juni versammelten sich 1,2 Millionen Menschen, einschließlich der Vertreter von 60 Nationen, in Seoul, Korea, um auf der „World Rally for Korean Freedom“ die Ansprache Reverend Muns gegen den Kommunismus zu hören.
- Im September 1975 wurde das „Unification Theological Seminary“ (Theologisches Seminar) in den USA eröffnet, und das erste Semester begann mit 55 staatlich geprüften Studenten aus Japan, Amerika und Europa.
- Im November eröffnete Reverend

Reverendo Sun Myung Moon Y Su Iglesia

Recientemente se le ha dado mucha atención a la Iglesia de Unificación y a su fundador el Reverendo Sun Myung Moon. Mucha de esta atención ha sido generada por nuestros viajes nacionales y el crecimiento sin precedente de nuestros miembros. Siendo nuevo y desconocido, el mensaje del Reverendo Moon ha sido objeto de ataques por parte de algunos líderes religiosos. Otros, porque no han entendido su propósito, se han sentido amenazados por este movimiento de rápido desarrollo.

Afortunadamente, encontramos que los hispano-americanos, ellos mismos víctimas de prejuicio y discriminación, no se han unido al coro de crítica del Reverendo Moon y la Iglesia de Unificación. Y aún, ocasionalmente, un número de personas hispanas han defendido al Reverendo Moon y a su iglesia. Pero, naturalmente hay muchas preguntas para contestar como, "¿Quién es el Reverendo Moon?" y "¿Qué trata de decirnos?" Así, con sentido firme de gratitud y un sentido fuerte de responsabilidad emitimos este mensaje a la comunidad hispana.

La misión de la Iglesia

La Iglesia de Unificación se basa en una revelación de Dios dada al Reverendo Moon para preparar el mundo para la segunda venida de Cristo. **La única misión de la Iglesia de Unificación es dar testimonio de esta revelación y establecer la fundación para el Reino de Dios en la tierra.** Para cumplir esto, se tienen que encontrar respuestas a las preguntas esenciales sobre el significado y propósito de la vida. ¿Cuál es el propósito que Dios ha dado para la existencia del hombre? ¿Si Dios existe, porque sufre el hombre? ¿Cómo se puede establecer el Reino de Dios cuando hombres de diferente color no pueden vivir como hermanos? La revelación recibida por el Reverendo Moon nos da estas respuestas. Por lo tanto, la Iglesia de Unificación no es solamente otra iglesia o denominación sino un movimiento dedicado a la unión de América y todas las razas, credos y

a su nación y a su Dios. La respuesta se le dio la mañana de Pascuas cuando tenía 16 años. Mientras oraba al pie de una montaña, Jesucristo se le apareció y le dijo que él había sido llamado a ser un profeta... para traer un mensaje de verdad que preparase al mundo para la llegada de Cristo. "¿Qué mensaje glorioso!... pero en circunstancias tan miserables."

Durante los próximos nueve años él estudió y oró para prepararse para esta misión providencial. Cuando comenzó sus enseñanzas, recibió burla y persecución, hasta que, finalmente, fue condenado a servir tres años en una prisión comunista. ¿Quiénes, entre nosotros, pudiera haber aceptado semejante llamada y llevarla a cabo bajo tales condiciones? Esto es gran testimonio a la fe del Reverendo Moon, y al poder de su mensaje, el que haya podido empezar su ministerio bajo tal sufrimiento, continuando con fe absoluta, y construir un movimiento que hoy se ha desarrollado en más de 120 naciones y con más de dos millones de discípulos.

El único deseo que el Reverendo Moon ha tenido en su vida ha sido cumplir con la voluntad de Dios. Dios lo llamó para que viniera a América tres años atrás, pero como Moisés, él protestó, "Yo soy un hombre coreano, yo no hablo el idioma inglés, como puedo traer este mensaje a América?" Dios le dijo, "Yo abriré tu camino, y te daré fuerza—América tiene que oír estas palabras antes que sea demasiado tarde." Y él vino. La clave del gran éxito del Reverendo Moon ha sido que él es completamente humilde ante Dios, y totalmente confidente ante los hombres, para llevar a cabo la voluntad de Dios.

El desafío

En medio de toda la controversia alrededor de su movimiento, el Reverendo Moon ha continuado avanzando para realizar la gran visión de Dios. Él está usando todos los recursos posibles para establecer una base para el Reino de



Reverendo Sun Myung Moon

El problema entonces es como puede Cristo venir y realizar su reino con esta fundación de odio y resentimiento. El Reverendo Moon nos enseña que solamente el Padre Celestial y Su amor y verdad ilimitados puede trascender barreras raciales y culturales. El punto de vista que Dios tiene para este mundo y sus actividades es un punto de vista universal. Él nos ve a todos nosotros desde la profundidad de Su amor, compasión, y comprensión de Padre universal.

tejos del Reino de Dios. Muchos están atrapados en la persecución de riqueza, poderío, y ganancia personal. No nos sorprende que nuestras responsabilidades sociales se hayan descuidado. El aumento del crimen, el divorcio, el uso de drogas, la pronomografía, y el predominio de ideologías violentas indican que la sociedad ha perdido su propósito y su dirección. Es obvio que la humanidad no ha podido resolver tales problemas y realizar su propósito. Tenemos que buscar la solución en las palabras de Dios. El Reverendo Moon es un profeta mandado de Dios para traer estas palabras.

La familia

La familia fuerte es la clave para la sociedad moral. sin embargo en América la destrucción de las familias va aumentando a una velocidad alarmante. La Iglesia de Unificación cree que la familia puede sostenerse solamente con Dios en su centro. Además de nuestra preparación espiritual, los miembros de la iglesia son célibes antes de casarse y no usan alcohol, tabaco o drogas.

Hoy en día más de un millón de jóvenes se fugan de sus casas cada año, sin incluir a los que no han sido reportados como perdidos por sus padres. Al mismo tiempo, la segunda causa más común de muerte de jóvenes de 14 a 24 años es el suicidio. También, de cada dos matrimonios en América, uno termina en divorcio. Padres profundamente preocupados con estos problemas y con sus hijos deben seguramente preferir que sus hijos lleven una vida de buena moralidad antes que éstos sigan el curso general de muchos de los jóvenes de hoy.

Muchos padres han experimentado personalmente el magnífico espíritu de nuestro movimiento. Con mucha frecuencia, nuestra iglesia ofrece coliches e invita a familias que vengan y compartan con nosotros compañeros, mo, y que aprendan lo que sus hijos han descubierto.

La Iglesia de Unificación trata de fomentar una relación fiel entre nuestros miembros y sus padres. Al contrario de lo que dicen algunos críticos, la iglesia no es la que está destrozando familias, sino la oposición injusta a la iglesia por parte de alegaciones irracionales y técnico viciosas que asustan a algunos de los padres de miembros.

Declaración a la Comunidad Hispana

La raza hispana más que ninguna otra raza contiene los colores de todas las otras razas en un solo grupo. Las personas hispanas por tradición, han practicado el casamiento interracial y han hecho esfuerzos por obtener una coexistencia pacífica. Casi no existe un país en el mundo de habla española que no tenga todos los colores de las razas humanas representados. Los hispanos, habiendo ofrecido grandes contribuciones a la cultura y al arte, y con una tradición fuerte de cristianismo vinieron a América en busca de una vida mejor. Pero la mayoría de los hispano-americanos hoy viven en amargura y desesperación, luchando día a día con el aumento constante del crimen, corrupción, el desempleo, y la pobreza. Las diferencias de color, lenguaje y cultura han sido usadas para negar derechos humanos básicos. Los trágicos resultados han sido sentimientos de inferioridad sembrados con resentimiento y odio que quemar y marcan los corazones de la gente oprimida. Estas heridas hacen el ideal cristiano de hermandad y armonía entre las razas, imposible de realizar.

en frente de Dios, lo mismo hermanos, hermanas, esposas, hijos, o hijos. En la ideología de la Iglesia de Unificación, no importan las diferencias de color, idioma, o cultura, solo importa lograr una unión de corazón. Cuando cuatro razas, como hermanos, existan en un lazo de unión con un solo corazón, entonces Dios permanecerá con ellos y el Reino de Dios será establecido en esta tierra.

Entonces, ¿cuál es la tradición del Reverendo Moon y la Iglesia de Unificación? Esta tradición está basada en la creencia firme que todos los hombres son hijos de Dios. Mas, esta tradición ha sido fortalecida por el espíritu de re-creación que tiene nuestra iglesia hacia este mundo dividido, y la regeneración de los ideales cristianos. En poco tiempo nosotros emergeremos como un movimiento de hermanas y hermanas blancos, negros, morenos, y amarillos, marchando juntos, sumergidos en el amor de Dios. Entonces este mundo verdaderamente verá la salvación y el alivio de todo el oprimido y miserable de la tierra de Dios.

Dios y el Comunismo

El Reverendo Moon y la Iglesia de Unificación creen que moralidad y fe en Dios es absolutamente esencial para la conducta de una sociedad y gobierno justos. Por lo tanto, nos oponemos al comunismo porque niega la existencia de Dios. Así niega el verdadero valor de cada persona como hijo de Dios. El amor de Dios es la "cola" que une a las personas de todos los colores. Desde el momento que el sistema comunista reniega de Dios, este ideal armonioso nunca puede ser obtenido. La verdad de esta contención está probada por la historia. Para establecer el "ideal" comunista, los comunistas en Rusia y China han asesinado 60 millones de personas desde 1917.

Los hispano-americanos tienen por tradición una historia de incommovible fe en Dios y en Cristo. Comunismo es el enemigo de Dios y el verdadero anti-Cristo de esta edad. Síguese entonces que esta ideología no es simplemente la enemiga de la raza blanca, negra, o amarilla, sino también la enemiga de los hispano-americanos. La Iglesia de Unificación cree que es la responsabilidad de todas las personas religiosas oponerle.

Porque la Iglesia de Unificación proclama una nueva ideología mundial para vencer el comunismo, grupos de comunistas admitidos en los Estados Unidos y en otras partes se han organizado abiertamente para desacreditar y destruir nuestro movimiento y hasta han aterrorizado a nuestros amigos y miembros.

El comunismo es más que solamente un sistema político, económico, o militar. es una idea falsa y una religión atea. Sólo una fe viva en Dios puede oponerse efectivamente. Nosotros aceptamos esto como nuestra obligación cristiana y nuestra responsabilidad.

Un profeta es llamado

La clave para entender el motivo de la Iglesia de Unificación es entender el ambiente y la motivación de nuestro fundador. Sun Myung Moon nació en Corea en 1920, cuando su país estaba dominado por un poder extranjero. Él fue criado como cristiano, durante el tiempo en que los cristianos eran perseguidos. Aún cuando niño, él oraba desesperadamente, no sólo para encontrar la manera de ayudarse a sí mismo o a su familia, sino también para ayudar

atrás en cinco minutos. Ahora hay más de dos millones de miembros de la Iglesia de Unificación alrededor del mundo que han encontrado nueva esperanza en la vida y la doctrina del Reverendo Moon.

Escépticos y cínicos se burlaron y persiguieron grandes líderes religiosos del pasado como Moisés y Jesús. La historia ha probado que los detractores carecieron de visión y actuaron en ignorancia de la verdad. Hoy Dios ha enviado otro profeta a la humanidad. Es nuestra oración fervorosa que los americanos abran sus corazones a este hombre de Dios.

Si hay alguien que puede hacer un trabajo mejor que el Reverendo Moon— ¡que eleve la voz! Si hay alguien que puede hacer un trabajo mejor en inspirar los jóvenes americanos a amar a Dios, amar a América, y amar a la humanidad— ¡que venga adelante! Si hay tal hombre, sería el placer del Reverendo Moon seguirlo y servirlo. ¡Hasta entonces, creemos que América necesita al Reverendo Moon!

Un festival

Continuando con el espíritu de nuestros padres fundadores, el Comité del Bicentenario Dios Bendiga América ha sido formado como un proyecto de la Iglesia de Unificación para celebrar el Bicentenario de América y para encender en todos los americanos amor para Dios y para América. El Comité está patrocinando el Festival Bicentenario Dios Bendiga América en Yankee Stadium el martes, primero de junio, a las siete de la noche. Nuestro propósito es de traer todos los americanos a verdaderamente crear Una Nación y Últimamente Un Mundo—Bajo de la Tutela de Dios. El Festival será una noche gloriosa llena de alegre entretenimiento por el hermoso Korean Folk Ballet, el inspirado New Hope Singers International y muchos otros. El Reverendo Sun Myung Moon, nuestro fundador, dará un mensaje de inspiración.

Deseamos que todos nos acompañen. Si está de acuerdo con el espíritu del Festival de Yankee Stadium, por favor llene el cupón abajo. Para entradas gratis y más información llame al 869-8559.

Yo estoy de acuerdo con el espíritu del Festival Bicentenario Dios Bendiga América inspirado por el Reverendo Sun Myung Moon. ¡Es lo que América verdaderamente necesita y deseo que todos los americanos lo soporten!

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Por favor envíe más información del Reverendo Sun Myung Moon y de la Iglesia de Unificación

Por favor envíe más información del Festival Bicentenario Dios Bendiga América

Yo vengo al Yankee Stadium—puede contar conmigo. Por favor envíe _____ entradas gratis.

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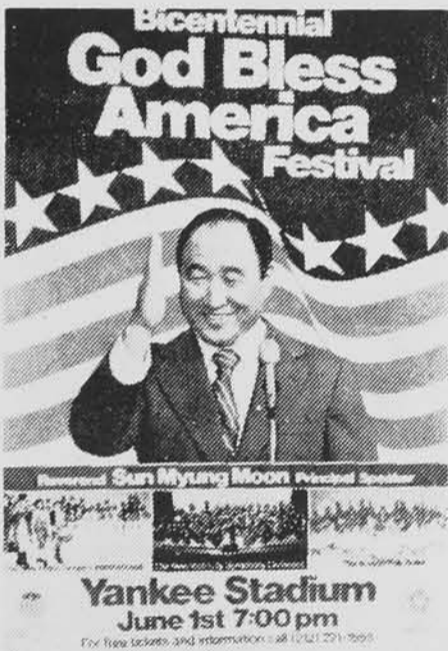
週刊宗教

1976年 5月19日 (수요일)

뉴욕서 大集会開催

6月1日 統一教會 主催

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뉴욕양키스타디움에서 열리는 대회 포스터 (대회가 끝나면 뉴욕시 길가에 걸린 대형 포스터도 전 개된다)

대회를 전세계의 관심속에서 미국 2백주년 기념축제가 한창인 미국에서 개최될 예정이다. 미국의 조약은 물론 전세계의 관심거리가 되고 있다.

더구나 여대장동양의 종교지도자가 미국에 와서가 한 집회중 20만명의 참석자가 없지 않을 것이다. 양대륙의 판별을 위한 것인지를 알 수 없다.

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文鮮明先生 主題 강연

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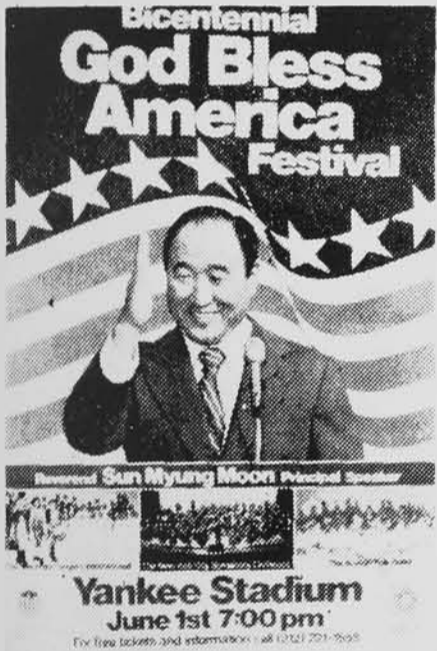
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これより一カ月さきの集会であった。四月二日のニューヨーク・マンハッタン中心街にある統一教会においての僑民のための「韓国人の夜」でも、約四百二十名が参加し、大会に積極的に参加することにした。この集会には、朴大天、ニューヨーク総領事・金相洙、韓国人会長・金判基、海外韓国人連合会長等、僑民関係者代表とキリスト教、仏教、円仏教等、聖職者達も参加し、満ち足りた時間を持った。特に、同日、金判基海外韓国人連合会長は、「同族とし

大会は、建国二百周年記念祝祭が盛んである米国で催されるため、米国の政界、一般人は勿論、世界的な関心の的になっている。
特に、これまで東洋の宗教指導者が米国で行なった集会で二十万人が参加した例がないため、ヤンキー・スタジアムの集会の結果が、如何に判明されるかが注目されている。また、同集会は道徳的墮落

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同集会のため統一教会は、一米国建国二百周年祝福祭典と信託的墮落により、建国理念から遠ざかっている米国民達に一大警鐘を鳴らすべき文鮮明先生の特別メッセージがあり、ニューヨーク市オーケストラ団とニューホープ・シンガーズの協演及びハンサン舞踊団の公演等で、同日の集会をより盛況にすすんで定

市街をきれいにする大掃除作業も計画している。
準備集会のうち、韓国国民に知らせるべき喜ばしい消息がある。それは、韓国人僑民会で、今回の大集会に積極的に参加する動きである。五月七日、午後、ワシントン・ヒルトンホテルで、約千名のワシントン近隣の僑民代表が集まりえんえんと四時間におたってこれまでの統一教会の活動を聴取し、今回の集会の意義を知ってからは、これまでの傍観に対する謝りの挨拶と共に、積極的な参加を誓った。

て私達は、文先生と統一教会を積極的に支持しなければならぬ」と語った。閉会后にも参加者達は「これまでの疑問を解くことができ、参加して良かった」と語り、帰ることを忘れたようなひと時であった。

文鮮明先生 主題講演

○ 米国で数年間、積極的な宣教活動を展開して来た統一教会創始者である文鮮明先生は来た。六月一日、ニューヨーク最大の集会場ヤンキー・スタジアムで大宣教集会を開催する。

米、建国二百周年記念行事として 二十萬名目標 在米僑胞の積極的な支援

뉴욕한국

한국일보 뉴욕지사 발행

NEW YORK, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2, 1976

문선명씨와 통일교와 교포

통일교회 교주 문선명씨는 1일 현 미국의 퇴폐풍조를 경고하고 하나님을 믿는 단합된 세계를 이룩할것을 촉구했다.

문선명씨는 1일 오후 7시 브롱스에 있는 양키구장에서 열린 미국독립 2백주년기념 건국정신 복고대회에서 연설을 통해 이같이 강조했다.

통일교회는 건국정신 복고대회를 1달전부터 약 1백만불의 경비를 들여 대대적으로 선전했으나 이날 구름 날씨로 약 4만명의(주최측 발표) 시민이 참석했다.

한선무용단과 새소망합창단이 대회에 앞서 청중들을 위안하는 가운데 열린 이날 건국복고대회에서 문선명씨는 그의 독특한 억양의 한국어로 약 1시간동안 연설 "하나님이 미국의병을 치료하기 위해 나를 이곳에 보냈다"고 말했다.

박보희씨가 영어로 통역한 가운데 행해진 문선명씨의 연설은 앞좌석에 자리잡은 통일교회 신도들의 열광적 박수갈채를 받았다.

한편 문씨가 미국의 사회적 타락상을 경고할때 청중들이 아우하기도하고 야구장 앞에서는 "문선명 돌아가라"는 구호를 외치는 데모가 있었다.

건국정신복고 대회 직전에 내린 폭우로 이날 집회는 예정보다 늦게 시작
한선무용단의 부채춤, 새소망합창단의 합창과 뉴욕시립교향악단의 베토벤 "운명"연주에 이어 문선명씨가 등단 약 1시간에 걸친 연설을 했다.

74년 9월에 매디슨 스퀘어 가든에서 처음으로 군중집회를 가진바 있는 문씨는 이날 전과는 달리 통일교회의 교리는 설명하지 않고 연설의 초점을 미국의 문세점에 한

미 건국정신 복고대회

통일교주최, 4만여명 참가

정시켰다.

문선명씨의 건국정신 복고대회를 취재차 미국의 신문과 방송의 보도진이 양키구장의 기자석을 메웠다.

뉴욕에서 발간되는 2대조간지인 뉴욕타임즈와 데일리뉴스는 2일자 조간에 이날 대회를 사진과 함께 크게 보도했다.

통일교회는 이날대회가 74년도와 같이 초만원 이룰것을 예상했는데 1일대회장인 양키구장 상석에는 빈좌석이 많이 눈에 띈었다.

이번대회에 청중을 동원하기 위해 통일교회 신도들은오

래전부터 가두에 포스터를붙치고 길가에서 행인들에 설득해 왔었다.

TV의 신문광고비등을 포함해서 약 1백만불의 예산이 든것으로 알려진 이날 대회는 양키구장 빌리는데만도 7만 5천불을 사용했다.

통일교회는 또한 뉴욕시에 대회후 가두 포스터 철거등을위해 10만불을 보증을걸고 또 양키구장에도 기물피손에 대비 10만불의 보증을 걸었다

1일밤 10시경까지 계속된 대회후, 통일교회 신도들은구장에 널린 유인물과 휴지등을 청소하고 돌아갔다.

통일교회의 미국 건국정신 복고대회는 지난번에 열린 한국의 밤과같이 많은 교포가 참석하지는 않았지만 상당수의 교포들이 참석한점도 안러졌다.

문선명씨의 통일교회가미국내 교세를 확장, 미국사회의 관심의 대상이 되고있는 사실과 함께, 교포를 위한 활동도 활발해 교포사회에 엇갈린 반응을 일으키고 있다.

뉴욕교포사회의 통일교회에 대한 관심도는 최근 통일교회가 개최한 교포를 위한 「한국인의 밤」행사와 이를전후한 기성교포교회측의 「비관강연회」에서 상징적으로 나타났었다.

통일교회측은 6월 1일 양키스태디움의 일환으로 지난 4월 교포를 위한 「한국인의 밤」행사를 개최, 교포들로 의외로 좋은 반응을 받고 동 행사를 지난 23일 개최 약 2천명의 교포가 참관한 사실은 크게 감명적이라고 말했다.

「한국인의 밤」행사는 한국 고유민속무용과 외국인들로만 구성된 합창단이 우리말로 우리의 노래를 부르는등 일련의 연예프로그램으로 참석한 교포들에게 한국인으로서의 긍지와 함께 예술적인 감명을 준것으로 알려졌다.



통일교 주최 미국건국정신 복고대회가 1일 양키구장에서 열렸다. 이날 대회에서 문선명씨는 미국의 퇴폐사조를 경고했다. 사진:양경혜

문씨의 통일교회가 다수교포들에게 준 감명은 본보에 투고해온 한 독자가 잘 나타내고 있다.

"종교에 무취한"이라고 전세한 이 독자는 그가 받은 "자랑스러움"을 이렇게 나타냈다.

"TV나 라디오를 통해 모신생교(통일교회)의 선전이 나올때마다 통쾌하고 자랑스러운 감이 드는것을 숨길수 없다. 종교인이기에 앞서 한국인으로서의 긍지를 갖게된다. 신생교주의 이름이 오르기 전에 앞서 코리아라는 우리 조국의 이름이 오르기 때문이며 코리아의 깃발아래 수백만의 미국사람이 그 유명한 양키스태디움에서 구름과 같이 몰려들것을 생각하면 XXX(문 선명)라는 사람이 한국인이라는 것을 큰 자랑스러움으로 생각한다."

"종교에 무취한"이라는 이 독자의 말을 믿는다면, 이교포의 감명상태는 세련의 정도문제를 떠나 다수 교포들이 가질수있는 감정상태를 나타냈다고 볼수있다"고 다른 교포들은 수긍했다.

그러나 교포사회의 반응이 모두 이처럼 "애국적"인것만은 아닌것으로 나타나고 있다

또 다른 많은 교포들은 "긍정보다는 창피스럽다"는정반대의 반응을 보이고 있다. "좀 더 조용히 했으면..." "너무 시끄러워 창피하다"는 반응으로 이들은 "저항감"을 느낀다고 말했다.

이같은 착잡한 감정상태는 지난 1일밤 양키스태디움에서 열린 미독립 2백주년기념 "God Bless America" 라는 축제대회광경을 뉴욕의대 TV 뉴스들의 보도를 통해 지켜본 교포들에 의해서도 나타나고 있다.

대회장엔 가지않고 밤뉴스를 "일부러"기다려 보았다는 한 교포는 "어쨌든 문선명씨는 인물 이라고 생각한다"고 말한다.

그는 "문씨처럼 이 넓은미국천지가 야단법석일만큼 한국이라는 이름을 떨치고있는 사람이 없다"고 "인물"에 대한 주석을 달았다.

투고해온 독자 교포처럼 이교포는 문선명씨가 "한국말로 연설하고, 한국춤을 보이고 외국인들이 한국말로 한국노래를 부르게하고, 방법이야어떻든 수만군중을 한곳에 끌어 모을수 있는것은 그가 인물이기 때문이 아니냐?"고 반문했다.

"인물"이라는데 많은 교포들은 동의하는것 같다. 그러나 그 해석은 동일하지 않다 다른 교포는 이렇게 말하고 있다.

"그가 어떤 의미에서든 인물이라는 정의에는 동의하고 싶지만, 내가 문 선명씨 때문에 한국인이라는것이 더자랑스러운것은 아니다. 오히려 창피하다"

이처럼 대다수 일반교포들의 문씨에 대한 반응은 그가 "한국인"이라는 사실에 중심

되고 있다

"문씨의 통일교회가 한국 이름을 떨치는 것은 좋은 일인지 모르나 그 방법과 목적이 문씨"라고 다른 교포들은 지적했다.

이들은 기성교포 교회단체가 통일교회에 대한 비판강연회를 열어 "이단"이라고 비난한 사실을 상기시켰다.

한 교포교직자는 통일교회가 성서를 이탈한 이단이라는 점의 "정치활동을 하고 있다"는 최근 미국신문의 보도를 상기시켰다.

그는 "통일교회가 반공정신을 표방하고 있으나, 반공이 선교의 수단으로 전용되는 정치화는 종교인의 입장에서 용납될수 없다"고 말했다.

결국 미국사회내 화제를만들며 교세를 일로 확장하고있는 문씨와 통일교회가 교포사회에 관심거리가 되고있는 것은 "문씨가 한국인인것 처럼 당연한 일"이지 모른다.

통일교회는 현재 전 세계적으로 2백만의 신도, 미국내에서는 약 3만의 신도를 갖고있으며, 거액의 부동산을 계속 매입, 미국인들도 불가사이한 일로 놀라고 있다.

동 교회는 얼마전 43층의 뉴요커호텔을 약 5 백만불로 매입, 주목을 끌었다.

동 교회는 뉴욕근처 Tarry Town과 Barry Town에 광대한 부동산을 구입, 교육센터로 삼고있다.

미국내 교세확장의 일환으로 동교회는 오는 9월 영어일간신문 발행과 4년제정규대학, 방송국등을 계획하고있는것으로 알려지고 있다.

동교회는 이미 일본어로 「세계인보」라는 일간지를 약 2년전부터 발행하고있다.

이러한 통일교회가 뉴욕지역교포신자를 얼마나 가졌을까?

한 관계자는 약 50명 된다고 말하고 있다.

"미국내 선교가 바쁘고, 교포기성교회 사회를 분열시킬 의사가 추호도 없다"고 말한다.

그렇다고 교포사회에 대한 관심이 없는것은 아니라고덧붙였다.

"한국인의 밤"행사이외, 교포사회 일이라면 한 교포로서 당연히 깊은 관심을 갖는다"고 이 관계자는 말했다.

다른 교포들은 오는 6·25 행사에 일부 교포사회단체와 통일교회가 제휴, 이른바 "반공절기대회"를 추진하고 있다는 설에 대해 깊은 관심을 나타냈다.

"반공이 중요하지만 많은 교포들을 진정한 반공으로부터 외면시키는 결과는 없어야 할것"이라고 이들은 말했다

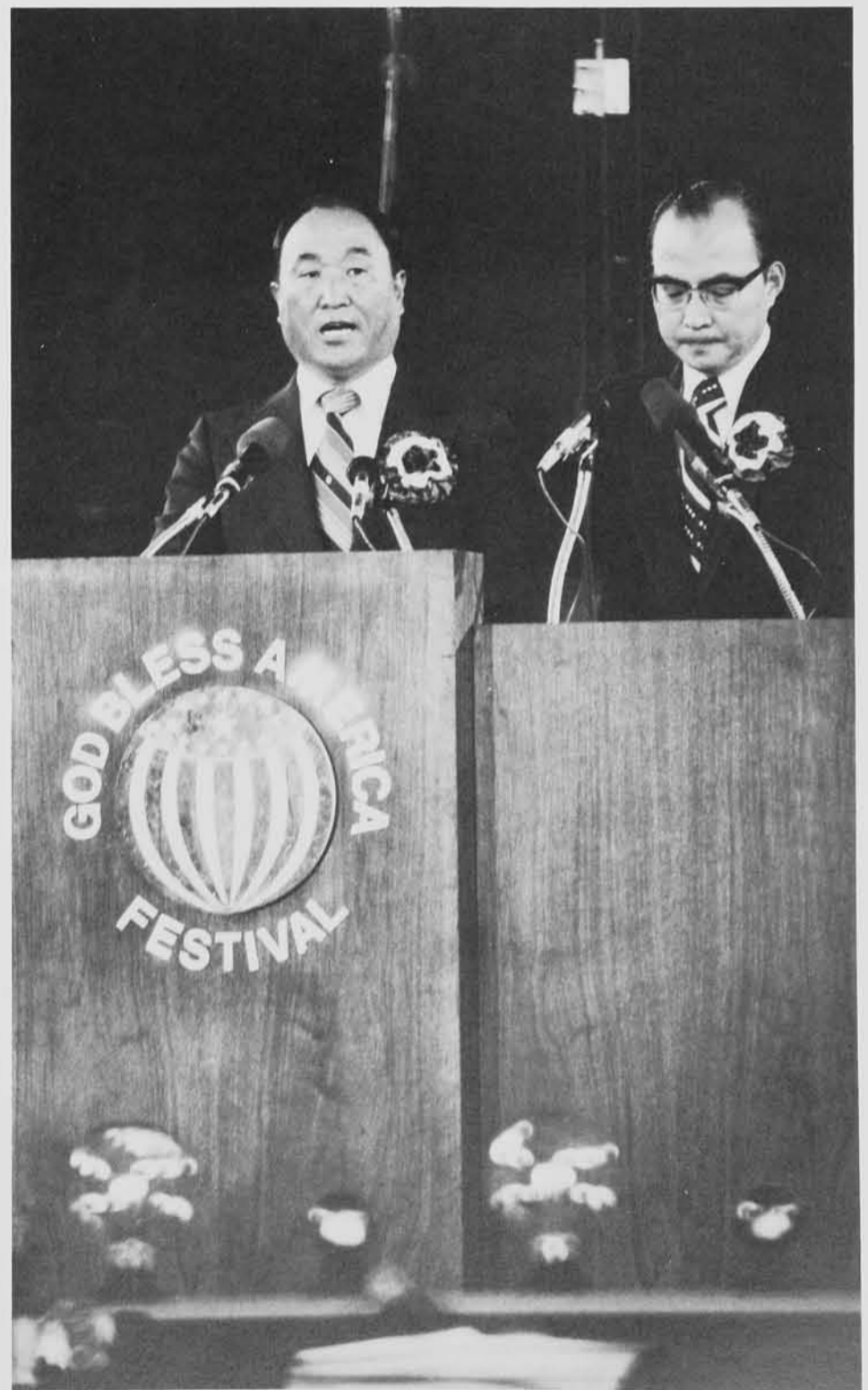
어느 미국인은 미국을 "허슬러"의 나라라고 이를 부른적이있다.

"미국은 대륙처럼 넓은 것 같이 그 문화요소도 형형색

색이다. 종교인이던, 예술인이던, 사기꾼이던, 허풍선이던, 어떤 회귀한 이론가든다소의 진실성이 있다면 들어줄 청중은 언제나 있다"고 표현했었다.

이러한 미국사회의 특성은 어느 교포가 문씨를 "대동강물을 팔았다는 전설적인 붕이 김선달의 현대판 후예"라고 비유한 말과 일맥 상통한다고도 볼수있다.

"어쨌든 문씨와 그의 통일교회는 미국이기때문에 있을수 있는, 또 다른 세계적인 한국의 전설을 엮고 있는것이지 모른다"고 이 교포는 화제의 끝을 맺었다.



Hankook Ilbo, Seoul, Korea
Published by the New York Branch
June 2, 1976

Headlines: Rally for the Restoration of America's Founding Spirit.
Sponsored by Unification Church,
40,000 people attend.
Rev. Sun Myung and Korean Residents in America.

世界日報

「ゴッド・イズ・ア・アメリカ」フェスティバル

ニューヨーク・ヤンキーススタジアム

【ニューヨーク一日】AP・本紙特約(シユティス・アン・ヤブロンスキー記者)一日夜、ヤンキース・スタジアムで開かれた米建国二百周年記念「ゴッド・イズ・ア・アメリカ(神、アメリカを祝し給え)」フェスティバルは、反対派によるビゲとヤジ、ティーンエイジャーの妨害および悪天候などによって、大会の成り行きが心配されたが、大会に参加した統一教会信徒の熱烈な情熱の高さの中で、その心配は吹き飛ばされ、大会は成功裏に行われた。

悪条件のりこえ大成功

追害・突風・雨

ヤンキース・スタジアムの大観衆を前にして、文鮮明師は「この地上に神の国を建設するのがわれわれの使命である」と訴え、文師が米国で行ってきた運動の目的を明らかにした。

文師が、「神はアメリカを選び給い、アメリカは理想世界のモデルであるべきで、世界の縮小体である」と語り、観衆の中から大きな拍手がわき起こった。

文師の講演は約一時間にわたって行われ、文師が韓国語で語ったものをホー・ヒト・パク氏(元韓国陸軍大佐)が英語で通訳した。

講演ではまた、共産主義勢力のことが激しく非難され、それはアメリカを破壊しつつあるものだと語られた。しかし、そのあとに続けて、「神の戦士として、アメリカは全世界的規模の唯物共産主義に対して、すべての人種と国民の団結をもって、イデオロギー的に打ち勝つであろう」と語り、「アメリカは神の名において勝利しなければならぬ」と宣言している。

演説の途中、一部のティーン・エイジャーが会場の通路で煙筒や爆竹を仕掛け、乱闘する場面もあったが、一部の観客に影響を与えただけで、風説はどこおろなく続行された。

一方、会場の外では、統一教会に反対する親や元信者による小グループが警察が警戒線を引いたところでビゲを張り、「親たちよ気を付けよ、一といっ



会場に溢れる復興的情熱 「アメリカを理想世界のモデルに」

また、会場入り口の前には、他宗教のグループも集まり、プロテスタントの団体やユダヤ教、カトリック教、さらには赤い衣服を着たハリクリシヤナなど、それぞれに伝道用冊子を配っていた。

会場では一時、おからの雷雨のためにプログラムの変更も考慮されたが、その後、天候がもち直したので、予定通り内野グラウンドいっぱい使ったステージを組み直した。フェスティバル開演は予定より三十分遅れて七時半から行われたが、その時、白と銀の衣装をまとった「ゴッド・ワールド」吹奏楽団は、二百人祭行進曲をたて続けに演奏し、入場してくる観客の心をなごませた。

教会側は当初、収容人員五万五千のヤンキース・スタジアムを満席にすることを望んでいたが、フェスティバルが始まる前の雨天候が参加者の足を鈍らせた。

会場のアナウンスは観衆に呼びかけ観衆一人一人が入り口で手渡されたアメリカ国旗の小さな旗を振りながら、真実の復興的情熱をもって歌を歌い、拍手するよう呼びかけた。また会場の一カ所では、隣り同士の入ひと手を握り合うように呼びかけられ、多くの入ひとがほほ笑みながら、手を握り合う場面もあった。

会場の席は赤、白、青、色とりどりの旗布でおおわれ、米国旗、二百周年旗、世界各国の旗などがスタンド高く翻っていた。またスタジアムの奥深いところにあるホームラン・フェンスは、フェスティバルに参加した四十ヶ国国民の旗で色鮮やかにおおわれていた。

スタジアムの内野を囲むネットには、色とりどりの風船がつけられ、スタンド裏の特別席のネットには、白い風船が数多くとりつけられていた。会場のスピーカーからは、高々と音楽をかが文師の演説を伝えた。また、金色と黒色をあしらったレデオ・スクリーンには、文師や演説者などが大きくクローズアップされて映し出されていた。

シンシア・ウエイドさん(三三)は統一教会への入教の動機について、「この教会がいつも自分が考えていたこと——新アメリカ建設——を実現する人々の集まりであることがわかったからです」と述べ、また「この大会はわたくしに、なにも尽くす」という感覚を与え、また他人を愛する能力を高めてくれました」とうれしそうに語った。

彼女は以前ある会社の秘書であったが、現在は同教会の会計を担当している。彼女は、ムーソン師が再臨のメシヤであることを確信しているという。

彼女の妹ユージェニアさん(三〇)は「好奇心から大会に参加した。両親がわたしを去るのではないかと心配していましたが、わたしはすでに反ムン宣伝も聞いています」と語った。

教会員の家族約七百人は、同フェスティバルに観客として招かれ週末をニューヨーク市内の二カ所のホテルで過ごし、講義に参加し、文師の馬車を学んだ。その中の一人、ロバート・ヒル夫人は「大会に参加して非常に良かった。というのは何が行われているのかを知ることができたからです」と語った。

同夫人は、息子のウエイン君(三三)が教会に入って二年になり、「わたしは教会に対し、肯定的な面だけしか考えなかつた」と述べた。

文師の講演が始まったとき、警備が厳しくなった。市警察や特別警察が出動し、球場ダイヤモンドを規制した。記者、カメラマンはグラウンド内へは立ち入ることが禁じられた。大会関係者は立ち上がった観衆にすわるように指示し、騒ぎを起す者たちは場外へ連れ出された。

一機のヘリコプターが上空に飛来したとき、一時的に騒ぎが生じた。また爆竹を仕掛けたという脅迫電話もかかった。しかし、フェスティバルの進行には影響はなかった。

催し物として、二百周年祭衣装をつけたニュー・ホープ・シンガーズの合唱や韓国の民族舞踊団のおどりが行われた。

ワールド・レポート

盛り上がる200年祭

ゴッド・ブレス・アメリカ大会開く

アメリカの使命強調

ムーン「新世界建設のリーダーに」

ニューヨーク

【ニューヨーク一日小林政久特派員】アメリカに神を中心とした理念を再び巻き起こそうと訴えるサン・ミヨン・ムーンは一日、ゴッド・ブレス・アメリカ百年祭実行委員会が主催したフェスティバルで講演した。同フェスティバルは午後七時(現地時間)からニューヨークのヤンキー・スタジアムで開かれた。

これはアメリカ建国二百年祭を記念する行事の一つとして行われたもので、アメリカ市民や各国代表者約五万人(主催者発表)が、新装されたスタジアムをほぼうすめ、同師の「アメリカに対する神の希望」と題する講演に耳を傾けた。

講演は、N・サローネン大会実行委員会委員長のあいさつに続く。ムーンは講演の中で、アメリカは神によって、その掘理上、重要な役割を果たすために、特別に建国されたものであると語り、アメリカは神を絶対的中心とした理念である神主義(ゴッドイスマ)に立ち返らなければならないことを強調した。

さらに、アメリカは世界中のあらゆるところから神と自由を求めてやってきた人々によって造られた国であり、人種、国籍、文化的背景などの壁を乗り越えた神の国の理想的なモデルであると語り、かつては敵同士であった国々の血が、一人の人間の身体の中で一つに溶け合っているというような、世界で独特の国がアメリカであると述べた。

また、ムーンは現在は神を認める自由世界と神を否定する共産主義社会が対峙する時代であると指摘、アメリカは「新しい世界理念の基盤」となり、宗教的信念と思想的相違のために迫害され、自由社会に逃れてきた人々たちとともに、神を中心とした新しい世界を建設するためのリーダーとならなければならないと訴え、聴衆は大きな共感を覚えた。

この大会を前にして、ムーン師と大会実行委員会のこと、新聞テレビなどのマスコミに数多く取り上げられ、同委員会の動きはアメリカ社会に大きな波紋を呼び起こしていた。この動きに対して米国内には強い反対と熱烈的な支持の動きがあり、この日も、会場の外

では、二、三十人の抗議デモがあり、同スタジアムの通路内でおよそ百人の若者たちが発煙筒やクラッカーを鳴らして妨害するなどの騒ぎがあった。

アメリカでは現在二百年祭の行事がいろいろと催されている。しかし、どれも祭りのものばかりで、その精神面を問いたはずような行事は数少ない。

その中で、一人の東洋人がアメリカの魂に語りかけたこの大会はアメリカ市民にとっても大きなショックだった。今後はアメリカがムーン師の提唱をどのような形で受け入れて行くかが注目される。

The World Daily News
Published in Japan
June 3, 1976

Headlines: Persecution, Storm, Rain.
Great Success Under Adverse Conditions.
God Bless America Festival at Yankee Stadium.
The Passion of Restoration prevails in the Stadium.
To make America as the model of the Ideal World.
Bicentennial Festival Emphasis on the mission of America by Rev. Moon.



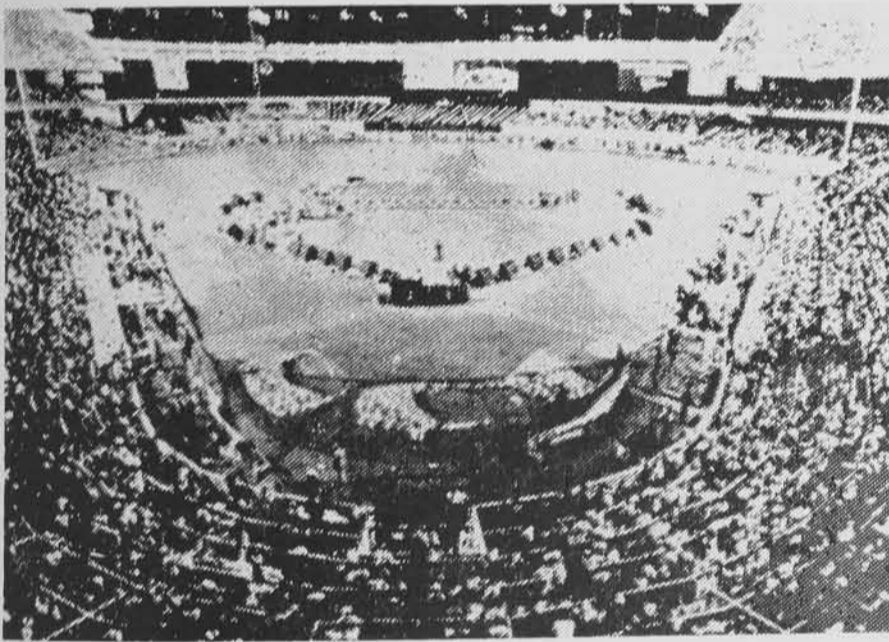
The Weekly Religion

1976年6月9日 (水曜日)

週刊宗教

ニューヨークを轟かせた統一の喊声

雨中...ヤンキー・スタジアムに5万名参加



◇統一教会創始者文鮮明師は6月1日ヤンキー・スタジアムで米独立二百周年祝賀行事で米國の責任を強調した。

米獨立記念行事盛大

米國は共産主義の最後の目標

統一教会創始者である文鮮明師は、六月一日の夜、ニューヨークのヤンキー・スタジアムで、米獨立二百周年を記念する歴史的な大集會を開催し、米國民に覺醒を促すかたわら、永遠なる繁榮を祝福した。折り返しも閉會式前から降った暴雨にも拘わらず、五万余名が参加した中で進行された同大会で、文鮮明師はメッセージを通して「六十年代世界の希望は米國であったが、今日の社会腐敗相は深刻な境地に到った」と指摘し、「病に罹って萎れて行く米國社会を改革するため、誰かが果敢に先頭に立たなければならない」と力説した。

文鮮明師講演

東洋から来た偉大な宗教指導者は、数カ月前から建國二百周年を迎えた米國で「米建國全世界に広く知られた文鮮明二百周年記念祭典」準備委員

会を構成し、その大会のため大々的な活動を開いて来た。五十分間継続された記念講演で文鮮明師は、「米國は共産主義の最後の目標である」と警告し、「神の祝福を受けた米國と米國民達のため、米國を共産魔手から救わなければならない」と述べた。同日、文師の講演に深い感銘を受けた各國の信徒と市民達は両手に持っていた大旗と星条旗を振って歓声を送り、ニューヨーク市立交響楽団、

ニューヨーク市立交響楽団、ハンナン舞踊団の音楽、リ舞などによってその大会を盛りあげた。

また、同日の祭典が始まる前から大会場内外には、共産主義者が背後にある反対者達と、十代の青少年達が騒動を起したが、集會は予定通り順調に進行された。

The Weekly Religion
(Korean and Japanese Editions)
Published by the Unification Church
June 9, 1976

Headlines: Loud voice for unity is resounding in New York.
50,000 people gather under the rain storm.
Rally is a great success.
The Nation of America is the Target of Communism.
Contents of Rev. Moon's Message.



UNIFICATION NEWS

ヤンキー大会を終えて 次の目標はワシントン、 予定期日、 一九七六年九月一八日



五万五千名収容
の会場

ヤンキー大会は勝利であったと伝えられました。しかし、現実、二十万人動員と聞いていた人々にとって四万人を越えるほどの勝利では、何かスッカリしない、敗北ではないかと考える方もいらっしゃるのではないのでしょうか。

長成期の大会

アメリカでの三大フェスティバル、第一回がマディソン・スクエア・ガーデン大会、第二回が今回のヤンキー・スタジアム大会、第三回がワシントン・モニュメント大会。第二回目といえは、長成期です。そして、イエス様の十字架を意味します。

暗闇となった
開場時間

当日、午後五時から突風と雨で普通は夜九時まで、現在の日本の午後四時から五時くらいの明るさを保っているのに、この雨と風は三時間にわたり、ニューヨーク市をおおい、その状況はまさにイエス様が十字架にかかれた時の三時間の暗闇を再現するものであったといえます。

一体化した兄弟
と入場者の姿

大会終了後、夜を徹して兄弟は市内のホスターをくまなく別がしヘルベディアの先生のもとに集まりました。その折、兄弟は皆、会場一杯に入を築められたことに対し、天への感謝の気持ち一杯になっていました。「あの雨と風がなければ」という気持ちもあつたでしょう。そして、すさまじい

晴れたった空に
美しいヤンキー・
スタジアム外景

ばかりの雨と風の中、神山隊長を先頭に、全米から集まった父兄、そして韓国民団の団長、日本商社の面々、そして兄弟全員が一つとなり、「God is with us」とか「声をかけ合い、誰ともなげに歌い出された「You are my rock」との歌と吹き飛ばされた設備のあと片づけに全力をつくし、晴れ間を呼び戻した大会であったと

三つの恵みを
受けた今大会

しかし、先生はおっしゃいました。「勝利したんだよ。三つの大きな恵みを受けた大会だったよ。」
その三つの恵みとは
第一、ヤンキー大会という大きな網の中で、誰もかれも「雨がやむように」と祈りました。特に、全米の民団々長、そして日本のV.I.P.「Yodahealms sunshin」を歌って、本当に太陽を引き戻しました。先生が「私が三年間アメリカで神の心情を判つておらうとしたけど判らなかつたのが、この一瞬をして判つた」と語られました。これは奇跡です。反対側に立っていたニューヨーク・タイムスもワシントン・ポストも「雨が降らなかつたら大成功だった」と報道しました。

又、当日午後五時から雨で反対派があきらめました。しかし、二人入って、二Fから三Fへの所でバクチクを唱らしたりして邪魔をしたため三階に人を入れることができませんでした。
第二点、イエス様の十字架を極めました。
第三点、先生が韓国において立てた条件が全て報いられ、全米に

この整備された会場が
アツという間の突風に
吹き飛ばされました。



いた民団の団長が先生と一体化しました。そして、大会数日前から集まり教会説明を聞いていた父兄七〇〇名の祈りは今まで別れていた親子の一体化した姿です。

次はワシントン

この三つの勝利を得ました。次はワシントン大会です。ニューヨークの市民が八〇〇万、二〇〇万集めることが難しかったのです。ワシントンは八〇〇万です。ここで五〇〇万集めることは更に難しいことです。この内、二つ、三つは他

新人事発表

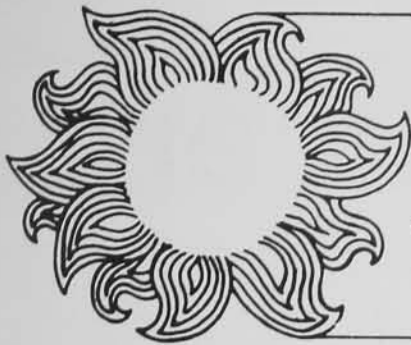
六月五日ヘルベディア

以上は、十四日、優秀者と共に帰国されて小田田会長代理から伺ったアメリカの六月二日の様子です。
このあと、六月五日、先生は七七双とアメリカの幹部を集められ、新人事が発表されました。それは、日本から行った七七双の夫妻を二組として重要な州へ配属

ワシントン大会こそ、五〇〇万以
上の人を集めて、アメリカのみならず、世界に神の御心証を証して
まいりましょう。

例えは、ニューヨーク市が大西邦弘夫妻、ニューヨーク・ステイツが星野義雄夫妻、ロサンゼルスが上山信一郎夫妻、サンフランシスコが久井俊一夫妻というように決まりました。全部で四十六組です。彼らは各州でアジア人教会をつくります。アジア自体ができなかったことを、アメリカ内のアジア人で基盤をつくるのです。先生は既に「有色人種の太陽」といわれています。そして、日本人をたてて、アジア・アメリカを動かす、アメリカ人を立てて世界を動かします。そしてアジアへと帰っていくのです。
日本は、世界に人材を輩出して世界の人材を受け入れる基盤を早くつくる、これが使命です。
その為に、韓国語と英語をマスターすることです。
三ヶ月間、必死に頑張つて、全員でアメリカに行きましょう。





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The Go-World Brass Band watches the entertainment at the beginning of the Yankee Stadium rally.

Father Speaks to the Membership: June 2

The Victory of Yankee Stadium

Did we win victory at Yankee Stadium? I'm sure that yesterday God shed invisible tears—not because of the rain but because of your commitment, your loyalty, and your enthusiasm. You moved God's heart yesterday. He is ready to pour many blessings upon you.

Was the rain good or bad? I felt that it was good. For the last several months, we put out every ounce of energy for Yankee Stadium. At the last moment, God gave us a big test. When I heard about the rain, I rather smiled. I was not even surprised. Next, I prayed, "Don't worry, Father," I said. "We'll make out. I am comforting you." I pledged God that if because of the rain we could not have the program, I would reconstruct the crusade within 15 days, promising that within 15 days I would bring an even greater result than we expected yesterday. I told God that whatever the circumstances, we would not be defeated and we would bring Him the promised victory.

Actually, I wanted a three-hour

downpour so that the event would be rained out. Why? Then we would have reason to do it again. If that had happened, we would have had a chance to become really close with New Yorkers. God already planned for three hours of rain. But you sang, "You are my Sunshine." And God's heart was melted. So He stopped the rain. If I say, "Let's put on Yankee Stadium again within one week!" would you do it? (YES) That means that we won't have to do it again, because you

have confidence and have passed the test. Yesterday you were really demonstrating the spirit of God. When the rain came, instead of becoming discouraged, you were in high spirits, protesting to God and trying to push away the rain.

If there had been no rain, it would have been absolutely no problem to have an overflowing house. Even in the last several weeks my main concern has been how to gather people in Washington. I was really mulling this over. How can I train

our people to be able to mobilize such a giant crowd? That was my headache. Yankee Stadium is a dress rehearsal. If we gather a half million people, the entire world will tremble. What is the secret?

Yesterday everyone tasted the bottom of Hell. Yesterday, as the wind blew and the rain poured down, the rain and your tears mingled on your faces. You tasted something miserable. At that moment you

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On to Washington Monument!

As Father said farewell to the members on June 2, he said, "In Washington, I will give the most important message of all. Would you like to be just one nation under God or one world under God as America enters her third century? Your fire, your burning zeal will be unexcelled by anyone. While you are working on the street

corners with your sweat and blood, I will work harder than you. No matter what may come, as long as we are this serious, there are no obstacles.... We will see you at the victory site." Consequently, the campaign for the September rally at the Washington Monument, led by Mr. Kamiyama, is now on the move.

Father revealed the basic strategy at a meeting with all members on the morning of June 3 in the ballroom of the New Yorker. At least half of the pioneers, he said, would be concentrated in states near Washington to build up membership in preparation for the campaign and to work on the campaign itself. The campaign, since it is centering upon a small city, will reach into neighboring states, as the main strategy will be to bring people by bus.

As leaders were planning strategy,

MFT's and state members enjoyed simultaneous workshops given by Dale Garrett and Mr. Sudo. By Sunday, plans were made and members went to their missions after Father's Sunday speech.

Each center has a new leader, appointed by Father. The eleven key states on the East coast received an additional quota of members proportionate to their population. To give strength to that area, former Barrytown evangelists have been assigned as state leaders and IW assignments have been limited to these states.

Area	Leader	IW
Washington, D.C.	Michael Leone	Betsy Jones
Maryland	Mr. Cha	Barbara ten Wolde

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Everyone has his own story of Yankee Stadium. The hopes and prayers from all over the country and the world for the three months preceding the event. The triumphs, failures, and growth experiences of witnessing in New York. And the excitement of June 1 itself. Everyone has the same story of Yankee Stadium starting from the moment it rained -- first discouragement and then

determination to go on, no matter what. As a record of the events of Yankee Stadium, this issue of New Hope News includes: Father's June 2 remarks on the significance of Yankee Stadium, Father's speech at Yankee Stadium, photographs and a summary of the Festival, and photos of the rallies immediately preceding the festival.

God's Hope For America

June 1 Speech at Yankee Stadium by Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Distinguished Citizens of the United States and Honorable Delegates of the world, I would like to speak to you tonight on the subject: "God's Hope for America." But first of all, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you for coming today and being part of this record crowd.

Here in grand Yankee Stadium we have gathered to celebrate America's 200th birthday.

Among this year's many celebrations, our Festival at Yankee Stadium is unique for the following reasons: First, we have gathered together in the name of God, and second, we are having an international celebration. Representatives from all over the world are here for this joyous celebration.

Today we are living in an age when we must look at every individual and every nation as vital components of the world. In our world, there are basically two ways of life. One is the selfish way of life, and the other is the unselfish way of life where one thinks beyond himself and his family and lives for the greater purpose of the nation and the world. Throughout history, whether in the East or West, those who played important roles were public-minded or selfish persons.

The well-being of the family should come before that of the individual; the nation should come before the family; the world before the nation, and God before the world. This is the philosophy of the selfless way of life. The righteous men and women and saints in history were those people who selflessly sacrificed themselves for God and mankind. Jesus Christ was indeed the supreme example of such a righteous man.

It is truly God, however, who is supremely selfless, supremely public-

minded. When mankind rebelled against Him, God did not take revenge; He forgave. And God has been working tirelessly to raise sinful men up out of sin into salvation. To do this God sent His only Son Jesus Christ. Even at the cost of sacrificing His Son, God wanted to save the world. God erected Israel as the chosen nation. The purpose of the chosen nation is also to save the world. And God raised up Christianity for the same purpose—to save the world.

The Bible says in John 3:16, "God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." Remember, the world is God's goal. And just as Jesus willingly gave his life so that the world might live, God wanted all Christians to be willing to give themselves for the salvation of the world. However, today Christians of the world are not even close to realizing this heart of God.

God seeks to build one family on man. Therefore, the family, church and nation which God desires transcend all barriers of race and nationality. The people who are a unified blending of all colors of skin, and who transcend race and nationality are most beautiful in the sight of God and most pleasing to Him.

Let us look at America. It is most important that we know whether the United States of America was conceived by God or not. Ladies and gentlemen, it is my firm belief that the United States of America was indeed conceived by God.

There were, however, two kinds of people among your forefathers. One kind came to this land seeking wealth. The others came to this land seeking God and freedom. They dreamed of building a new nation centered upon God. If the former had become the mainstream of America,

there would have been far greater strife, division and struggle between the different races and national groups. The United States would have been filled with unrighteousness and injustice. From the beginning, however, God intervened. Therefore, of all the immigrants, the righteous men of God were to find their proper place as leaders in America. All the different races and nationalities of the world harmonized upon this land to create God-centered families, churches and the nation of America. The beautiful tradition of America was set by your forefathers.

Look at your own families. Most families have the virtue of a distinct international character. If your lineage has been in America for some time, it probably unites many different nationalities. In your blood stream many kinds of blood are blended together. Nations who used to be enemies have united in your blood. When the individuals and the families which transcend racial and national barriers gather together to create a church, a society and a nation, that nation will become God's ideal nation for all peoples.

There is only one nation like this in all of history—The United States of America. It is apparent that this unique nation of America is the creation of God. The people of America have come from every corner of the world. To be an American does not depend upon what race you are, what belief you have, or what cultural background you are from. It is only in this nation that no matter where you are from, you can say this is my country. That is America!

America is a microcosm of the world. Transcending nationality and race, America has created a model for the ideal world. God Himself had purposely hidden this land of America from civilization until His time was full, and then upon her God raised up this model nation. In His Providence God anointed America with oil; He poured out abundant blessing upon this land. In a short 200 years, God raised this nation to be the mightiest nation of earth.

But blessing never comes alone; it comes with responsibility. If one forsakes the responsibility, one also forsakes God's blessing. Inevitably the blessing of God will leave, and the nation doing this will decline. Is it not true that the signs of such decline are already apparent in America today?

Beloved American people, the time has come that we must repent. We must fear the wrath of God. In the truest sense, who are the true Americans? True Americans are those who have a universal mind. True Americans are those who believe in the one family of man, transcendent of color, and nationality as willed by God. True Americans are those who are proud of such international families, churches and of the nation which consists of all peoples. In the sight of God, there is no black; there is no white; there is no yellow. We must look at the human race, as God sees it. America must return to the true founding spirit of the nation, to the ideals which her ancestors sought to establish with sweat and blood. America must return to Godism, an absolutely God-centered ideology.

God is the motivation, the cause and the foundation of the independence of America. America was born through the Providence of God. If we are centered upon God, we will remain united and enjoy prosperity. However, as soon as we turn away from God, we will be divided.

Ladies and gentlemen, if America wants to keep the blessing of God as the leading nation of the world, it must form a partnership with God. Do you have God in your homes? Do you truly have God in

your church? Do you have God in your society and nation? God is the cement. With God, America will stay together like concrete. But if God leaves, she will be like sand. When the flood comes, all will be washed away.

America's greatness and pride stem from God. With Him America deserves the blessing and can remain as the mightiest nation. With God, you can preserve your dignity and the leadership of the world. If you allow God to leave America, however, this nation will decline; it will be subjugated by satanic hands. When this happens, the future of America will be dismal, tragic. America will become a living hell.

When God's blessing is great, and one forsakes God's will, God's punishment is equally great. In the early 1960's, America seemed to be the hope of the world, and the symbol of America was the city of New York. Today, however, the world has lost faith in America, and New York has become a jungle of immorality and depravity. It has been transformed into a city under the attack of evil. Chicago is no different, nor Los Angeles. Throughout all of America, Satan is becoming the master. God has been forgotten in the country, and if forgotten, God can only leave America. Now is the very moment that this is taking place!

When the unifying force of God leaves America, nothing will be able to hold America together. The family will break down; churches will divide, and America will become mortally ill because the cells of her body are decaying. This will be the perfect opportunity for the evil of communism to overtake America. This state of emergency is here now. Someone must do something!

There are critics who say, "Why is Reverend Moon so involved in America's Bicentennial? It is none of his business." Ladies and gentlemen, if there is illness in your home, do you not need a doctor from outside? If your home catches on fire, do you not need fire fighters from outside? God has sent me to America in the role of a doctor, in the role of a fire fighter. That is why I have come to America. Good medicine may taste bitter, and an operation may involve some pain, but the treatment must begin at once. Should a patient complain and push away the doctor's hand when he touches the infected part?

For the last three years, with my entire heart and soul I have been teaching American youth a new revelation from God. They now have a clear concept of what the God-centered family, church, and nation should be like. They also know the dark reality of America. Thus they have become determined fighters to bring new life and salvation to America before it is too late. They know the critical state of the nation. They know the grieving heart of God. And they are absolutely determined to turn the tide back to God. Their enthusiasm is beautiful to behold.

Your dedicated sons and daughters are champions of God crusading for the victory of God's will. As God's front line, they are declaring war against evil. They are courageously fighting this noble battle. We must overcome evil. It is our mission to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. Therefore, we must build a model of the Kingdom of God right here in America, which God loves and has prepared the most.

Ladies and gentlemen, remember, these young people are working tirelessly. Their hearts are filled with tears and sighs in order to create a world free of tears and sighs. These young people are struggling agonizing over their mission to create a world free of struggle and agony. Our battle is God's battle against Satan. For





Before June 1 New Yorkers saw our activities in many parts of the City. [Left] May 26 Wall Street rally attracts a large lunchtime crowd. [Above] [Right] Members clean in Harlem in the day-long clean-up and rally. [Left] Three thousand members in white jumpsuits line the streets of Harlem on the Saturday, May 29 parade.

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the sake of God, we will never retreat, but will win, whatever the sacrifice may be. It is not important whether I am persecuted or not. I am only concerned with the will of God and the mission God gave me. I am concerned that your rejection of me could result in the rejection of God. I am concerned that without knowing the situation clearly, you may be found opposing God's will. If what I am doing is not the will of God, it will not go too far, anyway. If, however, what I am doing is the will of God, then no matter how much some people reject and persecute us and try to block the way, this mission will succeed.

Why has Reverend Moon come to America where he has encountered such tribulation? Am I pursuing my own honor? Is money my goal, or power? No! Never! I came to America because this is my country which God, our Heavenly Father, has chosen. I came to America because I know the heart of God. I know that in spite of America's rebellion against Him, God will not abandon this country. His will is to make America an example of a Godly nation that the nations of the world can follow. I know God's will is to save the world, and to do this America must lead the way. This is why I came to America. With God you can win; with Satan you will fail.

Ladies and gentlemen, 200 years ago your brave ancestors in the Continental Army fought the Revolution, the war of independence, with faith in God. George Washington knelt down at Valley Forge asking divine intervention, and he and his army were able to win over the invincible British Army. Only through divine

intervention could he win the war and America's independence. At that moment, God laid the "Foundation of Land" for America.

Approximately 100 years later when, contrary to God's will, slavery and segregation were rampant here in America, God raised up Abraham Lincoln as His champion, and brought about the victory of the Civil War, liberating the slaves, and affirming equality for all people. By doing so, God laid the "Foundation of People" for America, transcending race and nationality. Yet this was an external test.

Today, 200 years later, America is undergoing another test. This time the test is an internal or spiritual one. It is a religious test, an historical, ideological test. On the other side of the world, the God-denying ideology of communism has risen up and is ready to undertake an all-out offensive against the free world. Destroying America is the communists' final and ultimate goal. They know America is God's final bulwark on earth. More than anything else, this is a test of whether America will stand as God's nation or fall.

America can not win this battle alone. She needs God. In this test you can not win without God who is the foundation of all truth, and all true ideology. A confrontation is inevitable between the two worlds—the God-affirming world and the God-denying world. This is a confrontation of ideology. Therefore, as a champion of God, America must win ideologically over atheistic communism on the world wide scale, with the unity of all races and nationalities. Our faith in God

must be stronger than their faith in communism. America must win in the name of God. Thus God would establish the "Foundation of the New World Ideology" in a higher dimension.

The American forefathers fled from religious persecution in Europe, came to the new world, and in the spirit of building "one nation under God" they brought about a new nation here in America which is now at the threshold of her third century. In a similar way, today people are fleeing from the communist world of slavery to the free world. Many were persecuted for their religious beliefs and ideological differences. The time has come to unite them to build a new world centered upon God. United, the free world must liberate the enslaved communist world. This time our task is to build "One World under God."

To do this, Christianity of the world must unite. The church must liberate herself from sectarianism. She must undergo a drastic reform, and achieve an ecumenical and an inter-religious unity. For this, we need a spiritual revolution. We need a new ideology, and this new ideology must incorporate Oriental philosophy, uniting the cultures of the East and the West.

This new ideology will also be capable of unifying all the existing religions and ideologies of the world. Therefore, it has come in the form of a new religious or spiritual movement. The Unification Church Movement has been created by God to fulfill that mission. This spiritual movement must first succeed here in America in order to spread throughout the world. The new ideology that the

Unification Church brings is "Godism," an absolutely God-centered ideology. It has the power to awaken America, and it has the power to raise up the model of the ideal nation of God upon this land.

With that done, the rest of the world will follow America's example and will build the Kingdom of God upon their respective lands. Then we shall all truly become brothers and sisters under one Father, God. This will be a world of love, a world of happiness. Our planet will be one home, and mankind will be one family. God's will, His long cherished desire from the beginning of time, will finally be fulfilled. This will be the eternal, ideal world of God. Indeed, it will be the Kingdom of God on earth. We will build it with our hands.

This is our supreme mission. It is truly our God-given, sacred mission. God is crying out to the world, and we are His instruments. The world must respond to His call. Listen to God's commandment. Initiate a courageous march towards the Kingdom of God on earth. Whatever the difficulty, let it not stop us. Our march is God's, and it will go on to the end.

My beloved citizens of America, today let us pledge to God Almighty our loyalty and dedication to the fulfillment of this divine mission. Ladies and gentlemen, in the name of God, let us unite, and together build the Kingdom of God on earth!

Let us together give our united thanks to God. In the name of the people of the world, may I congratulate you on the 200th birthday of the great nation of America. May God bless you, and may God bless America and her third century.

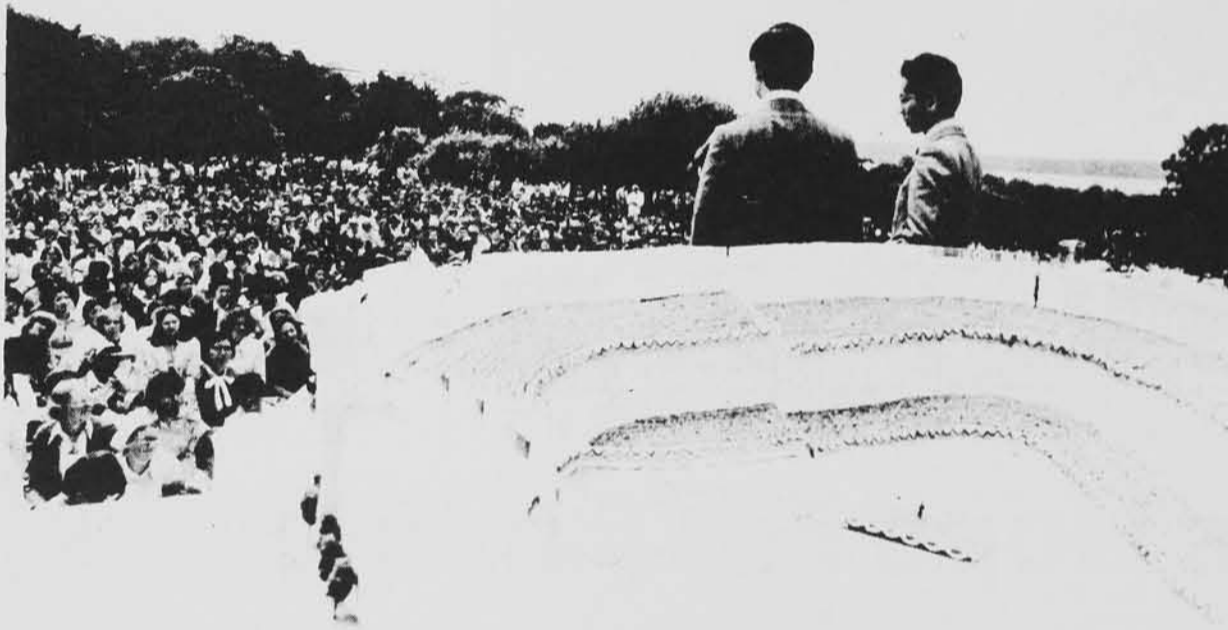
Thank you very much.

June 2

Celebration of Victory and World Day



Father and Mother singing "Um Maya."



Mr. Kamiyama speaking to members, with Yankee Stadium cake in the foreground.



Mr. Kamiyama, Mr. Salonen and Rev. Vincenz at World Day celebration. United together to accomplish the Washington Monument campaign, they will represent Japan, America, and Europe.

On June 2 all members who had participated in the Yankee Stadium crusade gathered at Belvedere to hear Father speak in commemoration of Yankee Stadium and World Day, 1976. At the beginning, the Go-World Brass Band entertained the audience. Then Father spoke, first on the significance of World Day and then on Yankee Stadium. (His remarks on each topic are in separate articles in this issue.) As he spoke, the clouds, remaining from the storms of the night before, gradually disappeared. Similarly, the hearts of those listening to him were warmed, comforted, and lightened by his message. At the end of his speech he announced that Mr. Kamiyama would continue as leader of the Washington Monument crusade. With Mr. Kamiyama, Col. Pak, Mr. Salonen, and Reverend Vincenz, the crowd gave a hearty monsei for victory at Washington Monument.

To celebrate the occasion, Father and Mother cut a huge Yankee Stadium cake, which everyone shared later. The cake, made by Nancy Aune with the assistance of members of the kitchen staff, weighed over 500 pounds and took several weeks to complete. It was a detailed replica of the stadium, including interior decorations and figurines to represent performers.

Father and Mother brought the conclusion to the first part of the celebration by each singing a song and leading the whole assembly in Um Maya.

Then Mr. Kamiyama spoke informally to the members. "During this campaign I knew that we had to pay indemnity. It is the way of restoration that even God might abandon us. I thought about that when I saw the big letters go to pieces... I also thought, when I saw the balloon destroy the letters, about how sad God was when man fell." He praised the high spirit of the members: "The members who cleaned up the field did a very good job in a short time. God must be very pleased with out brothers and sisters... Our future in very wonderful." By this time, the parents who could remain in New York beyond Yankee Stadium had arrived at Belvedere to share the rest of the day. They joined their sons and daughters for a large celebration dinner. The remainder of the day saw many moods of celebration expressed at Belvedere. Members and their families enjoyed reunions with other members, strolls along the paths, spontaneous singing and folk dancing in small groups, and stretching out in the sun or shade. David Hose led informal entertainment behind the main house, including the Go-World Brass Band, Sunburst, and the Hallelujah Chorus from Guyana, and many other group and individual performances. Not wanting the day to end, many lingered until the last call for the last vans to the city.

World Day, 1976

Restoring God as the Master of All Things

From Father's speech.

The world does not know anything about the meaning of World Day. Only the Unification Church has a celebration of the fullest meaning of World Day. Even though others do not know it, the significance is so great. Today we are celebrating the 16th anniversary of World Day.

If the fall of man had not taken place, we would not have the tragedies that we witness every day. All men desire love, freedom, and happiness. Love, freedom, and happiness centered around God would have become true love, freedom, and happiness. It is God's ideal that all men experience joy and freedom centered upon Him. So the fall was a separation from the original concept. Mankind today is seeking love and happiness without God. This is impossible without the master of all things. Today our love is a temporal thing; there is no eternal impact.

If we had united with God initially, then all things of creation would have been united with man, so that the entire universe would have been harmonized into one entity. If love had united God, man, and the creation, nothing could have separated them. Nothing can separate the power of love.

In the Divine Principle, the meaning of salvation is restoration - bringing the deviated position into the original concept. God has never changed; the changed one is man. Man fell. Therefore, man needs to be restored into the original position, into oneness with God. Religions can be called God's training centers. He has used religions to bring man back to the original position. The central religion is Christianity, in which the central figure is the Messiah. The Messiah has the mission of bringing mankind back to God. Today, mankind does not know the true purpose of life. Our job is to liberate the grieving heart of God, the grieving heart of man, and the grieving heart of all things of creation. It is our mission to undertake the age-old God-given task of restoration. We are not just men and women of the twentieth century. We are historical men and women, going back to the root of the sin of mankind, which we are going to restore.

However, we are not really free to go back to the original concept of Adam and Eve. There are so many things hanging around us, so many shackles. As a fallen generation, it is our job to get out of our shackles. We liberate ourselves so that we come to the original concept of love.

So no truth can begin in compromising, in accepting the circumstances of the world. True religions have been teaching denial first. There alone can you start your journey of new truth. That is the beginning point. Then how can we recognize if we have denied our circumstances? By the reaction of the outside world. Let the world be in a position to oppose you. When you deny the world, the world will deny you. You must rise above the opposition to become victors. For those who are pursuing religious perfection, the worst temptation is always that which they love the most. So the denial is very difficult. The dearest thing is always the greatest obstacle in your journey for the truth. So the real religion is an absolute, uncompromising one. If there were such a religion, there would be rampant persecution and opposition. Yet you must know that is the religion of God.

You must have the confidence to be the most perfect men and women under the sun. I have been working for the last 33 years. The entire world has been trying to knock me out. But I will rise above the world. Nothing under the sun can deter our movement. Why? No one is stronger than the power of God. As long as there is a living God, nothing can deter this movement. As long as my shining eyes are

alive, I am going to create the reality of the society, nation, and world of righteousness here upon the earth. You must have the kind of confidence and conviction. Become a dynamo of power. You can create heat; you can create energy. The only way that I can trust you is to let you be seasoned.

A long time ago I liquidated the fear of death. If I die, will you become another Sun Myung Moon? We will liberate God. God is in the prison of a broken heart. He had an ideal of love, but it was frozen. No one can untie God but the sons and daughters of God. We have to become better than Adam and Eve, because they failed. No sin will govern you; the love of God will govern you.

It is our righteous path to liberate the grieving heart of God, the grieving heart of parents, the grieving heart of children so that the entire universe will rejoice in the true love of God. For that purpose the Unification Church was born, and we are doing most beautifully now.

Before you discovered the truth, your heart was a frozen land. God poured down heat to melt it and has planted the seed of true love.

You listen to me because you have tasted the love of God, and you want to get more. The love of God is tasted on the front line, fighting Satan. That is why we have volunteered to go out into the misery of the world. New York City, the heart of prostitution, depravity, and injustice, is where God is working.

Unless you can make an impact on this nation so that it can become more God-centered, there will be no hope for America. I need ten years' time. Within ten years, we can truly shake the direction of America from the secular, ungodly side to the godly direction. There is only one opportunity - now. God gave me the mission to let the world know about this emergency.

Today is World Day. The entirety of the world's resources should belong to God. God wants to use them for His purpose... We must reassure our position in relationship to God. God is in center; all things of creation are supposed to be one with Him. Because of the separation, the grieving heart of God is everywhere. We are here to liberate His grieving heart by bringing back the unity of mankind and all things with God. We must pledge ourselves further for the fulfillment of the mission of God. This is the meaning of World Day. We must not just celebrate but also recommit ourselves. Yesterday was a hard day, a day of testing. But we won the test. So today is a day of renewal to refresh ourselves for the mission ahead of us. This is the meaning of the gathering here this morning. Can you do it?



Father speaks to 3,000 members at Belvedere on June 2.



Father signs photographs for top MFT members at East Garden.

Father Honors MFT Winners

On Sunday, June 6, Father honored twenty-nine winners of a recent MFT contest by inviting them to breakfast at East Garden, where he signed photographs for them, a movie and dinner. The winners of the contest, from September 1975-January 1976, were:

Member	Region	Member	Region
Debbie Koerner	Great Lakes	Liz Joglowski	Midwest
Dennis Sturko	Great Lakes	Marcia Held	Midwest
Richard Panzer	South	Melissa Pharris	Great Lakes
Marty Wheeler	Great Lakes	William Taylor	Great Lakes
Libby Mitchell	Southeast	J.C. Matalon	Great Lakes
Lori Gagne	West	Marcia Murphy	Great Lakes
Peggy Parker	Southeast	Celeste Cohen	Great Lakes
Susan Herrman	Mid-Atlantic	Dorrie Walker	Midwest
Julie Abeln	New England	Mary Makonezny	Great Lakes
Kass Erickson	Great Lakes	Jerry Wade	Great Lakes
Chris Perry	Great Lakes	Linda Roberts	Midwest
Eileen Boegel	Great Lakes	Sharon Chromisky	Midwest
Tom Fuller	Great Lakes	Kathy Stanley	West
		Marty Baker	Great Lakes
		Stephen Tidwell	Great Lakes
		David Konn	Midwest
		Kathy Brown	New England

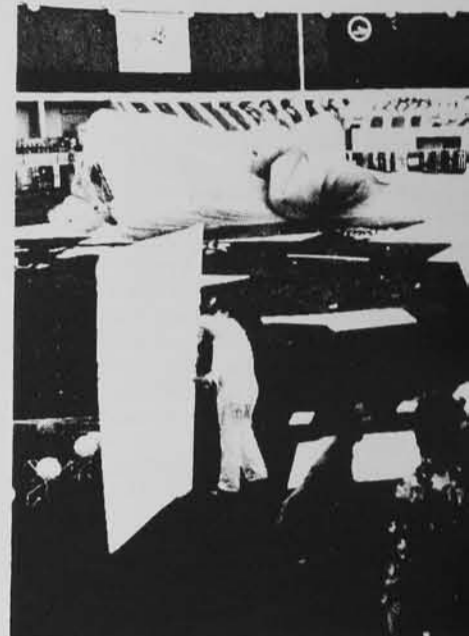
About forty winners of contests with a smaller goal have been honored with signed diaries from Father from February-May.

Yankee Stadium



Preparation for the Festival began early on June 1, with setting up the stage, the lighting and sound systems, and putting up the decorations. Here Col Pak, Mr. Kamiyama and Mr. Matsuzaki check on

the progress. Early in the afternoon the ushers took their positions. The parents arrived at about four o'clock and other members took their seats shortly afterwards.



First came the winds...Huge wind, a precursor of the coming rain, foiled the inflation of a seventy-foot balloon which was to have sailed over the Stadium. The ripcord of the balloon was blown away, causing it to expell its air and deflating rubber balloon, it



The parents stood steadfast in the rain. Many remained on the front lines with the cheering section, singing You Are My

Sunshine and waving their American and God Bless America flags.

As the rain subsided, the Go-World Brass Band played to raise the spirit -- here joined by Mr. Kamiyama. All of their music was lost under several inches of mud, so they miraculously performed their music from memory. As the band played, the Technical Missionary Corps cleared the remains of the styrofoam letters and used the music stands like snow shovels to sweep the water from the stage's carpet. They were able to put back in a half an hour what had taken two hours to assemble earlier. "The sound system suffered the most from the rain," said Production Coordinator Michael Leone. "We ran a sound check on the equipment just before the rain and had to quickly unplug it in the rain. After the rain there was almost an inch of water inside the system. We had to turn it back on again without having enough time to do another sound check. The blinking lights surrounding the stage were also filled with water. The employees of the sound system company wanted to quit when the rain came, but when they saw that we were determined to continue, they changed their mind. They were also affected by the contagious spirit of everyone singing and the stage crew."



Outside a number of fringe groups took advantage of the audience to draw attention to their causes, as they did at Madison Square Garden. The Communist Cadre, pictured, is related to the communist Youth Against War and Fascism. Other groups protesting the Church were CERF, Citizens United for Jesus as Lord, New Life Ministries, and

some Lutheran churches in the Bronx. Out to promote their own causes were the Bible Baptist Church, the Community Gospel Church, "Higher Consciousness," Hare Krishna, and the Lincoln Park Jewish congregation, who had brought their "Torah-mobile," a mobile unit to inspire re-conversions among wayward Jews.

The show outside did not stop anyone from enjoying the bigger one inside. The Stadium turnstyle count was 40,000. About 5,000 people came in before the count, so about 45,000 people came to the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival. The audience enjoyed America the Beautiful and the Battle Hymn of the Republic by the New Hope Singers and the New York City Symphony, Beethoven's fifth Symphony by the orchestra, and the Fan Dance by the Korean Folk Ballet.

A variety of people attended Yankee Stadium. The Unification Church of Canada brought over 800 people by bus, including a Canadian television network. Over 600 came by bus from Washington, D.C. The Unification Church was represented by their top leaders and a group of parents, including Mr. Kamiyama's father. Leaders and members from Korean associations across the country also came. From the New York area ethnic groups came in scores. Several hundred people came from Eastern European ethnic groups,

Remembrance



ically across the field, its wind
oying many decorations. Forty-foot
foam letters spelling "God Bless
rica Festival" were uprooted from
ground and blown across the field in
t pieces.



Thousands of hearts sank as a driving
thunderstorm then ripped across the
Stadium at 5 o'clock, pounding the
remainder of the decorations and soaking

the stage. Then came the memorable
moment when members joined in singing
"You Are My Sunshine."



As seven o'clock approached, a crowd
had gathered at the Stadium. Meanwhile
some of the field decorations had been
replaced. At 7:30, after preliminary
performances by the Go-World Brass
Band and Sunburst, the National Anthem
opened the program.



ing Poles, Ukrainians, Bulgarians,
Black organizations included the
Community Parents' Association (500
Teen World (110 people), the
Stuyvesant Restoration Associa-
Spanish-speaking groups included
Hunt's Point Athletic Federation

[250], the Hunt's Point Community
corporation, the Neighborhood Youth
Corps, and the El Barrio Chamber of
Commerce. Asian groups included the
Chinese Benevolent Association, the
Chinatown Service Center, and the
Association of Free Chinese.

Mr. Salonen welcomed the guests and
introduced Father. "Here at the door of
our third century as a nation, we are
challenged to a vital task. We are facing
not a military or government crisis but a
crisis of the spirit -- a crisis which calls
upon us to live up to the ideals that made
this nation under God and extend it to our
brothers and sisters around the world, to
create one world under God... The
example shown in America of nations
working together side by side should be a
model for nations working together
around the world. We believe that with
the blessing of God we can do that... this
evening I would like to share with you the
source of our enthusiasm. Reverend Moon
has come to America because he feels
God's love for this land so deeply..."



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Father delivering "God's Hope For America."



Father's image is transmitted by thousands of tiny light bulbs on the Yankee's instant replay screen.



The program was concluded by the grand finale -- "God Bless America" -- by the New Hope Singers and the New York City Symphony with a dazzling solo by Rayford Perry. Thousands of multicolored helium balloons mixing in mid-sky with white God Bless America balloons brought the event to a spectacular climax.



Yankee Stadium was a major event for the world's media. At least 200 different media were represented by over 250 people. Among them were 38 US newspapers and 11 magazines and 30 international print media, including press and wire services. 9 U.S. and 6 international photographic agencies were

present. 22 national and international radio stations came, and 18 US and 6 international TV crews were represented. Among the more famous media present were: AP, UPI, Time, Newsweek, Agence France Presse, Expressen, Paris Match, the Korea Times, and BBC.



...Followed by the all-night depostering mobilization. This picture shows that our posters covered up many an ugly area.

Parents Hear from the Church, Attend Stadium

700 Parents Attend First National Parents Conference

The first National Parents Conference, May 29-June 1, 1976, was one of the highlights of the Yankee Stadium crusade. From a guest list of about one hundred the week before, the conference grew into a gathering of over seven hundred parents who concluded their stay with attendance at the Yankee Stadium rally.

The national conference, with the theme "The Unification Church in America, 1966" was the culmination of a series of Parents Conferences held across the country this spring. During the two days of lectures and discussions the parents met a variety of church leaders and were exposed to many facets of Church life. Parents joined by their children for the Sunday and Monday night programs. Guest ranged from parents whose children had joined several weeks before to associate members, from parents who were having their first contact with the Church to veterans of parents conferences and Church functions, from parents who were sincerely confused and questioning to parents who were very supportive. Parents came from Alabama, Vancouver, Louisiana, Turkey, Monaco, Texas, and many other places.

As registration progressed on Saturday evening, May 29, the once huge New Yorker Hotel was filled up; the Church required rooms for the rest of the parents at the nearby Statler Hilton. "It's like going a rain dance and getting a flood," remarked Conference Coordinator Mr. Billie Edwards to the parents that night. Most meetings were held in the Terrace Room; meals were served in the North Ballroom and the Mezzanine. The Skyline Suite on the 39th floor and a former bar on the first floor, serving coffee and soft drinks round the clock to the parents, were favorite spots for discussions between the parents and their children and among new-found friends at the conference. A number of Church members hosted the parents during the conference. Mrs. Betsy Jones took care of room hospitality, Mrs. Fernsler ran the two lunches; Mrs. Pepper, Mrs. Hose and Mrs. Curley supervised the meals; Bonnie Blair took charge of registration and accommodations; Mrs. Nora Spurgin, with the assistance of Dr. Bergman, coordinated the programs.

After a warm greeting by Mrs. Billie Edwards at the conference's opening reception on Saturday night, Mr. Salonen spoke to the parents. "We really want to create a one-family feeling. We want to embrace all the people who come here. We want to have an experience that will come an important memory for all of us. This is an epoch-making weekend, the beginning of a real national dialogue between the members of the Church, their parents, and the community....Parents do want to feel that their children are doing something worthwhile are confused by the things that they read. We are giving the opportunity to give you a better understanding of the greatness of our work. This is our chance to help you get to the heart of the Church."

Sunday was devoted to giving parents a general understanding of the Church. The day opened with an informal worship service. Hugh Spurgin, of the Unification Theological Seminary, spoke of the central theme of self sacrifice in the religious life. Also that morning, Mr. Farley Jones gave an introduction to the Bicentennial Bless America Festival, focusing on the benefits that Reverend Moon can bring to American young people. Officially, he cited Reverend Moon's national concern, his emphasis on the family unit, and his contribution to personal religious life. "The Divine Principle does not lead to blind belief that God is going to do everything for us. Reverend Moon emphasizes our own responsibility. Also, he stresses that perfection is the destiny and potential of



Dr. William Berman lecturing at the Parents' Conference.

every person, not just the saints...."

In the afternoon session-Unification Church, Perspectives and Values -Mrs. Nora Spurgin spoke on "Concepts of Individual Maturity and the Role of Religious Commitment." To support her main point that Unification Church members are psychologically healthy, Mrs. Spurgin, a former social worker, discussed the constructive roles of faith, commitment, sacrifice, and belief in a higher purpose. Mrs. Spurgin said, for example, "People are afraid to commit themselves to God because they are afraid that He will exploit them. But if God loves us, He will never exploit us. Actually, it takes a healthy, mature person to make a commitment."

In his talk "A View of the Problems of Student Life Today and our Hope for the Future," Dr. Mose Durst shared with the parents the frustrations and aimlessness of many of today's students. He described the mechanistic attitude prevalent in Western education from the nineteenth century until the present and the reaction to it typified by the "beat" generation. He then pointed out the dilemma of students in confronting the competitiveness of contemporary society. The most constructive alternative, as he explained it, was education based on the Unification Principle. Fundamental in this system of education is the premise that God exists, that we have a relationship to him, and we can grow in that relationship. "The purpose of education is to create children of God," he concluded. "The hardest thing in the world is to make one trusting, loving human being who has God's sensibility. But that is the task that we have chosen in this corrupt age."

Mrs. Billie Edwards concluded the afternoon's sessions with "Attitudes, Values, and Family Life," dealing primarily with the patterns of our relationships and our marriage customs. She approached the subject by giving a detailed testimony of her early years in the Church and her Blessing in 1970.

The main feature of the evening's program was a short speech by Dr. Thomas Boslooper, Professor of Biblical Studies at the Unification Theological Seminary. Dr. Boslooper based his speech on his answers to a reporter's questions in a recent interview with *Time* magazine. Dr. Boslooper described, among other things, his answer to the question "Why does the Unification Church appeal so much to young people?" He said: "It gives the youth of America today a world view and a sense of citizenship in all of human society. The Unification Theology repre-

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Our Parents Act

Over 200 parents signed each of these statements: a letter to the New York Times and a proclamation.

Dear Editor:

We, the undersigned parents of members of The Unification Church, are appalled by the blatant lies and distortions presented by the press and television concerning its teachings, practices and purpose.

Allegations against the movement include detaining by force, brainwashing, deliberate separation of families, permissive sexual behavior, drug use, exploitation of members for personal gain and satanic religious training.

More than 600 parents from all over the United States and many other countries had the opportunity to attend an open and honest three day meeting with their sons and daughters. At this meeting we discussed the teachings and practices of this movement with its leaders. Many of these parents had previously explored this movement through work-shops, training sessions and visits to the various living centers. We found these foregoing allegations completely false.

To the contrary the young people were found to be exceptionally mature, emotionally stable and capable of intelligent decisions and responsible conduct. One of the basic teachings is the unity of personal families on which the foundation of a good society is built and members are encouraged to develop and maintain strong ties with their families. It was very evident that their deep spiritual qualities and high moral values had been retained. We found God centered religious training with world unity and peace as its ultimate goal.

In conclusion, parents have experienced much pain and anguish as a result of the distorted facts and we as responsible citizens want the truth printed.

PROCLAMATION

We, the undersigned parents of members of the UNIFICATION CHURCH, founded by Reverend Sun Myung Moon, do hereby express our support and declare the following:

We support any God-directed activity and we are especially proud of our sons and daughter's participation in the UNIFICATION CHURCH with its basic Judeo-Christian teachings and high moral standards.

Each person has the right to worship God as he pleases, as guaranteed by the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America.

Our sons and daughters, through the teachings of the UNIFICATION CHURCH, have developed a deep love for God for their fellow men and we are proud that they have decided to dedicate this time in their lives to help their communities and countries. They have found a direction for their lives and new hope for the future with a possibility of peace for this nation and the world.

Participation in the UNIFICATION CHURCH has developed the following character traits which we feel are entirely positive and desirable:

- * Increased consideration and awareness toward the value, uniqueness and feelings of others and especially of their personal families
- * A strong sense of right coupled with a high moral code of ethics
- * The self discipline to accomplish any task set before them

As the Bible states we must judge everything by its fruits. These fruits are young people who have dedicated their lives for betterment of man, fulfilling God's will for world unity and peace, accomplishing this seemingly impossible task through love and caring with the heart of God rather than with guns and violence.

In conclusion, we are in full support of our sons and daughters of the teachings of the UNIFICATION CHURCH for its inspiration and new hope revitalizing the spirit of these precious young people. We believe that this group should be supported by all Americans if we want democracy to win over atheism, solid family unity to prevail over broken families, and strong courageous youth to prosper over corrupt and immoral youth.

Parents

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sents a universal theology in which Eastern and Western traditions can come together. The Unification Church offers youth today a sense of the sacred, both in the earth in which they live and of life itself. And the Unification Church touches the instincts of young people today for devotion to country, for regard for family, for respect for sexual morality. The Unification Church is intensely humanitarian and is God-centered." Reverend Moon, he said, "is a man called to our times to transform our world so that the prospect and the possibility of the Kingdom of God can come to this earth. That is the most exciting thing that has come along in my lifetime."

The evening's surprise was the appearance of Col. Pak, who welcomed the parents on behalf of Reverend Moon. Col. Pak spoke from his personal experience in the movement, stressing its value in his life and the opportunities that it offers young people. "I am living every day in sheer astonishment as I watch you sons and daughters carry on.... Yankee Stadium is one step to our goal. We will take many more. In taking these steps, your sons and daughters will become more courageous, more committed, more respected, and more loved by God."

On Monday morning, Dr. William Bergman lectured on the principle of creation, the fall of man, the history of restoration. Several of the Churches programs were covered in the afternoon. Tom McDevitt discussed the history and purposes of the pioneer program. In her selections from letters of overseas missionaries, Nancy Neiland conveyed the triumphs that the missionaries are having in their spiritual lives and in relating to other cultures as well as the problems caused by the international spread of Communism. Before showing the newly produced film on the Fourth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, Michael Warder said: "Reverend Moon's view of reality encompasses the subjective and the objective, religion and science, and the realms of value and behavior."

The rest of the afternoon was devoted to questions from the parents. Practical question centered around the parent's concern to see their children more often and their desire for more tangible symbols of long-term security in the Unification Church. For the most part, however, their questions centered on the theology of the



Parents and members take a break in the first floor lounge.

Divine Principle.

The evening's program, the last formal session of the conference, included entertainment by Guyana's Hallelujah Chorus and Sunburst, introductions of European leaders, and brief remarks by Rev. Paul Werner. Mr. Sudo told the parents of the importance their children's role in cleansing the world of its sin and building the Kingdom of Heaven. Mr. Kamiyama described to the parents the depravity of drug addiction and venereal disease, so prevalent in New York City, in emphasizing the need for our work for future generations. Mr. Kamiyama's father, visiting from Japan, got a special hand from the audience when he told them that he had joined in the morning's clean-up campaign in Chinatown.

Tuesday morning's programs, although optional, were well-attended. A question and answer session with Mr. Salonen was followed by a meeting of those parents interested in sending an expression of their support of the Church to the media and/or forming a parents' association.

Right after lunch the parents left for Yankee Stadium, where they sat in a special section just behind home plate. There they had their first taste of the

front line as they waited in anticipation, sang "You are my Sunshine" in the rain, felt the excitement of the crowd in the program, and wended their way back to the bus among the Bronx street gangs near the Stadium.

After their taste of the reality of the Unification Church at Yankee Stadium, they were further enlightened when they read the morning newspaper. They saw that the event which they had enjoyed so much was viewed with the jaundiced eye which the media casts upon the Unification Church. Consequently, they were convinced that the media reports in their home towns, which they were not sure whether or not to believe, were not to be believed. A number of parents expressed their shock at the media at Wednesday's wrap-up meeting, prior to their trip to Belvedere. In response, many wrote letters to the New York Times. (see excerpts).

Many parents have written to express their feeling about the conference. "There is no way that anyone can tell us about the

Church members being brainwashed by the press." "I could have cried when started raining," commented another. "And then when you took it with such good spirit and made it fun, I did shed some tears. I think that that is what God wanted to show us parents with the rain." "You are all wonderful for and full of grace, love, and compassion. Our days there were most enjoyable and enlightening." As for the parents who were initially on the fence, one mother said at the close of the conference: "I'm going back home with a lot of answers."

In reflecting on the conference, Mr. Edwards comments: "I was very moved to see such a friendly supportive spirit. I was also encouraged to see interest expressed at all levels in a parents' association. In light of so much negative publicity, the vote of confidence in the Church is a tremendous morale booster and testimony that many more parents are supportive than the media would have the American public believe."

"Dear Editor: I Was There!"

Letters from parents to the New York Times after the Parents' Conference and Yankee Stadium included the following remarks.

I was there. I was in the parents' section, next to the press section. I saw incredible human drama -- heartwarming, dedicated, heroic, and real. I saw beautiful professional entertainment. I heard a message needed desperately and urgently by the world. I wish fervently that your paper had shared those things with the world.

We are the parents of a son in the Unification Church. We are very positive that this is a very wonderful organization. We have attended all the meetings and met with many parents and lovely young people. They all have very high standards. We also attended the God Bless America celebration and are really disappointed how the newspapers have really distorted the true facts about these wonderful people.

To discredit the motives and leadership of idealistic young men and women borders on the act of committing the unpardonable sin Jesus mentioned when the Pharisees accused him of casting out devils by the power of Satan. I think the 700 parents at the convention are waiting to see a constructive write-up.

We have learned a great many facts about the attitudes, values and methods of this Church from our young adult sons and daughters, as well as teachers. You know better -- the facts are available to you also. We have been interviewed by the press, yet only the sick fringe of a few negative parents are allowed space by you. Shame on you for all your hostile prejudice against this fine religious group.

On June 1, 1976, I was inside Yankee Stadium. I listened to Reverend Sun Myung Moon in an excellently planned and ordered meeting. May I please have my American rights to read the facts printed as they happened?

I have been able to witness first hand their determination and untiring effort for God and country. Since our forefathers came to this country and brought freedom of religion, why does it not apply to the Unification Church? They are misrepresented in all the news media. Since I have been to the Parents Conference in New York and Yankee Stadium I am more determined than ever that they have the highest standard of morals and only want others to experience the love of God that they have. I can truly say that I am very proud of having sons in the Unification Church. It has been a joy being with them all.



Parents getting into the spirit at Yankee Stadium

The Victory of Yankee Stadium

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could have done anything to make the rain stop. At that moment there was complete oneness and unification inside Yankee Stadium. That is the very thing that God wanted to see. So we are going to receive a greater blessing. That is the victory of Washington Monument. We earned the secret yesterday-unification! (You fight in the next three months with that spirit, victory at Washington is assured. It is a beautiful secret. There is no chance to lose.

I thanked God for His almighty wisdom. No one else could train so many young people such a precious lesson in twenty minutes. That is the place where God's heart was moving. There was no other way to teach the heart of God to the young people of America. For the sake of God, you were praying and singing for the rain to stop. In that moment you tasted the heart of God in His anxiety to bring His Kingdom here. This is a great gift. If you keep that spirit and apply yourself in your life, nothing will be impossible. We must thank God for this precious gift for the sake of our education. No money, no training session could have provided it. We received a priceless gift; God's blessing was supposed to go to the New Yorkers who were going to come there but God gave it to ourselves instead. Today is indeed a victory celebration and a day of thanksgiving for the blessing of God.

I told you on Sunday that we would go through a three-day period prior to Yankee Stadium when we were going to go through the dungeon of hell and rise above it. This three day period was consummated by the rain. This symbolized the three day period after the crucifixion. Because of the crucifixion, Jesus' spirit and physical body were separated. The physical world lost salvation; only the spiritual world gained salvation. Yankee Stadium was the symbolic expression of the cross. I expected that we would have to pay some physical indemnity in order to restore the physical salvation. The moment of rain was the moment of crucifixion for the unification Church. God was nailing us down to the cross. Two thousand years ago Jesus shouted: "My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?" I'm sure that you felt the same thing. Jesus did not sobey God. He went with God, which brought spiritual salvation. By the same

token, you, at this moment of crucifixion, united together to thank God. This brought our love to unity. That was the victory. After the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, there were three dark days before the resurrection. But after our crucifixion, the sunshine of resurrection came after thirty minutes. So indeed the resurrection came to the Unification Church in a most beautiful way.

After the resurrection, the Unification Church will march on to Washington, where we will win an extraordinary victory. That is the plan of God. We learn over and over in the Divine Principle that the vertical history God has to be indemnified on the horizontal level. That was most beautifully manifested yesterday. We are indemnifying the past wrongdoings so that we can restore the entire history.

Another benefit was that over 700 parents attended. Also, many distinguished leaders of the Korean community in America came from across the country. In that very moment of the crucifixion in the rain, all of us joined together in anxiety to pray to God to stop the rain. That unity was the most beautiful victory of yesterday. The restoration of the family and the restoration of the nation were represented in that unity. Upon that victory, a further foundation of worldwide victory can be laid.

I declare to the universe that a most beautiful condition was obtained by the victory of Yankee Stadium yesterday. We have a condition for the unity of the family the unity of the people, the unity of the nation, and the unity of the world upon which Washington is going to be on the worldwide scale. There we are going to win a greater victory for the universal unity of the nations and peoples of the world. All we have to do is expand our spirit from Yankee Stadium to the Washington crusade. Let us go to Washington with that very spirit that we demonstrated at Yankee Stadium. With that spirit, we cannot fail. We will achieve a greater victory at Washington Monument rally. Go on with this single-minded heart and devotion day and night, morning and evening, no matter what people say. Washington then will be no problem. We, with the pledge of our loyalty and complete dedication and yesterday's God-given secret, resolve ourselves today at this celebration for our victorious march to Washington, D.C. Amen.



Father inspiring members for a renewed determination on June 2.



Thousands of state and MFT members listen to Father's June 6 Sunday sermon just before returning to their regions.

In Memoriam

Two tragedies recently claimed the lives of Masaru Watanabe and Alan Staggs. Both members were in the New York to work for the Yankee Stadium campaign.

Masaru Watanabe, 22, died on the morning of June 1. On Thursday, May 27, Masaru was giving out tickets in Brooklyn for the Yankee Stadium festival when he was attacked and beaten by three youths intending to rob him. Masaru, an IOWC member in Japan, came to the United States in April especially to work for the Yankee Stadium and Washington Monument campaigns. He joined the Church in 1972, after studying and working in the field of electrical engineering. In New York he was the assistant captain of his witnessing team. He is remembered as a very dedicated member -- one who consistently inspired his team members and who was sought out by others for his wise counselling.

His funeral was conducted by the Unification Church at the Fox Funeral Home in New York on June 3. His parents, who had come from Japan, were present. The ceremony included

messages from President Salonen and Mr. Hideo Oyamada, Acting President of the Unification Church of Japan, a sermon by Father Shawn Byrne, and short eulogies by his fellow members.

Alan Kent Staggs, 21, died on Sunday, June 6th. Originally from Beaufort, South Carolina, he came to New York with other members from South Carolina to work for the Yankee Stadium campaign. His death was caused by an accidental fall into an elevator shaft at the World Mission Headquarters, where he was serving on the house staff.

Alan had been an active member of the South Carolina Church since November, 1975. Before joining, he was a physics student at the University of South Carolina at Columbia. His funeral was a graveside ceremony on June 9 at the Beaufort Memorial Gardens. The Church sent messages and flowers to Alan's family. Representing the Church at this funeral were Mrs. Betsy Jones, Regional Advisor, and Mr. Keniki Hirose, South Carolina State Advisor. To those who knew him, Alan was a loving and loyal brother.

Top Witnesses

The 12 members most successful in bringing guests to Yankee Stadium were announced by Mr. Kamiyama on Sunday, June 13. In honor of their achievement, they will receive a watch. They are:

Name	Number of Guests	Tribe	Number of Guests	Tribe
Toshio Asai	592	Blessed Couples	Don Palm	298
Kazuyoshi Ikeno	383	CARP	Toshimi Umezu	236
			Lynn Robinson	209
			Jack Hettema	199
			Takashi Saito	188
			Munihito Tsuji	180
			Takashi Tanaka	162
			Machiko Ozaki	162
			Rosa Monterry	161
			Noriko Tsukazawa	157

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Miss Albertina Liestke-Clarke, member who represented Surinam at the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival, speaks to a crowd in Harlem about the goals of the Festival.

National Leaders in attendance at the Yankee Stadium rally:

Andorra	England	Iceland	Malta	Sweden
Austria	Finland	Ireland	Monaco	Switzerland
Belgium	France	Italy	Norway	Trinidad
Brazil	Germany	Japan	Peru	Turkey
Canada	Guyana	Korea	Portugal	U.S.A.
Denmark	Holland	Luxembourg	Spain	Venezuela

Representatives from the following nations were in attendance at the Yankee Stadium Rally:

Bahamas	El Salvador	Liberia
Bolivia	Ethiopia	Mexico
Dominican Republic	Jamaica	Surinam

The People Respond

After Father's June 13 Sunday speech, Col. Pak read from some letters received in response to the Bicentennial God Bless America festival. Excerpts of two letters follow.

Dear Reverend Moon:

I read the text of your address at Yankee Stadium in the June 3 *New York Times*. And I was moved to thank God that there are still people in our world like yourself. With the threat of Communism stretching out and the perverse atheistic attitude corrupting young people and the foundation of our own government, it is time that we turn our attention back to God. I am now convinced that only you can lead us in that direction. I believe in the old refrain that it is always darkest before the dawn. And we in this country have certainly hit the darkest period in our history. The darkness of fear pervades the land: fear of the night, fear of the streets in our own hometown. I no longer feel safe walking in my town for fear of being attacked by muggers or the depraved drug-induced zombies who will kill their own mothers for the money to buy a few more marijuana cigarettes.

I will now thank God every night before I go to sleep for sending you on your Bicentennial mission to America. I love

my country and want to see my country remain strong as the beacon of hope and the salvation for the whole world. With your leadership, Reverend Moon, I think we can get back on the right track. Please send me more information on your gallant crusade as I am willing to dedicate myself to re-establishing the traditional tie between God and America. May God keep and bless you.

Dear Reverend Moon:

I attended your God Bless America Festival at Yankee Stadium on June 1. It was a thrilling experience for me. Reverend Moon is a great man and a religious leader who can only be described as a modern Christ. I love Reverend Moon and the Unification Church. In my life, I have felt so much emptiness inside. I finally found a goal and purpose for my existence on that night at Yankee Stadium. I could not sleep because I was thinking and struggling with my conscience on whether or not to transform my feeling into a constructive reality and crusade with you to fulfill your cherished goals. And I decided on the path that could be the most meaningful and fulfilling to me - to join with your struggle for God and America.



Father outlines strategy for Washington Monument to the members, June 3.

Washington

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Virginia	Michael Beard	Maxine Pearson
Delaware	Steve Sell	Barbara ten Wolde
Pennsylvania	Marc Lee	Darlene Pepper
New Jersey	Perry Cordill	Darlene Pepper
New York	Ron Pepper	Diane Fernsler
Connecticut	Jim Baughman	Diane Fernsler
West Virginia	Andy Compton	Maxine Pearson
North Carolina	Kevin McCarthy	Patty Pumphrey
South Carolina	Carl Hagen	Patty Pumphery

Members going to the Washington area attended a two-day workshop in Barrytown where they had Divine Principle training by David Hose. A number of MFT members have joined the members in the D.C. mobilization area as the result of a trade of about 75 members between the states and MFT's.

Plans are already underway for a Washington office for Mr. Sudo and his staff; Barrytown training during the campaign will be suspended. Twenty-one day workshops will continue in Los Angeles, Oklahoma, and the Washington area.

Father has set the goal of doubling Church membership in preparation for the campaign and has asked each member in the states near Washington to be personally responsible for bringing at least 150 people to the rally.

On Friday, June 11, at the end of an evaluation session for New York leaders, Father stressed the importance of leaving behind any regrets about Yankee

Stadium, translating that desire for victory into action for the Washington Monument. He also emphasized the importance of each member feeling personally responsible for victory.

In a recent meeting with some members at the Headquarters building, Mr. Salonen said, "Father's words about the significance of Yankee Stadium are very important. It is clear that the unity is the absolute key. To achieve a higher standard of unity, we should start from Father's desire. As you prepare for the Washington campaign, study carefully Father's words at Yankee Stadium. They are a remarkable synthesis about the necessity of renewing our relationship with God and taking up our responsibility in the world....You must feel that any disunity on your part will affect the future of the country. If we are to be ten times more successful in Washington, the key is not in working ten times harder or in being ten times more clever but in being ten times more united."

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