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Letter from the Publisher

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

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First of all, thank you for your support and your attendance at the historical occasion of Father's seventieth birthday. Even though by Heavenly Father's and True Parents' standard I feel our attitude of attendance is not enough, True Parents commented how happy they are now that the Korean media and general response to the Unification movement is far more positive than ever before. I can clearly see how different the past dispensation is from the present dispensation, especially before 1988 and after 1989.

You must understand the restoration course of governments from the Principled view: all external hierarchies must restore themselves to the heavenly side. Since my most recent responsibility in Korea as the president of the *Segye Ilbo*, I have understood the nature of this nation's government—its power and how far away its viewpoint still is from the heavenly viewpoint. But its viewpoint toward True Parents and the Unification movement has developed to an amazingly good degree.

There have been 10 regimes in Korea since 1945, all of them having many serious problems and difficult experiences. But since this government administration took power, our movement has received permission to publish a daily newspaper and to create a university. These are not simple or easy accomplishments. In this country, newspapers are very powerful. On the first anniversary of the *Segye Ilbo* on February 1, 1990, many economic and social leaders sent their congratulations. Now that we have a newspaper, we are on a completely different level. Furthermore, now we have reporters and information sources that can give us the best information very quickly. This is very important for God's dispensation.

This country is becoming more and more democratic, which means additional freedom and flexibility. Because of this direction, the news media has increasing power. To those who have had negative feelings about us, the *Segye Ilbo* provides a powerful witness for us. Everyone recognizes the *Segye Ilbo* as being founded by True Father. One million copies are delivered daily in Korea. Although this is not direct witnessing through Divine Principle lectures, an important spiritual foundation can be created throughout Korea.

Korea's political situation is still changing and evolving. In the past, there were four main parties but now three of them have united into one, creating a two-party system. Prior to this very important de-

velopment, the governing party had less than half of the Assembly seats. Though they represented the conservative direction, many of their policies could not be implemented. But now, the government and two opposition parties have created one party. This is good for our nation; it enhances the harmony of the whole country.

Because of North Korea, South Korea must maintain a very strong system. True Father is deeply concerned with the Unification of the Fatherland, so he created the Federation for the Unification of North and South. Its main purpose is to prepare for the future of a unified Korea. In general, the current international situation presents a disadvantage for Kim Il Sung. With the Soviet Union and East European countries opening up, he is losing East Bloc support. Also economically, North Korea has no power. True Father has predicted that Kim Il Sung has only one choice: to agree with South Korea in completely removing the DMZ and holding free national elections.

I met many South Korean government leaders who aren't concerned about this point. They don't worry because: 1) South Korea has double the population of North Korea, 2) South Koreans basically don't like communism and 3) the South Korean economic situation is three or four times stronger than that in North Korea. So no one is afraid of North Korea. But this thinking is very naive! Father feels they are too reassured and taking too little time to prepare for reunification.

South Koreans must unite in order to remain strong. It is not an easy task to prepare for a reunified Korea because we need one unified thought. For three parties to unite is good from a dispensational viewpoint; but most important is for all leaders to recognize Father. Most leaders' focus is mainly to protect their political foundation. A governing regime is amazingly powerful, so it is not easy to influence such a situation. Before understanding the Divine Principle and recognizing True Parents, one's viewpoint is not dispensational, but we still have hope and will continue our efforts to educate them.

I am explaining these things to you in such detail because Korea is the central country in God's providence, even if no one recognizes this, and certainly these changes are God's Will. If South Korea had kept a four-party system for two or three more years, it would have been very bad for this nation. Fortunately, the government party is now strong and

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FRONT COVER: Father and Mother enjoying the new snow at Hannam-dong on the eve of their birthday celebration.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



True Parents are welcomed at Father's seventieth birthday evening banquet.

TRUE PARENTS

고회를 경축하옵니다

In honor of True Father on his Seventieth Birthday, we are publishing several articles and testimonies pertaining to the Birthday Celebration and related events.

Although it is difficult to adequately record and present this event in its fullness, we offer this issue as an historical tribute to our True Parents and their worldwide foundation.

True Abel

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

FEBRUARY 5, 1990

HANNAM-DONG, SEOUL, KOREA

On the second day of the Seven-day Workshop for Foreign Missionaries in Korea, February 4-10, Father asked the workshop participants to come to Hannam-dong to receive his guidance. During this visit, Father gave a sermon entitled True Abel, and afterwards "matched" West/East European sister countries.

I originally declared I would not use an interpreter after 1990. Should I have to break my promise? How many of you are studying Korean? Korean is the parent language, and you must use it to be with the Parents.

I invited you to Hannam-dong mainly because I knew you were wondering where I live in Korea. If you come here and see me where I stay, it can help you when you return to your nation and want to pray for me. This area is the most famous place in Seoul, and this house is probably the biggest house in Seoul. It is owned by the Unification Foundation, not by me.

The center of restorational history is God and the object of restorational history is Satan. We have to restore Satan. As a missionary, you may think of yourself as Abel simply because I appointed you. If you as a missionary are in the position of Abel, then the rest of the people are in the position of Cain. However, many religious people incorrectly think they are

always right and others are wrong and therefore should follow them as Abel; but that is not the right way. First Abel has to take care of others and only then can he expect them to follow.

Even our missionaries in the field may have a wrong concept. One of the major reasons that our foreign missions have not improved or really developed is because of this wrong concept and attitude—thinking that your people have to follow and respect you. Restoration history is recreation. This means that Abel has to give everything to Cain. When you give yourself totally for the sake of Cain, then they will be moved and inspired by heart to naturally follow you, respect you, and lead other people to you. Unless you have a true Cain, you are not a true Abel. A true Cain is one who voluntarily comes forward and treats you as an elder brother, not by force, but by his choice. Then your true Abel position is secure.

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NATURAL SUBJUGATION OF CAIN

In yourself, your mind is in the position of Abel and your body is in the position of Cain. The body is mistreating and distorting your mind, directing you the wrong way, but the mind endures patiently, suffering for your body. Eventually, when you reach a certain stage your mind will be able to control your body to some extent. Think about how difficult it is to unite these two within you, mind and body, Abel and Cain; further, how difficult is it to unite different personalities. It is almost impossible to make Cain voluntarily surrender to Abel. You are standing as God's representative—as Abel. However, Cain is directing all sorts of Cain nature and characteristics against you. Satan is waiting in ambush. How can you make oneness?

Only when you make Cain surrender and stand on your left side, can you secure your position as Abel. As a missionary have you accomplished this foundation to declare yourself as an Abel? This is the problem! You cannot help God expand our activities. Think about your situation. How many souls have you killed? American, German, and Japanese were sent out and you fought each other, each wanting to be Abel. Isn't this true?

Restoration doesn't come without indemnity. But who pays indemnity, Abel or Cain? Abel! Did you do it? If not then heaven cannot help you and you cannot prosper. Understand this point very clearly. First become Abel on the individual level, and next, the blessed family must become the Abel for the Cain family. God is always working in this way.

Think about how far you have to go. You are now tribal messiahs, but unless you establish a strong foundation as Abel, as I have explained, how can spirit world and God meet you? We must love and think about God more than Adam and Eve loved God. Without this foundation, the spiri-

tual world will not be able to work with you and help you. This is the formula course; it is not random.

INVEST EVERYTHING

Through living and practicing the eight different levels of the vertical course, I have proven it. Without the vertical standard first you cannot establish the horizontal. Because of the fall the vertical true love line was cut off. What normal people think is love is not true love. We lost vertical true love.

What makes a man's heart and woman's heart unite? True love. God dwells within when your mind and body become totally united. This is the same for the family, tribe and the nation. The horizontal and vertical line become one and then the universe will be turning as God desires.

At the Summit and AULA Conferences I am the founder, but I invest everything and do not ask for credit. The participants then naturally want to respond to me. In the position of Abel I have been giving to America, Russia and China. In turn they will feel indebted to me. I never go out and say, "I am Abel, so you must serve me." There is no such phrase in the history of restoration. God doesn't want that.

You must repent for the damage you have done to your own missionary countries. While I have been making the worldwide dispensation, centering on America, for 15 years, you have been working in your own country, but you have not been doing very much because you got started in the wrong way. Therefore, this time when you return to your mission try to meet the head of each level in your country, like the president, governor, and so on, and then teach them about God and True Parents. You know what is coming in the future because of the Principle. In your mission country, you have to raise a leader from that particular country. Do not try to make yourself leader.

As you have seen in history and now, ordinary Christian missionaries may sometimes have nice dwellings and use the local people as servants. That is why many countries in Africa try to kick out and even kill the missionaries. Our way is to live with the local people and serve and raise them. If, due to some situation, you have been kicked out, your followers should be so connected to your heart that they feel like following you even to your death. As a white man you should go there and work even harder than the native people. Do you think anyone would try to kill you then? All your followers will provide you with what you need.

The fallen world lost true love. Once you connect people with the true love vine, no one can escape from you. The true mind of many people is seeking the way of true love. Everywhere the problem is lack



Father "matches" European sister countries with West European leaders looking on.



HITOSHI NAGAI

Worldwide missionaries stand to greet True Parents at the Chamshil Stadium Main Birthday Event.

of true love. Once you touch the original true love, you cannot go any other way or forget, ever. True love now has come through True Parents and everyone must turn that way. True Parents make the vertical love line. When you build a building, the first thing you do is put down an iron pillar into the earth. The missionaries must be those iron pillars. Who can help both the communist and free worlds? Right and left have lost power and both hands are paralyzed. The only place for hope is the Unification Church.

TRUE LOVE INDEMNITY

The problem for you is how to connect to the original root, trunk, and branch and experience true love. Everyone will want to follow us because they need true love. How about you? I am the true love owner, the blueprint for true love. Satan is the enemy of love. Do not maintain the habits of fallen love. You need true love too—yes? It is a very difficult way. The original mind is the true love seed. True love fertilizer is needed for growing everything.

Cain and Abel can connect only through the original mind and vertical true love; this is the sacrificial way of indemnity. So only by paying indemnity with a heart of true love can we solve the problem between Cain and Abel. Unless you pour out more true love than Satan pours out his love, Satan's influence and advantage will always be there. In the satanic world, people give a little bit and want a quick return. But in

the heavenly way, you give everything you have and never talk about it until you come full circle, and then may receive recognition.

Now we know how to clean up and purify our situations as Abels. The sacrificial indemnity way is the true love way. Do you have true love? How can you find out? The way of true love is the enduring way and is not for yourself. Satan's love is for oneself, not for others.

Now you must go a new way. The Oriental character is to take the enduring way. No matter how difficult the situation, the mind and thought don't change.

Have this victorious attitude and then victory will come. □

European Sister Countries

West Germany	Hungary
England	Bulgaria
France	Poland
Spain	Czechoslovakia
Switzerland	Albania
Italy	Romania
Norway	East Germany
Austria	Yugoslavia
Denmark	Soviet Union

Eternal and Absolute Truth

by President Young Whi Kim

Chamshil Stadium, Korea February 1, 1990

Today we are gathered to celebrate the seventieth birthday of the greatest person in history.

We measure a person's greatness by the ideas he expresses, the way he practices those ideas in his life and work, and how much he achieves as a result. If a person's ideas have the power to inspire not just a few persons but entire peoples and nations, and even the world; if his ideas influence not just the generations on earth today but also our ancestors and all our descendents yet to be born, leading us all into a life of truth, giving us the certainty of achieving such ideals as happiness, peace and freedom to the fullest extent, then such

these ideas will be absolute and eternal, even as God is absolute and eternal.

The words of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon being spread today to every corner of the earth express precisely such eternal and absolute ideas.

Rev. Moon explains for us in simple terms understandable to everyone the fundamental truths of life and the universe that until now could not be explained by anyone. Rev. Moon presents a way to correct and supplement the contradictions and deficiencies of existing Christian doctrines, which have been powerless in the face of atheism and materialism, and even of materialism itself. He explains God as a real and

us truth. Jesus himself said, however, that he was going to the cross without having given us all that he wanted to reveal. Buddha and Confucius, too, were unable to reveal the whole truth regarding the fundamental issues concerning God and man. Rev. Moon has shed light on those aspects that even Jesus, Buddha and Confucius were unable to reveal.

Rev. Moon has not merely given us words lacking a solid basis in actual experience. Before he taught us, he first confirmed the truth of his teaching through his own personal experience. Also, he delved deep into the reality of spirit world by means of fierce battles with Satan conducted through fasts and

prayers of bitter tears. Finally, he received God's confirmation and approval before actually announcing to us the content of truth that he had discovered.

Rev. Moon also has gone on to establish his own life as a model course, so that all people can see how truth is applied in daily life. Not only has he revealed the truth to us but also he has taken upon himself the desire of

God to see His Will accomplished on earth, and is working to accomplish this Will so that God's bitterness can be resolved. Through the many projects that he conducts in various fields worldwide and through his own life, he teaches us in a practical manner how to make God's truth a part of our own daily lives so that His ideal world may be realized.

Because this is a fallen world in which evil has reigned supreme, saints of all ages have not been understood or welcomed by the age in which they lived. In fact, they have only received misunderstanding and persecution. In

ideas will be recognized as forming the greatest philosophy and ideology ever to appear in history. With the passing of time, all of humanity will come to accept these ideas. Eventually, all pre-existing ideologies and philosophies, whose errors have evoked animosity and conflict among us and brought much confusion to human society, will be put in proper order by such a new ideology and philosophy.

Such ideas cannot come from any source other than the God who created Heaven and Earth, and is the Creator of mankind. Because they come from God,

actual Being, and helps us to understand the Heart of God and the circumstances in which He is placed. He explains how the structure of our being makes us fundamentally both spiritual and material. He explains the relationship between God and man, the motivation and process of the human fall, the true identity of evil and issues related to the spirit world. He thus explains to us completely the basic issues of God, mankind and history.

Complete revealed truth

Jesus, Buddha and Confucius also gave

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President Young Whi Kim delivers the opening speech.

the same way, Rev. Moon has received incredible misunderstanding, severe persecution and persistent opposition. He has been jailed a total of six times, first during the Japanese colonial administration and then in North Korea, South Korea and even in the United States. No matter how difficult a situation he has faced, however, he has been resolute in his purpose and dauntless in his absolute sense of mission and responsibility to realize God's Will upon this earth. The fact that his accomplishments around the world go far beyond anything that can be imagined for any single human being is also due to his sense of responsibility and conviction as well as to his tenacious determination and power of execution.

God's goal of unification

Today, on the occasion of the seventieth birthday celebration of Rev. Moon, I cannot but express my profound admiration for his remarkable life and philos-

ophy and for his innumerable accomplishments worldwide. For this I pay him my highest reverence. It is my sincere hope that all the people of the world will come to fully appreciate the

Rev. Moon has shed light on those aspects that even Jesus, Buddha and Confucius were unable to reveal.

Will of God as expressed through Rev. Moon so that the ideal world cherished by God and all of humanity can quickly be realized on this earth.

If this occasion today were a seventieth birthday for any other person, we would be saying to the guest of honor that because he has worked so hard throughout his life, he should now rest and be content to receive the glory of all that he has accomplished. However, we cannot do that in the case of Rev. Moon,

because he knows better than anyone else the course that our country must take and the course that the world and all of mankind must take. He is the best guide we can have in this turbulent age.

Thus, we who are present here today must ask Rev. Moon to continue to give us his guidance for Korea and all people throughout the world.

As we express our heartfelt contractions to Rev. Moon for this day, we also wish him continued excellent health and a long, long life. It is our strong hope that he may be with us on earth on that day when he will receive great glory for having personally accomplished the unification of North and South Korea and of all mankind centered on God.

Thank you very much. □

BIRTHDAY TRIBUTE

Achievements for Heaven and Earth

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

Chamshil Fencing Stadium February 1, 1990

It is my great honor to be given an opportunity to present these honored guests from Korea and overseas as well as representatives of 137 countries around the world with a brief history of the life of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, the guest of honor of today's occasion. It would be impossible to give a full account of Rev. Moon's work in the brief time that I have today. No other person in history can claim accomplishments comparable to those of Rev. Moon either in breadth or in value. I have no choice but to limit myself today to giving you a brief glimpse at some of the highlights of his life.

Rev. Moon was born in 1920, on the sixth day of the first month in the lunar calendar in North Pyông-an Province. He was the second son among eight children between his father, Mr. Kyoung-yu Moon, and mother, Mrs. Kyoung-kye Kim. He studied at the Jôngju Public Normal School and the Kyôngsûng

Commercial Technical School before travelling to Japan, where he graduated from the Waseda University Affiliated Industrial College.

In tribute to his contributions to the pursuit of human salvation and to the establishment of world peace, Rev. Moon has been awarded honorary Doctor of Law degrees by Ricur University in the United States, La Plata University in Argentina and Bernadine University in the United States. The Shaw Theological Seminary in the United States has awarded him with an honorary Doctor of Theology degree. In addition, he has been awarded the National Culture Merit Crucifix by the Society of Awards in Brazil and the Freedom Unity Great Golden Crucifix Award by the Organization for the Unity of North and South America.

Special training

Rev. Moon received much training from

God. Because he was born into a Christian family, he was naturally raised in an environment of faith. Even as a young boy he was an unusually thoughtful child, and demonstrated an uncommonly upright attitude in his daily life. Early on Easter morning of April 17, 1935, when he was sixteen years old by the Korean way of counting, he met Jesus and received a special revelation that led him to make a firm dedication of his life in order to answer God's calling for the Salvation Providence. With the guidance of God, he travelled a long course in order to gain knowledge of the principles of the spirit world and the universe, as well as the relationship between God and man. With this knowledge he compiled the principles that became the basis of his religious and philosophical teachings. Even while he was living under the communist regime in Pyông-yang, North Korea, he began revealing these teachings to his disciples.

After suffering imprisonment on two occasions, he moved to the South, where he lived for a time as a refugee.

On May 1, 1954 in Seoul, Rev. Moon established the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, that is, the Unification Church, and began spreading his teachings in earnest. Beginning in 1958, he sent missionaries to Japan and the United States. Some of the early members in the United States decided on their own that they would go to the countries of their ancestral background in order to spread the news about the Will of God. This led to an early missionary field covering more than twenty countries. Later, in 1975, Rev. Moon sent missionary teams composed of one member each from Japan, the United States and Germany to countries around the world. This increased the missionary field to 120 countries. Today, there are missionaries in 137 countries, and the representatives of all of these countries are gathered here today in this auditorium.

Already, a surprisingly large foundation has been laid in the communist world, including the Soviet Union, East Germany, Poland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Bulgaria, Rumania, Albania and China. Scholars of East European countries are studying the Unification Principle as something that they believe will fill the spiritual void that exists today in their countries.

Worldwide foundation

Never before in history has the founder of a religion been able to spread his teachings throughout the world during his own lifetime. It is truly miraculous that on all the continents around the world, people of every race revere Rev. Moon as their True Parent and are dedicating their lives to following him. Rev. Moon not only teaches us love and the philosophy of peace but also shows us an example through his own life. He also has blessed nearly 25,000 couples of young people who have given their pledge to God that they will establish eternal ideal families.

Rev. Moon's accomplishments are not limited to his mission activities or to the fact that he teaches us about God's Kingdom. He also has made superhuman efforts in many areas of society for the purpose of establishing the Will of God on earth. I will outline these briefly now.

First, there are his accomplishments in the fields of scholarship and educa-

tion. Rev. Moon emphasizes that scholars have a very important role to play in building a brighter future for the world. In 1973, he founded the International Cultural Foundation. Through this organization, he has been holding annual meetings of the International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences. This conference gathers the most eminent scholars from around the world to ex-



Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak offers a birthday tribute.

amine, according to Rev. Moon's suggestion, the need for scholarship and science to develop in accordance with absolute values and the need for greater coordination and unity among the various disciplines.

Rev. Moon has established the Professors World Peace Academy for the purpose of finding a resolution to the ideological conflicts among the peoples of the world and of realizing world peace. This academy today has been established in 92 countries around the world, including the communist world. In Washington, DC, Rev. Moon has established the Washington Institute in order to assist scholars of good conscience in their role in the policy formation process of the United States.

Contributions to education

Rev. Moon founded the Sŭnhwa Little Angels School of Arts in 1974, and has nurtured this institution so that today it is comprised of the Kyongbok Elementary School as well as the Sŭnhwa Middle and High Schools of Arts. His other education projects include the management of the Sŭnjung Middle and High School. Last year, the Korean government gave its approval for the establishment of the Sŏng Hwa University, and Rev. Moon is now making thorough preparations for developing this into

an institution of worldwide stature.

Rev. Moon also founded a theological seminary in Korea early in the history of the church. In 1975, he established the Unification Theological Seminary in the United States, and is using this institution to educate new generations of leaders. Beginning in 1986, he has been operating special schools around Korea that give educational opportunities to

those who were unable for various reasons to complete their education during their youth. More than one hundred of these schools are being operated around the country.

Next is his contributions in the area of thought. Rev. Moon has founded numerous philosophical and ideological movements around the globe. The most principal of these is the Unification Thought Institute, which studies the system of thought Rev. Moon has proposed as a comprehensive solution to the historical conflicts and struggles between theism and atheism. The International Federation for Victory Over Communism, the Women's Federation for Victory Over Communism and the Sŏngwu Association, whose members are retired military generals, are all active in Korea and Japan.

Movements such as CAUSA that are active in the Americas and other parts of the world seek to save the countries they are working in by clearing the ideological thought of those countries of any confusion concerning materialist ideologies. The activities of the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles (CARP) is active around the world as a model of a healthy and constructive student movement giving new hope. Rev. Moon has also founded the Citizens Federation for the Unification of the Fatherland (CFUF) in order to prepare for the day when the Korean Peninsula will be unified. Under the auspices of this association, thousands of university professors have travelled to the United States to participate in seminars there. The aim of the CFUF is to arm the Korean people ideologically, with special emphasis on professors, students and the churches. It also conducts a grass-roots campaign that is active in every neighborhood of every city, town and village in Korea.

Ecumenical movements

Rev. Moon is also active in the inter-religious sphere. More and more of the

problems in the global community and conflicts between nations stem from divisions among religions and denominations over doctrines and rituals. Rev. Moon teaches us that world peace will not be achieved nor God's Will established without reconciliation among the world's religions. Through ecumenical movements, he is working to establish greater cooperation among the religious leaders of the world. The International Religious Foundation has been established to conduct these efforts for harmony in the religious world. Through these and other projects, such as the Assembly of World Religions and the World Religious Youth Service Corps, Rev. Moon is working to prevent the possibility of religious war and to lay a solid foundation for true world peace. During 1989, Rev. Moon held a conference on interdenominational dialogue in cooperation with the Russian Orthodox Church.

The next field of Rev. Moon's activities is that of public health and peace. Already for many years, Rev. Moon has been operating medical service teams. The scope of work by these teams has been increasing year by year. He also has established scholarship funds, including the Heungjin Scholarship Fund and many others. The work of the International Relief Friendship Foundation has been expanding rapidly around the world in projects involving both long and short term assistance: training programs in Africa teaching agricultural and machine technology and a program with the Yanbin University whereby Rev. Moon is building a College of Mechanical Engineering. As a part of this program, he is making an annual contribution of \$500,000 in scientific equipment to this university.

God's goal of world peace

In Korea and the United States, Rev. Moon has established consumer cooperatives and movements for consumer protection in an effort to create more equitable systems of merchandise distribution. The project to build an International Highway of Peace, aimed at connecting the countries of the world with Rev. Moon's ideas of world peace, is to become the largest construction project in history. The Summit Conference for World Peace being conducted by the International Peace Foundation is another example of Rev. Moon's continued efforts to realize a stable peace in the world.

Next, I would like to describe his contributions to culture and the arts. You already are well aware of how the Little Angels dancing troupe has travelled around the world, impressing people with the beauty of traditional Korean culture and planting the seeds of peace in the hearts of people. It is sometimes easier to reach into people's hearts with the arts than with faith, and Rev. Moon's efforts have been to utilize the forum of the arts to help purify the hearts of people. As part of this effort, he has established the Korean Cultural Foundation, the Association of Artists International and other organizations. He has also been nurturing a number of musical groups, including guitar and vocalist groups, the International New Hope Singers, Korean Folk Ballet and a brass band. He has purchased and is developing the New York City Symphony

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Orchestra.

He founded the Universal Ballet Company in Korea and the Universal Ballet Academy in Washington, DC, and both of these organizations have been highly acclaimed internationally. Most recently, the UBC and UB Academy have had exchanges with the Kirov Ballet, the most highly renowned ballet company of the Soviet Union. These exchanges have played a major role in establishing friendly relations between South Korea and the Soviet Union. Hoon Sook Moon, the premier dancer of the Universal Ballet Company, was recently invited by the Kirov Ballet to dance the main role on their stage in Leningrad. The audiences in Leningrad showered her with enthusiastic applause, and her performance marked a major turning point in the development of Korean ballet. Today, the main dancers of the Kirov Ballet are here in Korea to represent their organization at this seventieth birthday celebration and to give performances in honor of this occasion.

Media, Science and Technology

In the field of mass media, Rev. Moon's contribution goes beyond the simple

fact that he has established media outlets around the world. The motivation behind the organizations has been to establish newspapers that lead the nation and the world into goodness. Rev. Moon teaches us to become embodiments of a responsible press. In particular, he has established *The Washington Times* in Washington, DC, the capital of the United States, which is the representative country of the free world. Within a short time, this newspaper has become one of the three most influential newspapers among the 1750 newspapers published in the United States. This is a most fortunate fact not only for America but for the entire world as well. In Korea, too, the *Segye Times* was formed and within a year of its founding it has an amazing foundation that makes it a newspaper that cannot be ignored by anyone.

Another area of Rev. Moon's work is

that of science, technology and industry. Rev. Moon teaches that science and technology are blessings given to us by God for the benefit of all mankind. He foresees an age in which all people of the world will

have equal access to technology, and he is leading the way in the effort to bring this about. On the one hand, Rev. Moon has established institutes of technology in the United States, Japan and Korea in order to prepare for the future of the world, while on the other he is investing in the industrial development of Third World countries. In all his investments, he is much less concerned with the short term profits than with the significance for the prosperity for entire mankind. The investment of large sums to purchase a German machine tool company and to establish a motor company in China are examples of this.

I must refer you to more detailed descriptions of his life for a listing of his many accomplishments that I have not been able to mention here. It is my personal opinion that even if several leaders were to work in unity with each other and were to utilize the power of a national government, it would still be difficult for them to match the accomplishments that Rev. Moon has realized by himself. There can be no doubt that he possesses a deep connection with God on a level that we cannot comprehend. □

The Reunification of Korea and Cooperation Between East and West

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

The following address was given at the Second Summit Council for World Peace and the Eighth Conference of the Association for the Unity of Latin America, held in the Crystal Ballroom of the Lotte Hotel in Seoul, Korea on February 2, 1990.

Mr. Chairman, Distinguished former Heads of State, Prime Ministers of Government, Honorable Legislators and Ambassadors, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am pleased and honored to welcome you to Korea for this important conference. I am very glad that we are gathered together for the Second Summit Council for World Peace with the theme of the Reunification of Korea and Cooperation between East and West. Furthermore, I am very happy that together with this Summit Conference, we are convening the Eighth Conference of the Association for the Unity of Latin America, commonly known as AULA, which has a tremendous record of achievement in bringing about the harmony and unity of Latin America over the last seven years.

I truly feel that the timing of this conference is very significant. This is the beginning of 1990, and the new decade of the nineties. In 10 years, we are going to usher in the year 2000. In our lifetime, we will witness the beginning of the new millennium. We must feel the tremendous importance of living in this time, and not only witnessing dramatic changes in human life, but actually shaping those events.

It is a hope shared by all of us that the new millennium be characterized by true peace. For that to be so, the next 10 years will be challenging and demanding. These organizations which have gathered here today, the Summit Council for World Peace and AULA, have a very important part to play during the next ten years. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to you for the work you have already done for the achievement of peace. At the same time I would like to challenge you to become the champions of peace of the new decade.

CONFRONTATION TO RECONCILIATION

The period between the close of World War II and the present, roughly 40 years, can be viewed as the age of confrontation between two camps of diametrically opposed ideologies. There have been numerous conflicts between people and between nations, accompanied by an escalating arms race. There was really no moment in this time when people could have a feeling of peace in their hearts.

Then, in 1985, Mr. Gorbachev came to power in the Soviet Union, and began to initiate a series of changes. He encour-

aged greater freedoms of expression within the Soviet Union, undertook a restructuring of the Soviet economy, and, perhaps most significantly, repudiated the Brezhnev doctrine. Within a short time, dramatic political change within the Soviet bloc became a daily occurrence. In the past few months we have seen the democratization of Poland, followed by Hungary, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, and finally Romania. These events were accompanied by the crumbling of the Berlin Wall, the symbol of confrontation between East and West. With that, a new era of reconciliation has dawned.

I would like to extend my hearty congratulations to President Gorbachev for his courage and leadership in bringing about these constructive changes, enabling us to usher in this new era of cooperation. I am committed to supporting the Soviet Union in their genuine desire to uphold individual human dignity, and bring about both economic reform, and most importantly, religious freedom.

As you may already know, I am also committed to working together with the Peoples Republic of China. This giant nation comprises one fourth of the world's population. Certainly we cannot talk about world peace without taking into account the well-being of the 1.3 billion Chinese people. To help in providing needed jobs, technology, and income, I am now building one of the world's largest automobile assembly plants in China. This is another aspect of our efforts for world peace.

Furthermore, as you may know, in 1981 I launched an International Peace Highway project. When completed, this highway will allow a family car to be driven from Tokyo to London. I am seriously discussing the project with the governments of Japan, Korea and China, and I hope that the Soviet Union will also welcome this project. Of course, this is a lofty dream, but every great undertaking begins as a dream. Not so long ago, no one could even have dreamed of men walking on the moon, but with a vision and hard work, it became a reality. So it will be with the International Peace Highway.

PROBLEMS IN WESTERN SOCIETY

At this point, having shared with you my tremendous feelings of hope and optimism for the future, I feel that I must



Father addresses the Plenary Session of the Summit and AULA Conferences.

also address what I consider to be a dangerous tendency by some people to celebrate prematurely the coming of peace. Although the Berlin Wall has fallen, tremendous difficulties remain in both camps. The leading nations of the free world, along with their vast material wealth, are beset with the problem of moral decay. They have fallen victim to a pervasive materialism, and freedom is often abused. Furthermore, the rise to near dominance of atheistic secularism in the West has brought with it the collapse of moral standards. As a result, Western society is afflicted with serious social ills, among them the break-up of families, an epidemic of drug abuse, an increase in sexual crimes and diseases, and widespread governmental corruption.

To put the matter simply, the current problems of both East and West are ultimately coming from the same source—a confusion of values. Communism has failed because the Marxist value system has proven to be false. It is no secret that I have been ardently opposed to communism throughout my life. I have been so because I know that the militant denial of God and the belief that progress occurs through conflict can never lead to success in building a good society. Through my own life experience I have come to know of a certainty that God is real, and the most important thing in life is true love. Human progress can come about only when God is cherished, and love is given the highest value. Clearly, neither communism nor the free world is presently equipped to lead mankind toward a peaceful 21st Century.

What we urgently need at the outset of this new decade is

a true value system to fill the vacuum created by the collapse of values in both the free and communist worlds. That new value system must be based on the ideology of Godism—a worldview centered on God. Throughout my entire life, I have been working with members of all religions and denominations to advance the understanding of this God-centered worldview. In this way, it has been possible to create numerous broad-based academic and religious organizations dedicated to the search for absolute values, and the establishment of true peace. I have also established news media organizations, as well as institutions of art and education. This entire world-wide foundation has been prepared to assist persons such as yourselves in your efforts to attain true world peace.

True world peace cannot be achieved without a clear value system shared by all. When values are clarified, humankind will no longer be in darkness. Godism allows each individual to clearly see the meaning and value of his life. Each person is then motivated to seek his own spiritual well-being by living responsibly and serving his fellow man. This is the ultimate solution to world suffering.

A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IS NEEDED

In other words, what our world needs today to save itself is a spectacular spiritual awakening. The world must be awakened into the reality of God and equipped with a world view based on God-affirming principles. This world view will be capable of eliminating the confusion in the value systems of

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both camps.

Based upon such an awakening into higher values, the nature of the relationships between nations must be transformed. Until now, the driving force behind economic development has generally been the desire for profits. In this way, a great amount of human potential has been unleashed, and remarkable world development has occurred. However, the desire for profits must be balanced with the fundamental understanding that all people are the children of God. We are all brothers and sisters. Furthermore, the purpose of our life on earth is not to amass material goods. We are alive in this world so that we can develop and perfect our eternal spirit. The only way to do this is through the practice of true love; that is, living for the sake of others.

True love must be practiced on all levels of life, including the relations between nations. The developed nations of the world should feel that they have been blessed by God for the purpose of helping others. They must be willing to sacrifice themselves for the underdeveloped nations of the world. If the prosperous nations do not think in loftier terms than the desire for profits, their prosperity will slip away in spite of their efforts to retain it.

THE REUNIFICATION OF KOREA

Today, Korea is the point of convergence of the key nations of China, Japan, the Soviet Union, and the United States. At the time of the Korean War, people of many nations made the supreme sacrifice to determine the future of this peninsula. We have gathered here today in the same spirit of concern. It is entirely appropriate that political leaders from around the world should come here to discuss the issue of Korean unification. Historically, this is more than a national issue. It involves the entire international community.

I would like to suggest a few guidelines which I hope you will consider in your discussions about the unification of Korea. With regard to North Korea, there are several prerequisites to the process of reunification. First, North Korea must abandon its plans for a military conquest of the South. Second, they must put an end to their extreme isolation and open their society to the world community of nations. Third, they must carry out their own version of glasnost, thereby giving their people the most important freedom, the freedom to worship as they desire, and they must put a stop to the deification of their leader.

Only then will North Korea be ready to undertake effective economic reforms. As North Korea begins to cooperate with South Korea and the other nations of the world, it will become more and more evident to them that unless people are given realistic hope for a better life, as well as incentive to achieve it, it is virtually impossible to increase human

productivity.

I want to emphasize, however, that there must also be change in South Korea. South Korea has been experiencing an unprecedented wave of prosperity. This prosperity must be seen for what it is—the blessing of God—and it must be shared with others. This nation must now be ready and willing to embrace our brothers and sisters in the North, and help to alleviate their suffering. In the same way, the free world must now totally support the initiatives toward freedom which have been made in Eastern Europe, the Soviet Union and China.

A BIBLICAL ANALOGY

The Bible tells the story of two brothers, Jacob and Esau. Though they were both destined to play an important part in the providence of God, there was a great conflict between them. Jacob was blessed by his father, but only after some trickery. When Esau learned of this, he wanted to kill Jacob, and Jacob had to flee. It was only after they had lived separately for more than twenty years that Jacob returned with gifts and with love in his heart for Esau. When the two brothers met after this long period of separation, Jacob approached Esau and said, "When I look at you, I see the face of God." They forgave each other, and embraced in tears. Esau no longer wanted to kill Jacob, but to live with him, share with him and learn from him.

Today the free world stands in the position of Jacob. The communist world stands in the position of Esau. Many communist nations, such as Cuba and North Korea, have been taught that, like Jacob, the free world has stolen the blessing from them. Like Esau, in the past they have wanted to destroy the nations of the free world. Like Jacob, for many years, the free world has wisely stayed militarily strong and avoided falling into a position where the communist world could destroy her. However, I believe that now the time has come for the free world to be reconciled with the communist world. When we see our brothers and sisters who have been suffering for many years in the communist system, we must see in them the "face of God." We must support them, comfort them, fill them with confidence, and allow them to enter the world community of democratic nations.

Ladies and gentlemen, I hope your deliberations over the next two days will be productive and rewarding. I am certain that because of such efforts as these, Korea will be one unified nation well before the end of this decade. On behalf of sixty million Korean people of both the north and south, I want to express my gratitude that you have come. I pray that your efforts will be fruitful.

God bless you. Thank you very much. □

Summit and AULA Conferences in Korea

by Antonio Betancourt

Antonio Betancourt was the vice president of the Summit Council for World Peace and is the vice president of the Association for the Unity of Latin America (AULA).

In early December, we began preparations for the Second Summit Council for World Peace and the Eighth International Conference of AULA, to be held in Korea, February 2-4, 1990. The conference themes were, "The Reunification of Korea and East-West Dialogue" and "A New Look into Latin American-East Asian Relations." This event coincided with the 70th

unique occasion brought tremendous joy and satisfaction to True Parents' hearts.

Tribute books offered

At this time, we had the special opportunity to offer two leather-bound tribute books honoring Father on his 70th birthday published by the Summit Council and AULA. These magnificent volumes

describing Father's work in Latin America and the Summit Council, completed in less than one month, were the result of an enormous effort and hard work by Pier Angelo Beltrami, Jim Gavin and the staff of the Summit Council and AULA working together with Global Images. The gold embossed cover, bound in rich African goat leather, reads, "A Tribute to Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon upon Reverend Moon's 70th birthday." Father

signed the copies and had the books stored in the family archive.

"Congratulations on your 70th birthday Rev. Sun Myung Moon," wrote Amb. Jose M. Chaves, president of the Summit Council and AULA in his eloquent testimony introducing the books, of which the following is an excerpt:

The joyous celebration of the 70th birthday of Rev. Sun Myung Moon is an event which crowns a life dedicated in its entirety to God's service and to the creation of a better

world for all mankind.

Reverend Moon has repeatedly proclaimed that the Kingdom of Heaven is on this earth. This fundamental teaching of the Unification Church is the key to the many projects, activities and programs which Reverend Moon has established and continues to support.

In doing what he considers to be his God-appointed mission, he has received world recognition but also the enmity of forces antagonistic to his ideals and purposes. But no amount of persecution or opposition, not even prison and torture, have made him deviate from his task, diminished the ardor of his preaching or discouraged his generosity. A man of great humility and extraordinary ability and capacities, his vision and influence encompass all fields and invigorates all areas of human endeavor everywhere in the world.

After that most heart-warming meeting with Father, we returned to the Lotte Hotel to prepare to receive the delegations and attend to the logistics, a gigantic challenge, but with the help of God and thanks to Mr. No Hi Pak, the staff of the Korean Cultural Foundation, Steve Smith, General Manager of Go World Travel, and Seil Travel of Korea, every area was covered in a professional and most efficient manner.

Birthday Celebration Program

More than 8,000 guests and friends, including former heads of state and government, ambassadors, royalty and nobility, scholars from PWPA and representatives of Unification Church members worldwide assembled in the Chamshil Fencing Stadium to salute True Parents and enjoy an exciting

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Father greets H.E. Mario Echandi, former president of Costa Rica.

birthday of Father, our Founder and Sponsor, and the birthday of Mother.

We arrived in Korea January 28th and the next morning briefed True Father at Hannam-dong on the series of events that would be developed by AULA and the Summit Council. The final roster of participants had been compiled: 12 former heads of state and prime ministers, and 56 dignitaries including ambassadors, legislators, royalty and nobility from 20 nations. The fact that so many distinguished people from all corners of the globe had come to this

celebration.

Dr. Bo Hi Pak, master of ceremonies, introduced the guest speakers, including former U.S. Senator Paul Laxalt who gave an eloquent testimony of Rev. Moon's work in America, and the Honorable Don Mario Echandi Jimenez, former president of Costa Rica who passionately praised Father and his singular work:

It is not a common thing to find today a citizen of the world who gives himself passionately in the

service of his fellowmen. It is not a common thing to find someone who tirelessly sacrifices his time and gives of himself without any limit. But this is exactly what Reverend Moon has done.

I propose that we lift up our spirits on this singular occasion to wish for his eternal happiness, in union with his distinguished wife, Hak Ja Han, who has been his inseparable companion in his great work. May God bless them.

There was the traditional cake-cutting ceremony and the singing of Happy Birthday True Parents by the entire audience. It was a memorable celebration.

Evening Birthday banquet

A most spectacular extravaganza was prepared at the Sejong Cultural Center with entertainment coming from all over the world to give tribute to Father. The gala included Samba dancers from Brazil, the New City Orchestra of Tokyo and a dancing troupe directed by Akira Naito, The Little Angels of Korea, a new multivision presentation on "the Heart of God," the New Hope Singers International led by Brian Saunders, the Washington, DC Performing Arts Department, and dance troupes from Australia, Thailand and the Philippines. The grand spectacle concluded with everyone singing Happy Birthday, led by Kevin Pickard.

The high-peak of the celebration, the banquet for 2,000 VIPs at the Seoul Hilton Hotel, included a head table for more than 80 distinguished guests representing all of the main organizations of the Unification Church Movement, Summit Council, PWPA, *Washington Times*, and so on.

The highlights of the evening were (1) the conferral of an honorary doctorate of letters and humanities to Mother by the president and vice-president of Bloomfield College, New Jersey, and (2) a presentation to Father of the Mexican Order of Law, Culture and Peace, conferred by the Mexican Academy of International Law, an institution founded in 1810 by one of the forefathers of that Republic. The presentation was done by Academy representatives Amb. Medhat el Masri and the former governor of the state of Vera Cruz, Amb. Mario Antonio Munoz. Ambassador El Masri said:

The Mexican Academy of International Law, taking into consideration your generous contributions to the cause of peace, the depth of your philosophical and ideological teachings, your extraordinary efforts in promoting education at all levels, and your many other high merits, requested and obtained permission to confer upon you the Mexican Order of Law, Culture and Peace in the grade of Dignitary.

In my capacity of vice-president in charge of the Council for Foreign Affairs, I have the honor to



Father receives the Mexican Order of Law, Culture and Peace.



Mother receives an honorary Doctorate of Letters and Humanities.



Former heads of state and members of the Summit Council present True Parents with a 16th Century painting of Martin Luther.

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present you with this.

After graciously thanking the Academy for the honor, Father, wearing the Grand Collar and the gowns of Grand Chancellor of the university, addressed the audience. (See p. 18 for speech.)

The audience responded to the Founder's words with warmth, respect and openness. Afterwards, four Kirov ballet dancers had the opportunity to present a framed poster signed by all the members of that world famous dance troupe in Moscow. The evening closed with several selections by the world renowned "Diva del bel canto" opera singer Renata Scotto.

Summit Council and AULA

At 10:30 a.m on February 2, the Plenary Session convened the Second Summit Council for World Peace and the Eighth International AULA Conference with more than 500 guests, including representatives of the diplomatic corps, Kore-

an dignitaries, journalists, National Church Leaders and Elders, and a contingent of former senators and congressmen.

Father gave the Founder's Address in English [see "The Reunification of Korea and Cooperation between East and West," p. 12] Among the conference speakers were representatives from Latin America, Asia, United States and Europe. Former heads of state included H.E. Abadelrahman Sware El Dabaab, former president of Sudan, H.E. Son Sann, prime minister of the Coalition Government of Democratic Kampuchea, H.E. Luis A. Siles Salinas, former president of Bolivia, and H.E. Francisco Morales Bermudez, former president of Peru.

Former U.S. Senator Paul Laxalt noted in his keynote address that a few years ago, discussion of Korean unification would have been considered only an academic exercise. However, in light of the recent dramatic events in Eastern

Europe, credible people are exploring this subject more seriously. He said: "In 1985, just as Gorbachev came to power, Rev. Moon sponsored a conference in Geneva on the Fall of the Soviet Empire. To sponsor such a conference in 1985 demonstrates to me that Rev. Moon, the founder of this organization, is truly a visionary."

On the evening of the third, we travelled again to the Sejong Cultural Center to see Julia Hoon Sook Moon of the Universal Ballet perform "Giselle" with members of the Leningrad Kirov Ballet in their first appearance in Seoul. To say it was heavenly is not an overstatement. Hoon Sook Nim danced like a butterfly, enchanting the audience with a vision that bridged the real and unreal world of "Giselle". Everyone was enthralled by the grace and beauty of the dancers and the principled storyline.

February 4, 1990

The Second Summit Council and the

BIRTHDAY BANQUET ADDRESS

BY REV. SUN MYUNG MOON

The following speech was given at the Hilton Hotel in Seoul, Korea.

Respected guests from overseas and distinguished leaders of Korean society:

I would like to express my sincere gratitude to you for taking time from your busy public and private schedules to attend this banquet in celebration of my seventieth birthday. Your presence makes this a truly festive occasion.

The mere fact a man lives to be seventy does not make him successful. Age by itself is not a goal worth striving for.

Never during my life did I even dream that someday when I lived to be seventy, there would be such a large banquet and so many distinguished guests would gather to congratulate me.

I was 16 when I first met God. Ever since, I have just done my best to hold on to God as tightly as I could and stay close to Him. As a result of that, I find myself standing here this evening.

God alone has made this evening possible. It is a miracle that He has brought about, and for that reason I must offer to Him my most humble gratitude. The encouragement you have given Mrs. Moon and myself and the praises that you make of my work—expressed through messages of congratulations, medals, academic degrees and all other forms—are rightfully offered back up to God. The glory does not belong to me but to God, and so I offer all of these to Heaven.

Looking back, my life of seventy years has been an indescribably thorny path. It has been a path of constant struggle and adversity.

I understood the strategy of Heaven, whereby Heaven allows itself to be struck and then uses this condition to take that which rightfully belongs to Heaven. The truth of the universe is that God prospers by being struck, and that Evil creates its own downfall by striking at Good. For example, in both the First and Second World Wars, the side that struck first finally lost the war. We may consider the confrontation with communism to be the Third World War; and here, too, it is aggressive communism that is now collaps-

ing. Knowing this truth, I found the energy to persevere even in the most difficult situations.

After meeting the living God my Father, I have not had so much as one minute, or even one second, for extraneous thoughts. I have lived my entire life with the singular determination to accomplish the Will of my Father in Heaven; that is, to bring salvation to the world and to establish true peace among all men.

God has been burning with the desire to establish the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth so that all people of this world can live in happiness. The essence of God has been true love and His relationship to humanity has been that of a father to his children. Through history, however, mankind has not only been ignorant of God but has repeatedly pierced His heart with the nails of betrayal. I discovered that God in Heaven, the Father of all humanity, lives with a deep resentment caused by the heart-wrenching sorrow of a Parent who has lost His children.

My goal in life has been to resolve this resentment of God. My purpose for living has been to liberate the God of sorrow from His sorrow, loneliness and anguish. This has been the fundamental motivation for all that I have done through these seventy years, whether it be related to religious activity, the media, business and finance or politics. Out of the sole desire to liberate God from His sorrow and suffering, I have shed blood, sweat and tears in an attempt to bring about the true peace of mankind. I have taught: "As God lives for us and the world, so should we live for the world and God."

I am well known around the world as a leader in the anti-communist and victory-over-communism movements. The purpose I conduct a movement for victory over communism is not to kill communists but to liberate them with truth and true love so that they may live. This is the reason I am working to help the communist world today and rescue it from its current distress. For that reason, I have been welcomed even in the Soviet Union and China. Even Kim Il Sung in

Eighth International AULA Conference came to an end. Mother and Father offered a farewell banquet in honor of the participants. In his final remarks, Father said:

First, I propose that we dedicate these final ten years of the twentieth century to dreaming the highest, greatest dream which has ever entered the mind of man. This is the dream of true peace for all mankind. If I am right, God is also

dreaming that same dream, and He will give all of His power and energy to help us to achieve it.

My second proposal is that these two august organizations work together with other academics and journalists to create a delegation in the near future to go to North Korea to give a message to Kim Il Sung. He should not remain in isolation while North Korea collapses. He does not have to see a tragic end to his life. He now has a chance

to open the door to reconciliation. We want to bring all the cooperation he needs, so that North Korea can be as prosperous as the South. I would be happy to sponsor such a trip.

It was a time for gift giving. True Parents gave presents to the guests. Former heads of state and members of the Summit Council presented to Mother and Father, on behalf of the future Sun Myung Moon University, a 16th Centu-

North Korea cannot be my enemy.

Recently, a distinguished group of Soviet journalists visited Korea for the first time at my invitation. On their return trip, I asked them to visit North Korea. They were at first reluctant, but finally they accepted my earnest request to go to Pyông-yang and relay my message to Kim Il Sung.

This message contained the following three points:

"First, I am not your enemy. Second, you must give up your wild ambition to communize South Korea. Third, stop trying to swim against the tide of world events. Throw out that which is false, and return to the truth. When you open your doors and reach out, you and I will become brothers, and we will be able to live together in prosperity and happiness."

Kim Il Sung will have no choice but to respond to my proposal. Failure to do so will only precipitate his own downfall.

We have made an initial investment in the project to build industrial city in China. The purpose of this investment is not so that I can establish a foothold in China as a way of making a fortune for myself. It is my principle that not so much as a penny of the profits from the China project will be taken out of China. These profits will be reinvested in China to construct the International Highway of Peace and to bring China up to international standards in other areas of high technology. Thus, the motivation of the investment is to help the 1.3 billion Chinese people achieve a satisfactory standard of living.

I have reached an agreement with the government of the Soviet Union to hold the World Media Conference and the International Summit for World Peace in Moscow this April. At these conferences, I will announce a draft proposal on how the 270 million citizens of the Soviet Union can achieve

a satisfactory standard of living.

I am determined now that I will do my best to improve the economic situation and well-being not only of the Chinese but of the Soviet people as well.

Ten years from now, we will reach the year 2000. The task I have before me now is to see whether I can achieve world peace before that time. When we gather in the year

2000 in the same way we are gathered here tonight, it should be for the purpose of holding a banquet to celebrate the establishment of world peace.

We are all brothers and sisters before the one Creator, God. As we live together through the next decade, let us transcend racial and national boundaries, break down the walls between religions and denominations, and climb over the barriers of culture and language. Let those of us who have plenty help those who have less, so that we may be the laborers to build a peace that will be remembered in history.

If the world leaders who are gathered here tonight will combine your strengths together, we will be more than equal to this task. During the next decade, we will see the fulfillment of mankind's earnest desires for a true reconciliation between

East and West and for an economic reconciliation between the richer and poorer nations of the world. Also, our long-cherished desire to see the unification of North and South Korea will be realized.

Let me end my message at this holy banquet that we offer to God by inviting you all to do away with selfishness, practice a life of living for others and be leaders in the vanguard for building a new century of world peace.

Thank you very much. □



True Father warmly greets the banquet guests.

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ry painting of Martin Luther, the German Protestant reformer, from the Lucas Cranach School, circa 1570.

The events that marked the 70th birthday of Father left a very lasting, memorable impression on everyone. I am sure that each person who attended will cherish that memory for many years to come. As for the staff and I, we are indebted to God and our True Parents to have been given the opportunity to participate and contribute in such a magnum event. It was the fulfillment of

a long-awaited dream. The former heads of state and prime ministers, time and time again, commented on the need to study Father's ideas and his Movement. Rev. James Bevel of the United States spoke strongly about this to several sessions of the Summit Council, saying that in order to change the world, it is necessary to start with the individual and family levels—that is where the problems are. He was enthusiastically supported by participants.

Father was praised for his efforts to

bring unity, reconciliation and progress to Latin America, a continent torn by many problems, including drugs, terrorism, nationalism, and poverty. Many of the participants see him as the one who can rally the necessary support, energy and resources to drastically change Latin America. Likewise for the guests of the Summit Council, they are astonished by the Divine Principle's global vision and perspective. They see Father as the reincarnation of the "universal man," or the "renaissance man." Beyond

FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR THE PARTICIPANTS SCWP & AULA, SEOUL CONFERENCE HOSTED BY REV. AND MRS. SUN MYUNG MOON

SEOUL, KOREA FEBRUARY 1990



Above: Father and Mother with the former heads of state and prime ministers at the Farewell Luncheon.

Below: Hoon Sook Nim performs with the Kirov Ballet Company. **Right:** Father and Mother lead the banquet guests in a mansei cheer.

homo sapiens, they see Father as the embodiment of *homo amoris* (man of true love)—the one who can deal singularly with the world's ideological conflicts.

There are many problems in the world, but as I travelled the long flight home to Washington, I could only feel that Heavenly Father must be so happy to see things are finally going His way. There is great hope in the world because of the providential victory of the forces of goodness, the triumph of true love as expressed externally in Father's 70 years to unify, harmonize and bring peace to the family of man. To achieve this, the Summit Council for World Peace is the pinnacle of Father's external mission.

Our next step is Moscow! Father gave us the blessing to organize the 3rd Summit Council and the 9th AULA International Conference in Moscow simultaneously with the 11th World Media Association program from April 9-14, 1990.

As with previous victories, we need your prayers and spiritual support. To be continued after Moscow. □



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Father's Birthday Celebration

— A DIARY —

by Mary Trifault

Editor's note: Through this article, I hope to give some impressions of the highlights of Father's Seventieth Birthday celebration and the seven-day Foreign Missionaries' Workshop. I would like to offer my thanks to Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak for allowing me to participate in and chronicle this special event.

January 25, 1990

Flying on Korean Airlines is our first taste of being in Korea—about 95 percent of the passengers are Oriental. Through the English language Korean newspapers on board we learn that the day of our arrival coincides with the three-day Lunar New Year's celebration. Also, that President Roh's party and two of the three main opposition parties are on the verge of a merger, and that temperatures are truly frigid all throughout Korea—perhaps a purification condition on nature's part to prepare for Father's birthday.

My companions, Rev. David Hose and Kathy Coman, both of whom have spent more time in Korea than I, express a deep feeling of coming "home" as we approach Korea.

January 26

Rev. Hose, thankfully, can communicate to the cab driver in Korea, and we drive into Seoul to stay at the Unification Church International Training Center, a former school converted into a guest hotel and convention center. It's quite deluxe, and in a very central location in Seoul, on the same land as the *Segye Ilbo*

complex. After hearing stories of sleeping bags for past Blessing participants in Korea, it is a nice surprise. On our first evening here, it is just we three and one other early arrival who have dinner at the 300-person capacity dining-room. Over the next few days world missionaries and leaders from the West will arrive, until the guest hotel is humming with activity and conversation about Father's upcoming birthday celebration.

The first day or two are quiet, so I have some time to pray. The ease of tearful prayer surprises me, as I repent in preparation for Father's birthday. How small and even negative my foun-

dation was when I joined the church seems in contrast to Father's lifelong battle of giving, suffering, pioneering spiritual world, loving his enemies in prisons, sacrificing himself, Mother, their family and our church over a 70-year period, all to make an incredible worldwide foundation.

January 28 — 31

On Sunday we are able to hear Father speak at Chungpadong Church. It's a good experience to hear Father speak entirely in Korean. Although a few words are familiar, the only gage I have of what he is saying is the response of the audience, which ranges from serious in the beginning to more light, having give and take with Father. It is a humbling reminder of the need to learn Korean.

We hear that members have returned to their hometowns, 3360 villages throughout Korea, to hold concurrent birthday celebrations. The Committee for the Unification of North and South is organizing the celebrations and sending professors as speakers on the Unification of Korea and Father's life. Through this, True Parents are proclaimed all over Korea.

It is a very deep experience being with the missionaries. Each night at dinner the person opposite me is someone whose testimony reveals such deep faith, humor and creativity in their mission. Seeing the give and take between the missionaries, many of whom have not seen each other for years, shows how strong friendships are forged through common suffering. One Japanese missionary to Afghanistan stayed there for 13 years, never leaving for fear of losing his visa. He and his wife had three children there. In 1984, his wife had several dreams of Heung Jin Nim, but only learned four months later about his Ascension. They were almost totally isolated from communication with other members, and had not seen True Parents since their Blessing in 1975.

Several of the mobilized members in Korea came to visit us at the training center. Many of them struggled so much with the food, the culture, the language and customs when they first came; it seems that those who stayed have brought victory, both internally and externally, by beginning to feel comfortable with the language and bringing spiritual children. I am able to do an interview with Nate Windman,

who heads the Western mobilized members, and through him I can gain a much deeper feeling about the purpose, struggles and victories of the Mobilization. (This interview will appear in the next *Today's World* issue.)

The deepest experience is meeting the East European representatives. Many of them were able to receive visas to come only days before the birthday celebration. Their stories of how they participated in growing freedom movements which, on the foundation of God and True Parents' tearful foundation, gained victory in their countries in just a few months, are amazing. (Several of their testimonies will be published in upcoming *Today's World* issues.)

Even the weather participates in preparing for Father's birthday. It is three days before February 1 as the snow starts, and it will continue for seven days, covering Seoul with a record-breaking three feet of snow—the most in at least seventy years. I am told that snow on a special day or a birthday indicates good fortune. This beautiful extra touch of purification to the environment certainly helps us to reflect on our own purification.

February 1

It is together with a deep sense of expectation in the spiritual atmosphere that we prepare our Holy Gowns for the special pledge ceremony at the Little Angel's School on Father's birthday. As we gather here to await Father's and Mother's arrival, I shed tears again, considering the ideal of true love we are striving for, how difficult it is for us many times,

and how much we really need to understand Father's life. I feel the spiritual world so close, with all our ancestors tearful and grateful to see Father's fulfillment of seventy years of life. This is also a fulfillment for Mother, surrounded by her children and their spouses.

Father and Mother wear a set of traditional Korean dresses and crowns—everything is permeated with a deep sense of tradition and creating a new history of heaven.

After the ceremony, we are bused to Chamshil Stadium. As people pour into the grand stadium, it is amazing to see so many international leaders honoring Father (see the AULA and Summit Conference article). It is especially touching to see several beautiful birthday gifts presented to True Parents at the end of the ceremony, and to hear an inspiring musical tribute sung by Soprano Young Hee Son and the Hanuri Women's Choir.

As we leave the stadium, each one of us is presented with a beautifully wrapped gift—birthday cake. It is another small example of how, although we are here to honor Father, it is actually he who continues to pour his heart and blessings out to us.

The day continues with a whirlwind entertainment gala. The entertainment represents 137 countries and the famous Sejong National Cultural Center is fabulous. Its theme is, "Unification of One World Under God," and is dedicated to the Unification of North and South Korea.

Each presentation—by Korea, Japan, Brazil, Australia, Thailand, the Philip-



Invited by True Parents, excited world missionaries enter the gates of Hannam-dong.

piners—is strikingly different and shows different aspects of Heavenly Father’s personality. A colorful and flowing Korean folk dance is followed by a beautiful, precise Japanese dance; the Brazilian samba is rhythmic and exotic—from a “hot” climate; the Thai dancers mystical and the Philippines performance lively and pure in heart. Next is a special ballet selection with Hoon Sook Nim, then a unique light show and finale.

The evening banquet tops off the day. Father and Mother are seated in the center of a huge VIP table, and graciously receive beautiful tributes: a special medal, honorary degrees, and a signed poster from the Kirov Ballet members.

February 2

The foreign missionaries are invited to the Plenary Session for the Summit and AULA Conference at the Lotte Hotel. Father is introduced by former Senator Paul Laxalt, Mr. Arnaud de Borgrave and Amb. Jose Chaves, who says, “After so many introductions, the one word that really sums up Rev. Moon is, ‘Father.’” Father reads the opening speech in English and receives a standing ovation.

In the afternoon, we attend a PWPA Conference, and proceed from there to the American entertainment night. Seeing *Nolbu/Hungbu* and hearing the music by the New Hope Singers International, I am reminded that art is the main occupation in the Kingdom of Heaven, and music is especially expressive of God’s heart. The talent of the True and blessed children shines through and the audience’s delight at seeing True Children perform is overflowing. The finale is especially moving, with all of the True Family coming to the stage to sing—from the youngest ones to the older ones and their spouses. In their rendition of “Home on the Range” in both Korean and English, we can feel their longing for a true home.

February 3

At nine a.m., True Father comes to our International Training Center to speak to 1,000 Japanese home members, and the missionaries are invited to attend. The response of the Japanese, most of whom have never met Father, is tearful.

At the end of the speech, True Father gives awards to the countries who have brought the greatest achievement and

growth over the past several years—Japan receives first place and Thailand, second.

That evening, we get the blessing to see Julia Hoon Sook Moon perform with the Kirov Ballet Company at Sejong’s Cultural Center. It is such a special historical moment—these Russian performers must be overwhelmed

True Children would say to Father, “You should speak less because of your health,” and Father would respond, “I know that at this moment there are brothers and sisters in prison in communist countries, suffering in the satanic world; how can I rest?” This Moksa-nim had seen Father a couple of days prior to our visit, and relays a message



The Tong-il Factory gives a warm welcome to the missionaries.

by all the events surrounding Father’s birthday.

February 4

Rev. Kwak officially announces a seven-day workshop for the missionaries. Mr. Kuboki gives a testimony to us about the Japanese movement. (It will appear in an upcoming *Today’s World*.)

In the afternoon, the members from Eastern Europe organize a trip to the old and new Chungpadong Church. I am excited to go along, because it is such a special time to share with the East Europeans. They have such a fresh, pure perspective as they make their pilgrimage to these historical places. In the new Chungpadong Church, we are greeted by the *Moksa-nim*, the minister of the church, who, as soon as he hears members from Eastern Europe are visiting, comes to greet them. He gives his special testimony, explaining that in 1974, after the Madison Square Garden Rally, Father gathered missionaries appointed to communist countries at the Chungpadong Church (where we are presently seated and listening). Father asked them several times to “Look at my face—we may never see each other again until spirit world.” The *Moksa-nim* said since that time Father has shed tears many times while praying for the communist countries’ missionaries.

from Father to the East Europeans, that he was “so grateful to see your living faces again, along with new brothers and sisters from Eastern Europe.”

Many of the East Europeans begin to weep, and when asked who among them had been at that original meeting, and who had spent time in prison for witnessing, several hands are raised for both categories. One sister testifies, “When I was in prison, I saw no sun for one year, but Sun Myung Moon was my sun.” It is such a tearful, moving moment—perhaps the deepest of the whole time in Korea for me.

February 5

Today is a special day, for it’s been announced that all foreign missionaries are invited to visit Father in Hannam-dong. I hadn’t imagined to have that opportunity. We all get on buses, expectant like children at the opportunity to meet Father in such a personal setting.

In Hannam-dong, we all crowd into the meeting room and greet Father as he arrives. Truly exciting things happen during this meeting. After speaking about True Abel to the missionaries (see *True Abel*, p. 4) Father calls up the East and West European leaders and begins creating sister nations. It is incredible to see the joy on the faces of the East Europeans as Father does this, and to see the

national leaders from East and West embrace as Father "matches" them. Father also gives a representative gift, for members who spent time in prison, to the national leader of Czechoslovakia. From this event and Father's words, everyone feels how much Father's heart is with the East European and communist countries' providence at this time.

After lunch, we enjoy moments outside in the yard, where there is over a foot of snow, throwing snowballs and having photos taken together with other members, mementos of the visit to Han-nam-dong.

February 6

President Young Whi Kim lectures the Principle of Creation to us. His main point about the Creation lecture is that through it we are supposed to be able to convince anyone of God's existence. An especially good clarification of Father's viewpoint about evolution prompts exciting questions and responses from the audience. Being from a scientific background, I appreciate his examples and logic.

In the evening, we attend Japanese Night.

After several presentations, the highlight of their offering is an opera entitled "The Heavenly Flute," sung in Korean by the all-Japanese cast (except for the narrator, who is Korean). There must have been an incredible investment to learn Korean—it is moving to see this effort on the part of the Japanese members to unite with Korea.

February 7

Anton, the Czechoslovakian national leader, gives us his testimony, representing all East European members. The depth of spirituality present in the early church in Czechoslovakia is an eye-opener for me. Because these members have never been seen by Western members before, and in general we have received little news from communist countries, it is like another world opening up. It is a miracle to hear the testimony and to realize that these brothers and sisters have been working for True Parents for many years.

It is announced that we will make a lightning tour of Korea—to the Tong-il Factory, Pusan, the Rock of Tears, the most famous Korean Buddhist temple,

Sông Hwa University, and back to Seoul.

February 8—9

Three buses carrying missionaries head south to Pusan, watching the countryside from the windows, observing how every square arable inch is well-cultivated.

In Pusan, we wind through the small back streets that make their way upward though small dwellings and shops to the site of the original cardboard church in Pusan and the Rock of Tears. After entering what is now a museum and getting a history of Father's and Rev. Won Pil Kim's experiences there, we go outside and head up the hill with colorful umbrellas given by several halmoni's waiting outside in the rain.

At the top of the hill, we see a small sign that reads, in Korean and English, "At this place where we pray for the Fatherland, nation and world, take off

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you shoes as you enter." We all crowd onto the rock that overlooks Pusan harbor, and one representative prays: "How many times we prayed and didn't even know that there were members working behind the Iron Curtain." Again, there are prayers filled with many tears of gratitude or repentance in many different languages. Afterwards, one Czechoslovakian brother tells me, "We could only dream of the Rock of Tears before—to actually be here is almost unbelievable." Another missionary commented: "Father used to look out over the ocean, praying for the world, all alone. Now, years later, we are here, praying and representing the world. How serious Father is for us to fulfill our missions." I felt, yes, my mission is really to be bolder for God and True Parents at this time in history. Rev. David Hose said he felt a "meltdown, powerful tearful experience" even before the prayer at the Rock of Tears started.

That evening at a restaurant, we hold a special celebration for the Blessing anniversary of the 1800 Couples, from among whom Father sent out the first

120 worldwide missionaries.

The next day the sun breaks brilliantly, and we head north to the hills to Poonsa Temple, the biggest Buddhist temple in Korea. The air is pure and it's a nice time to be together, exploring the religious history of Korea.

Our last outing is to Sông Hwa University in Chonan, where we are able to meet some of the professors. President S. W. Yoon presents a history and vision of this international university. There is a sense of history in the making because just a couple of months earlier the Korean seminary received official permission from the government to begin operating as a four-year university. We see several of the national leaders from Europe and other countries already here, having begun their intensive study course just the day before, settling in for their year-long



Today's World editor, Mary, standing in front of True Parents' home.

sojourn in the Korean language. It is so exciting to see worldwide leadership studying to become fluent in the Parents' language.

February 10

This is the last day for most of the missionaries. We receive our final guidance from Rev. Kwak about fulfilling Jacob's course, giving an elder brother's push to really accomplish in the mission countries by aggressively uniting with True Parents' direction.

Last-minute addresses are exchanged, gifts purchased and bags packed. A couple of buses arrive to take us to the airport, and the good-byes are heartfelt. This was my second trip to Korea, yet I feel I have learned so much more about True Parents and the Fatherland. Father completely loved and served us—from external to internal. I think many left feeling this was truly "home" to them.

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Performing Arts in Korea

This is a retrospective on the Korean sojourn undertaken by a large number of members of the Department of Performing Arts across the Pacific to Seoul, where they contributed what they could to the magnificent celebration of Father's Seventieth Birthday. The following articles by Takeko Hose, Randolph Remmel and Andrea Hagashibaba address different aspects of that sojourn.

Richness of Heart

by Takeko Hose

This is written with gratitude to our conductor and my dear friend, Brian, who gave me an opportunity to share this experience in Korea.

As our True Parents' seventieth Birthday Celebration was approaching, much excitement was felt in the air. My desire to participate in this occasion grew so strong that I asked Dr. Brian Saunders to consider me as one of the additional choir members. When that acceptance came, I felt so grateful, honored and privileged that I determined to do my utmost and give my best. I'm sure this was the feeling of many brothers and sisters who attended this event.

Our choir numbered about 60. One-third represented the original New Hope Singers who had been contacted everywhere in America and overseas. Dr. Seuk offered 10 CARP members, while the rest of us had just a little experience singing here and there. Thus our choir, which was an incredible mixture of race, culture, and level of music comprehension, was asked to make one offering of heart. "This is America," I thought. I imagined the formation of the very first choir in the early 70s must have been like this, with not enough qualified singers and an enormous task ahead to unite them as one body. But now they came with a sense of maturity and victory, having gone through many phases in their personal growth and the growth of the Performing Arts Department.

As we were about to begin our first rehearsal at the Little Angels' Performing Arts Center, Brian while looking across the room and acknowledging each choir member, suddenly burst into tears. No one had to ask for an explanation of why he wept. The choir panorama

was so warm and overwhelming that even a brand new member who had shared no history with the New Hope Singers International was moved. All the choir leaders were present: Randolph L. Remmel, Brian Saunders and Jeffrey Benson.

I also saw the wives of Performing Arts leaders: David Eaton's wife, Mary; Kevin Pickard's wife, Anne; and Brian's wife, Young-Soon. These three brothers reminded me of the three kings who came to worship Jesus. Unlike those who left after giving Jesus their gifts, these brothers stayed to attend the True King and Queen through many challenges and difficulties. I was proud of them and grew to respect them during our experiences together.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals began only four days before the first performance, which was to be followed by three more performances, one on each of the subsequent days. So we were urged to lay aside everything and become simple and focused. We got up, prayed, ate, boarded a bus, practiced all day at the school, came back, ate and went to sleep right away.

Reverend Joong Hyun Pak recently received the direction from True Father to become the leader of the Performing Arts Department once again. He was with us every step of the way: nurturing, serving, loving, and lifting us up to True Parents. Being experienced parents ourselves, it was so natural to feel True Parents as our father and mother. How could we not give our very best when we felt so loved and attended? The celebration staff wanted to convey our True Parents' heart so completely and to make our visit to Korea most meaningful. We all experienced the genuineness

of their hearts and leadership.

I was also deeply moved by Brian's conducting. His extreme sensitivity, knowledge, and experience in music was quickly apparent to all of us. Then I felt sympathy with him for having to conduct such an amateur person as me, who had to hold onto the words to be memorized until the last minute, who couldn't smile on stage, and who took a long time to pick up the right rhythm and the right note. He must have noticed all of what I was doing; but, day after day, he was tolerant, accommodating and embracing. As if all of us were already good, he was respectful and totally committed to bringing out the best we could offer. So my feeling of being inadequate went away and the joy of singing out for True Parents took its place.

Heart of our Fatherland

Even on the plane going over, I felt God was waiting for us to come and offer everything. He made Seoul completely white with snow in the three days around True Parents' Birthday. Unable to see many other events during the Celebration period, we felt as if God Himself must have felt that He couldn't give enough for this precious son of His. As I prayed, I felt an instant closeness to True Parents; tears came every time. All the members in Korea were conveying God's parental heart and True Parents' love through their services and support in the many preparations. We all felt so indebted when we heard how much the blessed families in Korea gave of themselves for this Celebration. How could we possibly respond to such heart? We had gone there to give something, but we received so much more.

In 1970 when I went to Korea for our Blessing, I felt born anew through our True Parents' love. I learned again that Father is in no way ready to rest on the laurels of his incredible life-long accomplishments and retire. No, he used this occasion to let the world know his devotion would continue until he saw the

Kingdom of God on Earth with his own eyes. If you had this same experience, I'm sure you would have been reborn by True Parents' love.

On the plane, I sat with a Korean Christian man and a Chinese atheist who were so misinformed about our True Parents; after I had answered their rather skeptical questions, the Chinese man said quietly, "I realize I don't have the power to change your conviction of faith. I respect what you believe. Maybe, someday, I'll knock on your door." □



HITOSHI NAGAI

A Magnificent Sight

by Randolph L. Rimmel

What a privilege it was to be there in Seoul and celebrate Father turning seventy. It would be difficult to arrive in Korea at a moment more truly worth celebrating than was this. The trip was a particularly joyous sojourn for a good many of us. If one may be allowed a few moments' personal reflection to set down the brightest memories on record, this was the kind of memory that kisses your life.

The New Hope Singers International began in the Artist Cottage at Belvedere on September 15, 1973. The choir always kept an intense schedule, so it was a rare and distinct pleasure to see how many of the original choir members still loved one another after 15 years and were able to enjoy one another's company.

Such deep human and spiritual attachments as evidenced in Seoul are what comes from years of freely sharing a common bond. The New Hope Singers

International shared the willing and hardworking participancy in the promotion of Father's efforts for humanity. We did that willingly, gladly, and remain proud to have done so.

The journey from New York was a joy in the simplest, external sense aboard the flight, in as much as we might view the radiant faces of friends and loved ones that many of us had longed to see again for years, to the common internal awareness we were to observe the celebration of an event beatifically happy in its own right and yet, for its singularity, unspeakably deep. You thought of it and all you could do was to breathe deeply, close your eyes, and smile. When you opened your eyes again, there were all those smiling faces. What a resplendent journey!

Both Korea and we have changed

Personally, I had been apprehensive about what we would find after landing and being bussed to Su-Teng-ni. The time the New Hope Singers International had spent in Korea during Father's

speeches there years ago had been very difficult. There were only cold baths to be taken when you could get a bath at all. And as a result of our having to get a hasty lunch at roadside restaurants of unpredictable hygiene, there were always a great many stomachs at virtual war with their owners. The Singers had won the war in the end, but their stomachs took a lot of the battles.

Korea has changed, just as we had—finding ourselves able to relate to both the work in which we were engaged (and there was a lot of it) and to each other. One set of changes facilitated the other, creating complementary realities that were gratifyingly principled.

Father has ample reason to take pride in the facility that houses the professors and ministers he hosts in the village of Su-Teng-ni. We stayed in this handsome, well-constructed, three-story building. It is a very comfortable facility with a vast dining hall in the basement and plenty of hot running water. Personally, I always arose earlier than most, showered, and descended a few flights of stairs to the dining hall. There I could settle down to prayer, ginseng tea and my scriptures, to which I have been deeply attached since Catholic school and six years of seminary I attended before joining the Church nearly 20 years ago.

Mr. Rimmel was the first general director and conductor of the New Hope Singers International.

A lovely serenity seemed to always breathe comfort upon the few of us that were fulfilling similar practices in the very early mornings. There settled upon many of us a deepening awareness of where the notion of "The Land of the Morning Calm" comes from as, after coffee and before sunrise, a few of us—Mark Rubin, Robert Rattley and I—occasionally took an early morning walk as daylight arose to bless the mountainsides vaguely visible in the awakening gray day. There is, as the day brightens, a reassuring, even shimmering, calm.

Rehearsing was a joy

So it was great to find Su-Teng-ni and the facilities so comfortable. The kitchen staff was superb, as was everything they so generously provided; no one could thank them enough. On the morning of our departure, we gathered to provide them a round of applause. The entire company broke into a spontaneous sing-through of Brian Saunders' delightfully clever arrangement of the Korean folksong "Ri-ri-ri-ya!" The kitchen staff, with whom most of us had scarcely exchanged a single word of language, broke into laughter and applauded us as we applauded them. We departed knowing we had been, in that respect as in all others, blessed.

Rehearsals began only a few hours after we had arrived at the training center. It had been great to see Brian Saunders when we had arrived the night before, but as Brian conducted our opening rehearsal I had never been more proud of him. There were about ten hours of rehearsal for each of the four rehearsal days; every moment of them was a joy. Besides being hilariously clever and keeping the singers in stitches, Dr. Brian also quickly sewed together one of the most glorious musical fabrics in which I have ever had the pleasure of participating. He was always there when you needed him.

Brian always praised us, even when we felt we didn't deserve it. He was so gracious about everything, even when one of the chorus members would flare up. He spoke to his chorus with kindness and understanding.

There was one point on the third day, when Brian rehearsed the opening two syllables "Oh, beau" for about 20 minutes. This was part of his tireless effort toward perfection of both verbal and musical phrasing. As a conductor, you work hard on small items to make your people aware of the standards to

which you will ask them to perform. Once they are aware of those, and are praised when they do it right, because they want to win the conductor's heart an ensemble will automatically do in unexplored areas of the musical landscape the same things that they learned to do where you did spend a lot of time.

Working toward perfection

This is the Principle: one begins on the tiniest levels (individual words and notes in this case) and expands to the larger level, always refining. Dr. Saunders is an excellent conductor because he is an individual excellently and operationally aware of the Principle. What a joy to see and feel the Principle in action.

There was the "American Set" in which we did a rendition of "America"; a choral version of "Tonight" from "West Side Story"; "Amazing Grace", sung in real down-home style by June Maxim; "Fame" from the movie of the same name was attractively danced to by Concha Egea of Spain and Hugh Harper of Guyana, stage directed by Linda Chapman Eisenberg (who founded the New World Players) and choreographed by Mark Rubin. Mark, himself a professional dancer who traveled to both Israel and the Caribbean with the

This was the kind of memory that kisses your life.

world famous Alvin Ailey Dance Company, coached the dancers. And what would the "American Set" have been without Jeffrey Benson's now famous, (for the excellence of it) dependably delightful performance of "New York, New York"?

The set finale was the Korean number "Ri-ri-ri-ya!" You may ask, "Why a Korean song as a finale to an 'American Set'?" I don't know either, except the Koreans loved it and knew that we loved them. And when it comes to performing anything anywhere for anyone, I guess that's all that ever counts.

Then there was the Korean set that we called "The Classic Set"; in it were Brian Saunders' breathtaking arrangement of the Korean folk classic, "Boribat" ("Song from the Barley Field"); a march, "Cham Sarang" ("True Love") written over lovely lyrics of Reverend Joong Hyun Pak's creation; the set concluded with a fire-powered rendition of

the "Hosanna" that Miklos Rosza had written for the film classic "King of Kings". So we closed an American set with a Korean song and a Korean set with an American song. It isn't done, but it was done and it was magnificent.

Offering our love to Father

We would also like to recognize the excellent solo work offered to their beloved Father by Sheila Baer Vaughn, Steven Honey, Patricia Johnson Casino, Craig Maxim (June's 20-year-old son), and the Japanese soprano Yoshimi Toyama. They are all perfectly excellent performers; it is hoped that we are to see and hear much more of each.

The moment at which I was most deeply touched was when, during her first rehearsal of "We'll All Be There," (an in-house selection written a few years back by a few of us), Sheila turned during the second return of the theme, looked from one face to another of all the "original cast" and broke into tears. How deeply human; how beautiful. Her having had an experience of that kind has everything to do with all of our having pursued common religious goals and remaining of common religious understanding all these years. For that experience, the membership was grateful for the work that Father has done and the way in which that work has changed the life of each and every one of the friends we love so much. We wouldn't have all these friends were it not for him.

But the best was yet to come—Father himself. The best did not materialize until the closing of the final set on the second night: up lights on the house; there, as the orchestral exit music was being mounted and after the 600 people on stage with the several thousand in the house had concluded a rousing rendition of "Happy Birthday" for Father, there he stood, beaming like the sun itself. A tiny Western child ran up to him. Leaning down like the human giant that he is, he swung her into his arms and danced with her to the music of the orchestra. How happy he was! And how happy he made the entire assembly as, just before setting the little girl down again, he kissed her. Sheila said the whole audience felt kissed. Sheila was right.

Wow. Talk about memories that kiss your life. What do you say, but "Wow" No, nothing else, for nothing else will do. Wow. □

"The Vision of a New Heaven and Earth"

by Andrea Higashibaba

Reading Father's address given on the morning of his 70th birthday, I am reminded again that Father's ways are so much beyond our ways. In his speech Father thanked the gathering of dignitaries and membership from around the world which had come to honor him on his birthday, but said "the content of our celebration must be determined by the degree to which my past deeds give reason for us to have hope in the future ...and the degree to which my work is related to the Providence of God." He continues, "It is true, frankly, that the foundation that I have laid around the world is an astonishing accomplishment. I take pride, however, less in the external and visible aspects of this foundation as much as the fact that no part of this foundation has been established centering on myself and the fact that each part is geared more to the future than the present."

The regathering of our choir on Father's 70th birthday is just one of the many testimonies and representations of such a foundation, a foundation which looked to the future of mankind and the fulfillment of God's Providence far beyond the imaginings of the young and inexperienced group which Father first gathered in September of 1973 to become the New Hope Singers International. By our understanding, Father made a choir to accompany him on the 21-City Tour and then on the 32-City Tour. It was certainly an untrained, if not motley, crew. Even when I joined the choir, just after the 32-City Tour in May of 1974, I was one of the few who could read music. And yet this little crew, in less than 9 months, had by then already performed over 120 times in 53 cities, and built a performing troupe which, together with the Korean Folk Ballet, had just begun the Celebration of Life Tour.

Humble beginnings

This was merely the beginning of many developments which eventually sent this same performing group to Japan and Korea in 1975 on the First Global

Team, and which returned to Korea, 15 years later, to sing for True Parents on the occasion of Father's 70th birthday. Only God and Father knew that the little dancing group of children which rehearsed in a shed in the 1950s would become the world-renowned Little Angels, and the scrubbed and almost baby-voiced youth who gathered at Belvedere to audition for a choir in 1973 would become one of the foundations for a worldwide culture which came together on one stage to honor God and True Parents on February 1. Certainly we had had no idea ourselves.

The finale of the birthday performance brought 650 performers on stage to sing "Happy Birthday" to our True Parents. Among them were the Little Angels, who now represent an entire school and performing arts center, the Universal Ballet, whose prima ballerina is part of the True Family and who had just returned from the Soviet Union from a performance with the Kirov Ballet, and the now more polished ensemble of the New Hope Singers International. In performances at the birthday banquet and the following evenings, Renata Scotto, one of the world's most famous opera stars, performed to standing room only crowds. Soloists from the

Kirov Ballet of Leningrad, the oldest ballet company in the world, joined the Universal Ballet Company with Hoon Sook Nim as prima ballerina in two glorious evenings of ballet. Each of these has a testimony in themselves, far too much to be covered in one article, but mentioned because all of these things are the fruits of Father's vision. These are just a few of the externals, which, as Father said, are, frankly, impressive in themselves; but the spiritual testimonies, known only to God, and the personal testimonies, known only to a few individuals, are also deep and far reaching.

I realize, as I write, that I really can't begin to understand what sort of impact the experience has on others, and I can only begin to sort out and explain some of my own impressions. From among the choir members who sang this time, we came from several layers of NHSI history: those who had been together before and in Korea in 1975; those who had been together through Washington Monument; those who had been together in its "task force" days, when Father sent the singers to pioneer several projects after the Washington Monument Rally; those who participated in its more "settled" days when all the Performing Arts groups worked together in New York in Home Church areas and when many of the seeds of the established performing institutions were planted; to the New Hope Singers International's "mission" when the Performing Arts members were sent out as IOWC teams in 1983. After that time the period of a professional outreach of the Performing Arts Department began.



Brazilian members dance the "Samba" during "International Night."

HITOSHI NAGAI

In addition, for Father's 70th birthday, many fresh new faces were gathered from CARP, the Korea mobilization and other missions, uniting many of the significant spearhead providences of the 1990s. The longest one member hadn't seen some of the others was 16 years. For many it had been 5 or 10 years.

Old and new impressions

One couldn't ignore the fact that there had been a significant weight gain and hair loss across the board. But in spite of diverse missions, parenthood, leadership responsibilities, PhDs, and extreme differences of national and climatical locations over the past 15 years, the choir

came together and in four days put together old and new repertoire for two full-fledged programs which were performed twice at King Sejong Hall and twice at the Little Angels' Performing Arts Center, totalling an audience of close to 15,000. Supremely significant to such a phenomenon was also the return of Rev. Joong Hyun Pak who, after seven years' absence as a regional director in America, was again at the helm of the Performing Arts Department. One also can't ignore the phenomenal accomplishments of the various other directors. Nevertheless, all of us, without exception, know that the real cause of the miracle was the foundation established by Father's life and the course through

which he raised Performing Arts, creating such eternal bonds among us on the personal level, and such an eternal foundation on which the world culture of God's Kingdom could stand against all time.

Some things are very different from 15 years ago. The training center where we lived then in Korea, surrounded by rice fields and dirt roads, where we rehearsed standing for often 10 to 12 hours a day, battling dysentery and new foods, is now tucked in among Il Hwa factories and training centers with tables, chairs, Western toilets, trucks advertising McColl and beds with sheets and blankets. The rice fields are more

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united, which is good for continuing to build a strong economic and social foundation in South Korea.

The *Segye Ilbo* has a very important providential role. True Father's idea is for us to become the number one national newspaper in just a few short years. That means we must organize nationwide distribution and advertising, which is difficult for a new paper.

What is our mission in the upcoming dispensation? This morning True Father's sermon focused on tribal messiahship. I prayed about what our national mission, goals and activities should be from now on. What should we focus on? We are very fortunate to have the direct guidance of True Parents. On any occasion, if we follow True Father's viewpoint then our mission can be accomplished.

In 1988 True Father waited anxiously for the Olympic Games. During these important games, Father announced year one of the Foundation Day for the Nation of Unified World. This means True Parents have already overcome all of Satan's negative conditions. Father achieved a victorious foundation not only on the individual level, but also on the world level. Satan's regime has no power to attack True Parents. As a result, 1989 was a very unique year, different from all other years. In our worldwide movement we were still struggling, with difficulties in every nation, but in the mainstream of True Parents' dispensation, Father gained the victorious

foundation. Now, in 1990, things are much easier than before. Until 1988, True Father and the Unification movement were climbing the mountain with True Father pulling us over the rough spots. But in 1988 we reached the top of the mountain. From 1989, the journey is downhill with 1990 being even easier.

Role of the Tribal Messiah

This is not centering on the external ease or difficulty of our effort, but on the spiritual viewpoint. Although Satan's regime is powerful, Father is guiding us to be bold and confident; we are now strong enough! Although the conditions are not the same in each country, you must be absolutely confident internally, for you are the representatives of True Father who has already gained the absolute victory over Satan. Tribal messiahship means we inherit True Parents' victory and their path of authority.

This morning Father explained that true love's direction always takes the shortest line. Heavenly Father's position is above man as vertical true love. Because His nature is true love, then His relationship with man and woman is a straight vertical line. True love between man and woman also travels a straight horizontal line. When horizontal love travels the shortest distance, then this forms a 90-degree angle with God's vertical love. So tribal messiahs have to inherit this parents' position, giving true love unconditionally and directly to everyone. Then we will all belong to the tribe of true love.

The tribal messiah's territory is the eight step system of a family and relatives. Centering on true love, husband

and wife are united as the one originating point. Then, between parent and child is one step. The relationship between siblings is two steps, because without parents there is no relation between them. Before one brother can relate with another, they have to go through their common parents. What about my uncle? He is only related to me through my father. And between my father and uncle originally there would have been no relation, except through their common grandfather. This means three steps between me and my uncle. My aunt would also be three steps. In this way, we can easily recognize our relationship to all the relatives in our family.

Father explained the meaning of tribal messiahship is to fulfill and embrace all eight steps of restoration; that is, all the close relatives under the great, great grandfather. Father emphasized, "Don't worry about world restoration; if all blessed couples complete their tribal messiah mission—restoring all of these eight relationships—then the world will be restored with no problem."

During this birthday celebration, Father mentioned several times that the New World Festival is the most important upcoming historical event. So between now and August 1991 we must prepare to our utmost. We must be concerned mainly about two points: 1) the most important event is the Blessing. Participants must attend a 40-day workshop with the emphasis on purity. (2) Father is emphasizing the sports events. So from now on you must prepare for the New World Festival. □

Segye Ilbo First Anniversary

by Tim Elder

This testimony was given during the 7-day workshop for Foreign Missionaries in Korea on February 7, 1990. The first anniversary of the Segye Ilbo was February 1, 1990.

In 1987, with President Roh's declaration of greater democracy and freedom, the number of newspapers in Korea doubled. Established newspapers have increased their page numbers to make things difficult for the newcomers. Most new papers don't have the advertising base to keep up with the established papers. Therefore, many new papers are struggling to even keep going in 1990. There are nine national dailies, five in the morning and four in the evening. In my opinion, there is no way that all nine national dailies are going to survive in Korea. These papers will be facing some very hard financial questions in the near future.

Our vision for ourselves, however, is that we will always be a national newspaper. We want to bring Father's point of view into every home in this country on a daily basis. This paper is a powerful tool for True Parents to change this

to work in the interfaith movement here. I was chosen to be the person who came from the United States. I did that for about three years and, in early 1981, that mission developed into a new phase whereby all of us were given new tasks. Around that time I began sending articles into the News World in New York. I remember when my first article was published—it was my beginning in the journalism field. In early 1982 I was sitting in Chungpadong Church after the service when Dr. Bo Hi Pak came up and asked me to become a full-time cor-

Preparation in attendance

I have been here in Korea for over six years, and now feel pretty familiar with Korean society. I can see how Korea has been prepared by God for thousands of years to receive the Messiah. I joined the Church in 1974, making me a 16-year member, and having worked with Koreans who haven't even heard the Principle or accepted True Parents, I can see they are far ahead of me in many aspects of heavenly tradition. The idea of living for others is a part of a Korean's daily

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At the anniversary reception, Pres. C. H. Kwak celebrates with several staff members.

nation into God's country.

On the occasion of the first anniversary of the *Segye Ilbo*, I would like to share with you some of the things I have felt in the past year about our newspaper and our True Parents' providence here in Korea.

I first came to Korea in 1978, at the time when Father chose one representative from six countries to come to Korea

respondent for the *News World*. Later, he asked me to go to Washington, DC and join *The Washington Times*. I worked there for a year as a correspondent to the State Department, until *The Washington Times* assigned me as their Tokyo Bureau Chief. Next I worked with the *Sekai Nippo* for two years. When the *Segye Ilbo* started up, I was asked to come here and be a part of it.

life. The concept of attendance often seems so foreign when we first hear it, but for Korean people it is part of their daily life, for it is the way they treat their parents, their grandparents and their relatives. The word attendance is not peculiar to the Unification Church. Although Satan is working very hard to try to break down this base to receive True Parents in Korea, there is still a very firm foundation here.

Right now we don't have a nation that shows how the national level of God's word should be practiced. After living here for so many years, it is clear to me that God has prepared Korea to show the world how to live heavenly tradition on the national level. It is the only country where this could be done at this point in world history. The problem is that the Korean people must start recognizing and accepting True Parents. Satan has been working hard to prevent them from doing that, but the day is going to come when they will. Just like the Berlin Wall coming down overnight, I expect that someday soon Korea is going to make some major progress in



The February 1, 1990 edition of the Segye Ilbo.

this area.

This newspaper is the very tool bringing that about. It must happen quickly because the foundation that God prepared is beginning to crumble. The drug problem here is getting worse, though nothing when compared to the United States. The family tradition is breaking down with each passing generation, with children less and less accustomed to attending their parents and grandparents.

The "Hermit Kingdom"

We have to work quickly to restore this country. And when it is restored, it will be the internal center of the world. I deeply believe that after living here and getting a sense of what is involved here, Korea's role will be to show the world the heavenly tradition on the national level. When that happens, each country in the world will need to have some connection with Korea. I think every nation has some aspect that will connect it to Korea, forming a heartistic mutual interest. Until now Korea has been a very conservative country. It used to be called the "Hermit Kingdom." (North Korea is still very much a hermit kingdom.) That is why it has been able to survive China, Japan and the Soviet Union invading it so many times and still maintain a state of cultural identity—it was so xenophobic.

That kind of position helped Korea to receive the Messiah, and once the Messiah comes, things will have to reverse themselves. Korea's new responsibility is to prepare to live the heavenly tradition and testify to this tradition

can change. When the leaders change, then the whole country will be affected. So in effect, we are not just trying to create another newspaper, but we are doing a major task in the restoration of Korea. First we have to establish the heavenly tradition here, and then multiply it throughout the world, just as God starts with a central figure and works through that person to restore all individuals.

In addition, the *Segye Ilbo* is not targeting a specific audience in Korea, but trying to communicate with every possible reader. We are different from *The Washington Times*, which started out in a vacuum, with no other conservative paper in town. It was conceived with the very clear idea to be a conservative voice in the capital. Many people could appreciate that need, especially in the Reagan administration. But here we are

throughout the world. To do that, it has to become much more international. It is hard for a country to suddenly stop and go in the opposite direction, but the *Segye Ilbo* will help Koreans do that. Our task begins with the education of the professional journalists, who must change before the leaders

dealing with a situation where there are six existing papers, and four that are starting up. Most people's reaction is, "Why do we need another newspaper?" We are reaching out to the entire nation.

Impact of the Segye Ilbo

As with *The Washington Times*, we have a large professional staff, with all but eight of us not belonging to the Unification Church. So the daily makeup of the paper is basically left up to the professionals that we have hired. Rev. Kwak, President of *Segye Ilbo*, is trying to educate them, but it is not an easy task.

When Rev. Kwak said this newspaper was meant to be the "window on the world" for the Korean people, the professionals who were putting the new paper together, said "Well, he can say what he wants to, but he put us in charge, and we are going to put together the best newspaper that we know how, according to what our experience has taught us. He is an amateur; we will convince him in six months that our way is best." However, after a year, Rev. Kwak delivered a speech to all the editors and reporters, repeating the same thing: "This year, we've got to expand the international news." That was a pretty big shock to them, because they realized Rev. Kwak was more stubborn than they had anticipated. Then they understood perhaps they should start accommodating some of his interests and vision if they wanted to continue to work with him harmoniously.

So, we have reached our first year anniversary. The *Segye Ilbo* anniversary celebration just included our own staff and members, but many political leaders, including President Roh, sent congratulatory potted plants. Our February 1st edition also carried our first exclusive interview with President Roh. We brought together a cross-section of our readership—housewives, students, workers, farmers—to meet with the President for about 40 minutes to ask questions.

One other significant development is that the *Segye Ilbo* has definitely been able to overcome the misconception by the Korean public of being a "Moonie" paper. Koreans now understand us to be a bonafide, substantial paper. People are also impressed when they meet our Western and Japanese members distributing the paper—they are moved by their sincerity, politeness and precision. This helps to support our claim to being a "window to the world." □



Tim Elder translating for Segye Ilbo senior officer Mr. Chun Kyun Kim.

The ISUM in Czechoslovakia

In this section, we present three testimonies from the recent ISUM (Introductory Seminar to the Unification Movement) Conference and following lecture tour in Czechoslovakia, and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak's speech to the participants. The ISUM in Prague was sponsored by ACUMI (Advisory Council to the Unification Movement International)—a joint project of ICF and IRF.

We are especially pleased to present the testimony of the Czechoslovakian national leader, given for the first time to Foreign Missionaries during the 7-day workshop held in Korea, February 4-10, 1990.

Dr. Thomas Walsh:

Director of the International Religious Foundation

Our most recent ISUM was held from February 22-26 in Prague, Czechoslovakia. Prague is a beautiful city with a rich cultural heritage, similar to Budapest or Vienna. These three cities were the three capitals of the former Austrian-Hungarian Empire. The communists usually do little building or developing when they take over a city, but they did build one thing here, and that was the beautiful hotel that hosted the ISUM. But it was for the exclusive use of Party members until recently.

We were the first group to use that facility since the opening up of Czechoslovakia. About 150 participants came from all the East European countries—Poland, East Germany, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Yugoslavia, Romania, Bulgaria, Albania and the Soviet Union. Dr. Frederick Sontag was the moderator and our members gave the Divine Principle lectures. There were professor respondents after the lectures, and questions and answers from the floor. Dr. Rubenstein spoke on "The Vision of



Professor Richard Rubenstein presenting his talk, "Vision of Rev. Moon and the Role of Professors in the World Today."

Rev. Moon and the Role of Professors," which was much appreciated by the participants. Mr. Neil Salonen gave an overview of the activities of the Unification Movement, and Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak gave the closing address about Father's life.

It was exciting to be in Eastern Europe as it is opening up. It is a kind of a honeymoon time, though, because after the excitement of a revolution things like inflation, jobs and other difficulties must be dealt with. Nonetheless, there is enthusiasm, excitement and universal rejection of the communism, Stalinism and Leninism that the country was subjected to for 40 years.

The most exciting thing was to meet our members there. I met brothers and sisters who were 10 and 20-year members. Many of them have spent time in prison for witnessing to True Parents. These are members who have been on the front line, with very little support. Some of the original missionaries, before go-

ing to Czechoslovakia, told their families that they had left the Unification Church, so they would not be traced. They had to operate totally underground, not even being able to share about their beliefs to their intimate family. I was very inspired and moved by their sacrifices.

There were many Austrian members there. They initially went to this country when Peter Koch, the former Austrian national leader, received a strong inspiration in the late sixties to send members to work in East European countries.

Rev. Kwak gave a morning talk to members after pledge and spoke about Father's prediction of the end of communism, which was proclaimed at the 1985 PWPA conference, even though everyone advised him strongly against it. Now people recognize Father's special perception of the future.

I want to explain why the ISUM in Eastern Europe is so significant. Rev. Kwak explained that Abel has a great responsibility. Jacob won Esau through offering a combination of material wealth and love. The most important,



Hotel Praha, formerly the exclusive domain of the communist Party. The ISUM was the first private conference to be held there.

however, was the internal condition of heart. The Western world is now giving to the East, but without heart, love or truth. People are going there opportunistically. Father is giving all he can, with members even borrowing money, to give to the Cain world—China, Eastern Europe and the Soviet Union. If Abel fails he will be killed by Cain. The Abel world should give unconditionally to the Cain world with a heart of love. The unity of Cain and Abel is the condition for the Messiah to come.

Father is investing everything in this effort. So even if we are personally sacrificing because of reallocation of resources to Eastern Europe, we must realize that Father is working within a much larger context.

Mr. Salonen gave a fine talk to the professors, using the parable of the loaves and the fishes. In John 6:1-13, it says that Jesus converted five loaves and two fishes into enough to feed the multitude. The analysis that Mr. Salonen gives is that the little boy who came to Jesus and gave everything he had was the catalyst to ignite the heart of giving in everyone else. People had food in their clothing for the trek back home, but they also began to give and a great multiplication occurred. He related that to Father, who is now investing in the communist countries. This is not for material gain, but to save the world. We don't have the resources of Western governments or huge corporations, so Father is like the little boy in the parable who is giving absolutely at this time to be a catalyst to inspire Western countries to give to countries emerging from under communism.

Dr. Gordon Anderson:

Secretary General of the International Cultural Foundation

The ISUM in Prague was similar to that in Warsaw, except that we had twice as many participants. PWPA in Czechoslovakia was legalized 10 days before the conference so they acted as the official hosts for this ISUM. We first met the President and Vice President of PWPA Czechoslovakia through the PWPA meeting in Hungary last October, so things have been moving very quickly in regards to establishing PWPA.

I feel the Warsaw, Prague, and upcoming ISUM in Romania, April 4-8, are a spiritual condition for the success and protection of the World Media Confer-

ence in Moscow. It is more unstable in Romania. Party members are still running the country, because Ceausescu did not provide an education or skills training for anyone who wasn't a Party member. Either Party members have to change, or they will be kicked out, leaving no one to govern Romania. It is a very delicate situation. We would like to give a new vision to intellectuals and leaders in Romania through the ISUM. We can be a catalyst for furthering positive reforms in that country.

Please pray for our members and projects in Eastern Europe. We must reach people in these countries before others with self-interests do. Please pray especially for the World Media Conference. On the foundation of the unity of the Cain and Abel countries, the worldwide foundation for the Messiah to come is established; this is the significance of the Moscow rally.

Dr. Andrew Wilson:

Adjunct Assistant Professor of Biblical Studies at UTS

I stayed on in Czechoslovakia for another four days after the ISUM, and was the main speaker of a lecture tour.

At this time we have a tremendous opportunity to give a message to these thirsty people. I have never seen a situation where there was more openness to the Principle than during this lecture tour. Think about how hard it is to bring people to a lecture in New York. Then think that to prepare for the speech at Charles University in Prague, there were only two members in Prague putting up some posters and an announcement in a local newspaper, and 50 people attended.

The title of my speech was "How to Unify the World." Most people were genuinely interested. Although some people weren't interested in the religious point of view and left in the middle, those who stayed were fascinated and didn't want to leave at the end of the speech. They all filled out their names and addresses, so they are a group who can be recontacted for future seminars by the Czech family. I spoke at Charles University in the philosophy auditorium where Marxism was taught. It is very symbolic that we are using all these facilities that were formerly dedicated to Marxism. Likewise, Rev. Kwak's speech to ISUM professors was on the anniversary of the communist revolu-

tion in Czechoslovakia in 1948.

We travelled by car from Prague to Brno, which is the third largest city in Czechoslovakia. There we have a much larger foundation, and I was the guest of a Czech member who is a lecturer at one of the colleges there. He is a close friend of the leader of the student move-



Statue of King Wenceslas in Wenceslas Square, where rallies were held for Czechoslovakia's independence.

ment there. The students were the first ones out in the streets. Our members in Czechoslovakia had no hesitation, when the revolution started, in putting themselves right out on the front line. In the first days nobody was sure if the protests would be successful or not; it was risky to be out on the streets. Our members were doing many conditions at the time. The Brno family did a condition of circling the city seven times in order to try to keep things peaceful. And the events of those days were indeed incredibly non-violent.

The spirit of the Czechs is very highly developed, perhaps because of their intellectual heritage. They were spontaneously non-violent in their revolution. They didn't have to be coached or trained to be non-violent. Even though some of these students were badly beaten, they never struck back. They understood that they won the spiritual victory over the police because of their attitude. So in my speech, when I explained about Cain and Abel and loving the former communists, they could understand.

In Brno, 150 people attended the

lecture, given at the university auditorium. I spoke for about two hours, and at the end of the lecture I received a two minute ovation! The Principle is so great, and people are so thirsty for truth there. We had dinner with the student leader friend of our member, and then met the next morning with the deans and subdeans of his faculty to talk about our member's idea for a new department of culture and religion. The

student leader completely supports this idea. It used to be a requirement that all students study a certain number of courses of Marxist-Leninist doctrine, but that department has now been deleted. Administrators and professors are looking for what to put in its place.

We went down to Bratislava the next day, and this time we were at a hall on the outskirts of town. Still 100 people came. It was also a great success. The

last day, we travelled up to a small town in the north called Opava. Another one of our members, Rostilav Cuhel, is a close friend of a professor who lives there who attended the ISUM in Prague. This professor is in charge of a committee which is organizing a new university in this city of Opava, and he organized my speech, because we had no members there. On the day I spoke, several Ministry of Education officials came to meet with this organizing committee. They all

came to my speech and sat in the front row.

The speech went very well—we had headphones for simultaneous translation. Two hundred people attended. This time it was mostly older people, whereas in the other cities it was mostly students. I spoke for about one and a half hours, and there was a half hour of questions and answers afterwards. People were sincerely interested and asked good questions. On that foundation, the officials from the capital were quite impressed, and one of them said by the response to my speech he saw there was a hunger in this area for a university. So we were able to support this professor's project and he was very pleased.

It was a exciting tour, and if any of you have roots in Eastern Europe, please connect your foundation of family and friends to the church members and the new providence that is developing there. I am very grateful that I could go and I can only praise God for opening up the people in this part of the world in such a wonderful way. □



Rev. C. H. Kwak meets with representative professors from each of the participating countries.

“The Heart of Czechoslovakia”

Testimony by Anton Uhnak

I wish to give the heart of Czechoslovakia to you, my brothers and sisters. This is my first opportunity to speak to the world, because you are representatives of the world. Through this testimony I hope you can understand how God has been working in the East European countries.

As True Father begins with Adam and Eve, I will start with my birth. I was born in a small village in Czechoslovakia. My mother said that it took three days for my birth, during which I almost died. I was about 12 or 13 when I first felt Jesus. From this time I desired to go to a Catholic seminary. It was very difficult to obtain Bibles in our country. But for me it was necessary to read the Bible. Therefore after every Sunday service, I bought the Catholic newspaper, which printed part of the Bible each week. At home I would type in this part, so that in two or three years I was able to prepare a small Bible. When I was 15, the desire to attend the seminary became so strong that I promised

God I would go.

Then I encountered a big dilemma: the Bible said the Heavenly Kingdom will be in the afterlife, whereas communism promised that Kingdom on the earth. By the time I was sixteen, I had already studied 32 books by Lenin in school. I wondered, should I follow God or Lenin? I didn't go to the seminary, but instead I studied at the technical university. There, I joined many groups with different views. My desire to work with God continued to be very strong, but I also participated in groups that substantially served people.

My introduction to the Principle

In response to a nationalist awakening in Czechoslovakia, the Soviets executed a lightning invasion and occupation in 1968. I was then a member of the National Youth Committee, and it was then I began to understand that communism is wrong. In 1970, a friend of mine told me that Jesus was meant to marry. That was new to me. But I thought im-

mediately that it was possible. Then this girl gave me the first chapter of Divine Principle. I read it and felt, “This is true.” It said God is working to build a new world culture. She gave me the chapters one by one, because we witnessed very carefully at that time in Czechoslovakia.

I was very happy to learn this is the time of the Messiah, because my desire was not only go to a theological seminary, but to work with Jesus. I had often wished to have lived with him two thousand years ago, travelled with him and listened to his sermons. I was so excited to be living at the time when the Messiah is here.

Missionaries came into Czechoslovakia in October 1968. I joined in 1970. My physical father died on October 23, 1968. On October 23, 1969, I had a big car accident. Afterwards, I felt that my father in spirit world was trying to tell me I was going in the wrong direction spiritually and needed to change my life. The following year I joined the Church, and on

October 23, 1970, one brother showed me a picture of True Father for the first time. Every year on that same day something significant happened in my life.

I worked very hard, because I felt our mission was very important to Heavenly Father. My deepest desire was to have an ideal family. In October of the next year, I met a Blessed family from Italy. We were able to make our first Holy Ground in Bratislava.

Before our first Holy Ground could be blessed, Satan worked very hard against our group. We had one spiritually open member. She had experienced many dreams about our Czechoslovakian mission, and wanted to speak to our group. I said to her, "Okay, please speak and we will listen." She came to my apartment. In the beginning many spirit beings came to her, but after 15

like?" It was as if an atomic bomb exploded: she fell on the floor and everything ended. I later understood that some evil spiritual beings didn't want the Holy Ground to be blessed. They wanted us to separate from Germany because historically, Czechoslovakia had separated from Germany several times. We remained connected to Germany, however, and could have our first Holy Ground blessed.

Persecution starts

Our desire to build the Heavenly Kingdom was so strong that in the next four or five years we opened 25 centers in Czechoslovakia. During this time, we were even able to send missionaries to other East European nations for a short while. Many young people left their schools and families to join. Parents

contacted the police, complaining their children left their family and schools to follow a "Messiah" from Korea. In August of 1973, persecution started. Police took many of our members to the Bratislava police station for questioning. During the next six months, we were interrogated about the Church. After 10 months there was a big trial, during which 23 Unification Church members received prison

sentences from one year to four years and four months. The leader, a woman, received four years and four months. Another brother received four years and two months. I received three years and eight months. They took everything from us—our car, tape recorder, tapes and books.

Prison life was not too bad, because there was only psychological not physical torture. During our time there we helped other people in the prison, especially Catholic priests and Jehovah Witnesses. That was one good thing about prison. But I remember one experience prior to the trial. I was very happy in one sense to be in prison, because that is a cross from God, and everybody must receive a cross to overcome. I was prepared to openly witness about True Parents; during the trial, too. But one day, I

got a message through prayer, "You must deny True Parents." I felt I could not do that, so again I prayed, "Heavenly Father, is this the truth or not? I cannot deny True Parents. I am willing to die for them." Maybe you remember the story of when Father was in prison, told by President Won Pil Kim in his small book, *Father's Course and Our Life of Faith*. Father told the leader of one spiritual group who was imprisoned with Father that she must deny Jesus. At that time I prayed, I didn't know about Father's life, but followed this message. I felt it was confirmed later, for while we were in prison we tried to support one another by yelling to each other across the yard, "Hello, John, Hello Vedka." It seemed very good for everybody, but the guards felt we were disrupting the prison order, and one day when I called to somebody, the guards put me in solitary confinement for seven days.

Witnessing in my home town

During this time of persecution and prison many members left our church, but 11 members stayed. After prison I went to my home village and prayed to God, "What can I do now?" Open witnessing was not possible. And God said, "You must serve—try to serve people." But how? In our village there was a post office which was begun but never finished. In a communist country, workers often start to build something, but then are called to work in another area. This building had stood uncompleted for two years. God told me, "Please help, and finish this post office." I went to the village and asked many young and old people, "Please can you help me?" Many people responded and in three or four months we had finished this office building. The village people were inspired and said, "You became very good after prison."

That was physical work, but then God asked me to please help other people. Our village had a population of 8,000 people, but the youth committee membership was only about 15 people. I prayed, "What can I do now?" And God said, "Please work with the Youth Club." So I did, and I renamed it the Cosmos Club. I created 12 new sections—music, film, theater—and in two months we had about 150 members. That was also very good for this village. One boy told me, "Anton, you are our messiah." I felt God's blessing on my efforts, because I was not able to witness openly, by mentioning the messiah or



In Wencelas Square, a memorial to citizens martyred for the cause of freedom is visited constantly.

minutes Jesus came. He said, "You are a chosen nation, but you must separate from Germany." At that time we were receiving our guidance from Germany. In the next 30 minutes, many things were said about starting a 40-day fast, about Mother Mary helping us, and so on. But because this spirit asked us to separate from Germany, I felt the words were unprincipled. Then True Father came in spirit, speaking the same way about separation. I remembered that Father said to test spiritual beings. It was now True Father who was speaking, and I felt embarrassed to test him. But because the words were not so good, I thought I would ask him three questions: "How many couples are now blessed?" This sister replied, "If you test me, I will leave." I gave the next question, "What does the Blessing ring look

our movement.

Also during this time in my village, Satan tried to attack me by sending three big temptations. I knew many members had left the Church because Satan offered them another husband or wife, and they married. He tried to tempt me in this way also, but I overcame and all ended well.

My work in my home village was a good foundation for the next step. I returned to Bratislava, and started to work at a port on the River Danube. I worked very hard in a metal works factory. During this time I always recalled Father's words, that you must win victory from the position of persecution. One year after working at the port, my regional director called and said he would like me to work as the leader of that factory. I worked for another two years in that position, then that same director promoted me to the higher function of a director. In two more years, I was the Safety Director at our central office. That was very interesting, because I had been imprisoned by a communist country and was now in one of the highest positions in that country. I believe it was because I always tried to read and follow Father's words.

Overthrow of communism

In 1982, the Czechoslovakian family got a great gift from God—the Blessing ceremony. True Parents blessed seven couples by photo—three were Czechoslovakian couples and four were international couples, with two spouses from Japan and two from Austria.

After prison it was a big problem to witness openly, so we were looking for

other ways. We had very good friends to whom we wrote letters. We also worked with several resistance groups and prayed for unity, because there was competition among these groups. Our prayer conditions and this work brought a big victory last year in Budapest.

Before I explain what happened in Budapest, I want to tell you about our 21-year mission in Czechoslovakia. Missionaries first came in 1968. I joined in

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1970, when I was 27 years old. Of my first seven years in the church, the first three were witnessing and the next four were in prison. From 1977-1981, I lived in my home village and worked at the port, moving to higher and higher positions. In 1982, I received the Blessing and started my family level. I knew that after 21 years, something must change in our country's situation. In 1988, communist leaders prepared a big celebration for the anniversary of 40 years of communism in Czechoslovakia. On October 22, 1988, we met with Rev. Kwak in Budapest for the first time. On October 23, the same date as my father died, I had the accident and saw the picture of True Father, I became the Czechoslovakian national leader. So I began to work on the national level.

Soon after this, we held two-day workshops for second selves and chosen ones. Next we started a 21-day prayer condition with street lecturing.

These 21 days were repentance and indemnity for the 21 years of the mission in our country. In the third week of this prayer condition, the revolution in Prague began on the 17th of November. During these 21 days, the communist government was overturned. That time of resistance and unity was so important to us and Heavenly Father. This unity brought a great victory for God, for the revolution was incredibly peaceful.

We continued with another 21-day prayer condition until the end of the year. During this prayer condition, we witnessed to professors and priests through a CAUSA project, and on December 27-28 held a CARP conference where we elected a new CARP president. Since then

we have done a 40-day and 7-day prayer condition, both of which have been good for all of our Czechoslovakian members. On January 17, we created the Czechoslovakian Association, which will develop cultural connections with South Korea.

Now that communism has failed in Czechoslovakia and all East European countries, I believe God has a plan for the destiny of this area, but the responsibility lies with us to fulfill what God wants to do. I am sorry that no one from Czechoslovakia could meet True Parents for the past 21 years. Now, on Father's seventieth birthday celebration, we are able to come and to meet our True Parents. I was so blessed that I could shake hands with Father. These are such good feelings, for which I would like to give my thanks representing the 15 million people in Czechoslovakia. □

Speech to the ISUM Participants

Teaching through His Example

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

On behalf of Rev. and Mrs. Moon I wish to thank each of you for your participation in this conference. I hope that you have been stimulated and enlightened.

This evening I would like to share with you some information about the Unification Church lifestyle, based on my own personal experience. I have followed Rev. Moon for 32 years. When I

joined the Unification Church I was a third year law student. Since that time, I have been fortunate to stay close to Rev. Moon. I lived with Rev. Moon many years and on many occasions shared the

same meal table with him and his family. So I understand him not only by his official teachings and principle but through my personal relationship with him.

Usually Rev. Moon shares with disciples or close leaders every day at a breakfast meeting—sometimes 5 or 6, sometimes 10 or more. Generally, he never shares his mealtimes with only his family. Until 1980, he always had guests or disciples at meals, not his children. According to his principles and understanding of God's heart, God first loved the Cain figure and later the Abel figure. So his first love throughout his life has been his disciples. So we who have leader positions in the Unification Church have always felt sorry for his children, because we had a close relationship with Rev. Moon in their place.

Reverend Moon's vision

From my own impression and experience, I am amazed by Rev. Moon's broad vision and his teachings centering on God's principles and also by his teaching philosophy. No matter how lofty or how incredible his vision, his ideas can always be seen in their ongoing progress. Rev. Moon is not only a teacher, but has always guided us directly by practicing his ideas in their entirety. He has already started so many programs and activities in his own lifetime. No matter how difficult or serious it might be, if he thinks something is God's ideal or God's Will, then he wants to realize it immediately.

Another side of my own experience: God and spirit world have amazingly supported and assisted him. As early followers, we never doubted the existence of spiritual world and how closely God works with Rev. Moon. We literally had no reason to question this kind of thing because in his sermon, his worship and his daily schedule, we plainly saw how spiritual world and God closely worked with his activities. I'm not sure whether you distinguished scholars have already had this kind of experience. How I can explain? Please understand that spiritual world exists. The world of existence is not the physical world alone.

For example, he started the Unification Movement by himself. He was the only person. Can you imagine how he organized and gathered his followers? One by one or door to door? Through visiting or street witnessing? No. Most of the earlier followers in the 1950s in Korea joined the Unification Church not by his direct witnessing, but through

feeling a spiritual power. Please remember that the country of Korea at that time was really a miserable place. During the Korean War, there was no food; everybody suffered. Rev. Moon himself was in a miserable refugee position. He had no house and even his external dress was that of a beggar. Given that kind of situation, how could people follow? Once again, without spiritual world assistance, we early members could not have believed him. There was tremendous persecution. Thus, to follow

experience with God and Jesus Christ, Rev. Moon explained Jesus' heart, his motivation, how Jesus taught his disciples and Israel, and what was Jesus' purpose.

Rev. Moon advocated his living principles to all of his followers in the early time through three main points.

First, in order to take full advantage of the clock every day, he trained us to get along with less sleep. He never ordered us, but stayed with us every evening and taught us, usually until 2 a.m.



Professor Sontag and Rev. Kwak speak to East European Unification Church members after Pledge service on Sunday, February 25, 1990.

the way of the Unification Movement was very difficult. Yet with such serious conditions, we still joined and followed him, making our daily schedules with excitement. Many people viewed us as crazy and we had a very bad image. Although we could not explain it to others, every one of the early members had strong internal convictions based on plenty of evidence.

Heart of God and Jesus

Rev. Moon's teachings, sermons and prayers were so deep. For the first 15 years of his church leadership, the main theme of every Sunday sermon concerned the heart of Jesus Christ or the Heart of God. He explained and interpreted the Bible's content, and his sermons were very profound and incredible. Crying, he explained God's Heart and Jesus Christ's unknown heart. Please research the Bible. Actually Jesus' 33-year lifetime was very short, especially when you consider that he had only three years of public ministry. According to his spiritual communication and

We almost never slept before 1 a.m., sometimes even 3 a.m., and always our daily schedule began with early morning prayer meetings. It was very hard for me and other followers as well, who were so sleepy.

Teaching a heavenly lifestyle

Once, Reverend Moon told church leaders that when he received his revelation from God and Jesus Christ at the age of 16 of his special mission, he was deeply concerned about how he could fulfill it in view of the limitations of his physical life. He could not ask God to extend his physical life, but time was too short for the achievement of this mission.

Through his meditation and prayer he came to the conclusion that he must reduce his sleeping and relaxation time. He felt he had to concentrate all his waking hours on the fulfillment of God's Will. He never asked or discussed this with any other person. He just determined before he was 20 years old, that he would reduce his daily sleep time to less than three hours. From then

on, his average sleeping time every day is less than three hours. So he taught us that God expected righteous people to do an amazing mission and concentrate their whole life on fulfilling this mission.

He also trained us by teaching every evening. Sometimes he asked for testimonies, sometimes he asked about some special spiritual experience, sometimes he lectured or read Principle. He covered different topics every night. So it was really tough training. But I must confess to you, even though we received his training directly, our standard is still far below his standard.

Secondly, he taught us to control our physical appetite for food, so we had many fasting conditions; some were for 7 days or more. Worldwide Unification members generally have had the experience of 7-day fasting. He taught us that the way of the righteous person or believer is not an easy way. There are many challenges or temptations. According to his teaching, our fundamental desires or temptations are related to the material realm and personal desire. We have to learn how to overcome this material temptation. Food temptation is the minimum temptation; if we can control and overcome that temptation, then we can contain our own material temptation more easily. I never fasted even one meal before joining the church. But according to his guidance we tried, and we did it. For me fasting is much easier than sleeping less. Many times I fasted 7 days or 10 days with my longest fast being 21 days. Our fasting is not the kind where there is only resting. We continue to live the same schedule. When we are leading the church and guiding members, fasting is not an easy condition. But this is a very good experience.

Controlling sexual desire

Thirdly, he trained us to take control of our physical or sexual desires as a key to overcoming the fallen natures. As you heard in the Fall of Man lecture, our interpretation of the Bible is that original sin is related to false sexual relations. Before joining the church, younger Unification Church members had different kinds of lifestyles. However, once they join the Unification Church and fully understand the Fall of Man, then they must never repeat those false sexual relationships. This is the most important living principle for Unification Church members—how to control sexual desires.

In other words, Heavenly Father doesn't like false relationships. Accord-

ing to Principle, God gave man and woman the freedom of sexual relationship. This is a different stage from the animals. Heavenly Father gave a lot of freedom to mankind which automatically infers that man has his own responsibility to maintain sexual relationships. True freedom has to relate with responsibility. So God gave us the feeling of love so we would maintain and exactly follow His order of love.

No matter how difficult or serious it might be, if Rev. Moon thinks something is God's ideal or God's Will, then he wants to realize it immediately.

Because of this principle, Unification Church members clearly understand that the most important love is vertical love. It is like the parent-child relationship—a very precious relationship. The representative of the horizontal love relationship is the husband-wife love relationship. There's only one relationship in front of God. Centering on this one pure spouse relationship, we have our own next generation. We believe this to be God's original purpose and tradition. So in the Unification Church, the younger generation has a very pure moral standard. This means we want to be married under God's blessing, not by our own motivation. Originally God wanted to bless Adam and Eve in an eternal spouse relationship. We never say "marriage" in Unification Church terminology; instead, we use the word "Blessing". So in the Unification Church, the meaning of Blessing is God-centered marriage. All of the Unification Church younger generation want to be married in a Blessing conducted by Rev. Moon. But Rev. Moon has a busy schedule; even if he blessed one couple every day, that would only be 365 couples per year. So we arrange a Blessing ceremony once every few years. Automatically this means it will be a mass marriage.

Other people spread rumors that the Unification Church only likes mass marriages. But our Unification Church members have a completely different concept. It doesn't matter if it is 36 couples or 8000 couples—all candidates have the conviction in front of God that they are individually receiving God's Blessing. Of course if Unification Church members don't want this kind of Blessing, who can order them? It is impossible. A parent cannot urge his children

into marriage. In the Unification Church it is according to their own decision. If they want marriage with a person not under Rev. Moon's Blessing, they can do that. But if they want to receive Reverend Moon's prayer and church celebration, there is a condition. The most important condition before marriage is for them to first vow to God that if they receive this Blessing they will never divorce, not only in the physical world,

but also in the eternal spiritual world.

I myself received this Blessing according to Rev. Moon's matching and his prayer. I started my family and am so proud. My family tradition is really thanks to Rev. Moon. Because of my mission, I do not always stay at home but do a lot of itinerary work. While visiting many places, I am not always with my wife. Sometimes I am away weeks even months. My record is five years separation. But my wife never doubted me or my personal life, and I never doubted my wife. Also I have six children who are now in the United States. They saw their parents' lifestyle. As you know the surrounding conditions are not easy for young kids in present societies. But I am so proud that of my six children, four are already blessed, following their own parents' tradition. All of them have a pure and high moral standard in front of God. It is our Unification Church family tradition and a very, very serious commitment.

There are many levels among Unification Church leaders. What happens if some fail to keep this high moral standard? Unfortunately, because of the environment of some members, they have failed in a few cases. Of course, compared with normal outside societies, the percentage is very low. If leaders make a mistake, they can never again expect to hold a high position. It is this serious because it relates to original sin and is the most important fundamental condition for individual character. Our commitment is not because of someone checking, but because of the living God. Understanding God's Principle is the reason we are so strongly committed on this point.

According to Rev. Moon's idea, the

future world is one world under God, one family tradition, far beyond skin color, nationality or cultural tradition. So in the Unification Church Blessing, there are many cases of international or interracial marriage, according to the decision of the individual.

Use of money

Maybe you wonder about the financial situation of the Unification Church. In the beginning, we lived from donations. When we had donations, we shared. When there was no donation we fasted. So those in the church who were concerned about this situation advised and asked Rev. Moon to start some business to provide the financial foundation for the movement. But in the early times he always said no. It is his belief that God created all things for all mankind. If man achieves a certain level of personality, then naturally, all things will follow such a godly man. This is his belief. If man who has not yet reached this level seeks material things or money it is against God's natural law.

The present worldwide financial foundation of the Unification Movement is the result of only 17 or 18 years. Rev. Moon always stressed, and we totally believe, that the present Unification Church financial foundation is a result of God's blessing, not our own effort. He always emphasizes that the goal for any business is to spend the profit for God's will. He teaches all church members who are businessmen that if they spend the money for God's purpose then God's blessings will continue. So no matter how small or how big our budget, Rev. Moon has always taught us to divide it one, three, ten. One unit is for the maintenance of the Unification Church. Three times that unit is spent for interdenominational and interreligious activities. And ten times that unit is spent for social projects.

Generally there are many rumors about Rev. Moon around the world. Many people think that he is tremendously right-wing, anti-communist, a businessman, or a politician. They give him many kinds of titles. But in my 32 years of association with him, his main mission is to serve and attend God. No matter what the circumstances may be, he is committed to God's Will. There is no night or day where God's desire or God's Will is exempted. God has an ideal for all mankind and an original vision of the earth which we must fulfill. This is God's Will. This is a very impor-

tant point.

Many churches and believers pray to God centering on their own desires, with their own agony or their own purpose as the main content of their prayer. But please listen carefully to the content of Unification Church prayers. Because we received and learned Rev. Moon's tradition and his teaching, we never ask God anything centering on our own difficulty or for our own benefit. We would be so ashamed. Our original mind so clearly teaches us that in front of God, our all-loving Parent, we must first confess that our dedication is not enough, that we have not yet fulfilled our responsibilities. For this reason, we cannot ask, "Oh God, protect me. Oh, God, take care of my children. Oh God, bless me or my family." We never pray like this. Our prayer is always in Rev. Moon's tradition of focusing on God's Will, God's purpose and God's expectation. We pray to understand our mission and to determine what our responsibility is in order to fulfill the Will of God. This is Unification Church tradition.

Rev. Moon has taught us that God does not have a narrow mind and that His love is broad. People often have conflicts with each other which create many kinds of separations and divisions. But God's love always unites and brings people together.

Please look carefully at Unification Church members: we are not at the perfection stage and are far below Rev.

Moon's standard, but humbly I mention to you that Unification Church members never have a narrow mind. To Unification Church members, there are no differences among people. Therefore, we can accept and communicate with anyone. There are no racial, national, historical, traditional, cultural or economic barriers. At the minimum, you can find this. Second, even though Unification Church members have their own concerns or projects, minimally, we try to serve and love someone daily. We always try to do something for others, although we may not be perfect.

Unification Church members' average age is younger than in most other churches. Rev. Moon's teaching is something which is effective in influencing young men and women. If religion has no power to influence the younger generation, then where will we find religion's role in the future?

Really study the Unification Movement and if you find something different, useful or meaningful, please support and guide us. We need your assistance and young Unification Church members need your guidance. In closing, I would like to ask that if you have had a meaningful experience at this conference, please invite other professors or leaders to come to our next conference. On behalf of Rev. and Mrs. Moon I thank you and may God bless you. □

Performing Arts In Korea

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distant, the near ones replaced by apartments and stores and paved roads. We rehearsed this time in the plush carpeted Little Angels' Performing Arts Center (which had barely begun construction 15 years ago), still for 10 to 12 hours, but on comfortable chairs and with a virtually limitless supply of McCol and Ginseng to keep our voices well-lubricated. Fifteen years ago I was 23 years old and that also is sometimes amazing to think about.

Some things are the same. Same is the feeling of coming home, whether across the mud roads to a sleeping bag or across the pavement to a hot shower and a firm mattress. Same is the overwhelming generosity which the country of True Parents extends to us whether by new socks and killing a cow to cele-

brate the arrival of the First Global Team, or in the gifts of *Hanbôks* (Korean dresses), leather briefcases and boxes of Ginseng tea. Same is the feeling of great blessing whether given \$20 to spend for 3 months or \$300 for 10 days. Same is the Heart of Korea, because not only the New Hope Singers International, but a whole country stands on the eternal foundation of God and True Parents' victory.

We have a lot to do in our respective countries to enter the third millennium on the level with our True Parents, but like St. John the Divine, I saw again the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, not just as a hope, but in the process of fulfillment. And I am persuaded that the eternal foundation is there to spread the Kingdom from the nation of Korea to the one nation of the world. As always, I am continually amazed and grateful to God and our True Parents for all that they have done. □

Through my own life experience
I have come to know that human
progress can come about only when
God is cherished, and love is given the
highest value. True world peace cannot
be achieved without a clear value
system shared by all. When values are
clarified, humankind will no longer
be in darkness. Godism allows each
individual to clearly see the meaning
and value of his life. This is the
ultimate solution to world suffering.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
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