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**Children's Day Speech
Historical Testimony of Dr. Bo Hi Pak**



Letter from the Publisher

by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

Important Dispensational Activities in 1990 and 1991

Under the 1990 motto, "Unification of My Country," True Father fulfilled many levels of foundation in 1990.

Although there are many things we do not announce publicly, True Parents achieved a substantial foundation in both South and North Korea.

There were four areas of major significance in 1990, which I will outline chronologically:

I. Father's 70th Birthday on February 1st was different from all other previous birthdays. It was celebrated not only on the Unification Church level, but on national and worldwide levels as well. Because of this dispensational expectation, the Main Ceremony was held not in a church building, but took place in a national level building (Chamsil Olympic stadium). It was an official ceremony open to both church and non-church members. The evening cultural event as well was held in a national-level cultural center. Many Korean professors and political leaders were involved and celebrations were held concurrently in every major city in Korea. Our members, in the position of tribal messiahs, also held celebrations in their small hometown villages. Former worldwide government leaders arrived in Korea to give their congratulations to Father, making this a world-level celebration.

The number 70 is very meaningful, so on this special birthday a memorial book summarizing True Parents' efforts was published, containing 15 volumes, chronicling Father's life: his vision, words, cultural projects, interreligious activities, student activities, and so on.

II. In April 1990 True Parents visited Moscow for the World Media and Summit Conferences. The most important dispensational event there was the meeting between Father and Pres. Gorbachev. Father has always predicted the end of communism. However, Father never just criticized the communists, but made a foundation for their salvation. He laid with his blood, sweat and tears the foundation for them to accept an alternative way. From the dispensational view there is significant meaning to the Soviet regime being in

power since 1917. Centering on satanic thought, the Soviet regime was allowed by God to start Satan's evil regime before God's. The Cain world took shape before Father was born in 1920. The 73 years of Soviet history is related with Father's 70 years of life. The Soviet regime has always influenced Korea, the Adamic nation. There are two major points directly related to the Soviet regime's influence in Korea: one, that Korea is a divided country; and two, the Korean War with North Korea between 1950-1953.

The Soviet decline and the many changes taking place there are internally connected to Heavenly Father and True Parents' substantial and worldwide victorious condition. Even though Father is leading the Abel world, he is always concerned about the Cain world people because his position is the True Parents' position. So, in April Father went to Moscow not as an Abel figure to conflict with Cain, but he went in the Parent's position to embrace them for their own sakes both physically and spiritually. When Father met Pres. Gorbachev and other government leaders, he never asked them for anything but he gave them guidance and supported them with his parental heart. Now Father is supporting an economic foundation for the Soviet Union, and an international leadership conference for Soviet students. Father has planned for 3,000 top students to attend these seminars as the first phase of this project. This is such a miraculous event, because in the vacuum of the collapse of communist ideology, the new generation of Soviet young people had no hope. The Divine Principle and Unification Thought are providing new hope as an alternative ideology.

On this foundation, Father initiated the International Federation for World Peace (IFWP). God's providence is to create a harmonious, peaceful world; therefore, God is urging mankind to fulfill its portion of responsibility by helping this organization achieve lasting world peace.

In addition, there have been spectacular revolutionary changes in the Soviet Union and

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True Parents lovingly greet their new grandchild Shin Sun Nim, daughter of In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim

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Children's Day 1990

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To become children of God we have to first separate from Satan. The family is the factory of God's children. In families centered on the true love of God, the people of God will be produced.

If Adam and Eve had not fallen the world of God would have started right then. God's desire is to see true sons, true daughters, and true grandchildren. Because of the fall, the true blood lineage could not be established; rather, a false love, false life and false blood lineage were multiplied. Since man was not born from a true lineage, his purpose of life became unclear. God's original purpose was to establish a true and certain direction for man's life. Instead, body and mind were turned upside down. Now, centered on the True Family, the true way of life can begin. The era of struggle is now over on all levels.

Democracy should have given clear direction to mankind, but instead it became a stage for all kinds of social evils. The political ideologies of both the democratic and communist worlds have proved empty and unfit to solve the world's problems. Communists' intentions have been to overthrow democracy and to establish their own utopia, but now they have completely given up this dream. On the family, national and worldwide levels there is no alternative to these two failed ideologies. The time when people could say "Believe in me, follow me" is over. None of the major religions can give convincing answers to the world's problems. Christianity believes Christ is the bridegroom for which the bride has to prepare herself, but how to concretely prepare is not clear.

The savior of mankind must solve the confusion in the spheres of love, life and blood lineage. The devil is the enemy of the love of God. Through adulteration of the blood lineage of God, Satan received his power. All men alive today suffer from the adulterated love inherited from God's enemy. Man's determination to escape from this adulterated lineage is what salvation is!

SEPARATE FROM SATAN

Why do people come to the Unification Church? You are not getting the Kingdom of God handed to you; you are only taught how to make it yourself. In order to receive salvation, struggle must occur from the individual level up to the worldwide level in order to separate oneself from Satan's adulterated lineage. The outcome of this struggle is determined by



True Parents blow out the candles on the Children's Day cake at Chôngpadong Church.

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what one loves. If you love yourself, your family or your nation more than any higher level then you are stuck on that level.

One cannot fight the world of evil by loving evil. Therefore Jesus said, "He who wants to live will die, he who is willing to die will live." When we fight Satan it is a life or death struggle. If we enter the struggle intending to live we die; but if we go into it ready to die, we can live. Jesus said, "He who does not take my cross is not my disciple." Loving is not enough; we must shoulder the cross. There is love in the family but it is egoistic love. Unless we cut from Satan, our love is always adulterated. Therefore a true lineage begins under persecution and suffering. The religion that can take the most persecution and keep going to the end of the world can achieve God's purpose. We must be willing even to shed blood. In the Old Testament the blood of animals was shed symbolizing men's blood. But the early Christians shed their blood under persecution. The religion that can fulfill at the end of history is the one that can take the most persecution—even from God. Adam and Eve kicked God, so to restore this, religion has to be kicked by God before it can succeed.

When God's family is chosen, who will give the test questions to mankind? God or Satan? Look at the example of a school. If it wants to be the best should that school's president or the rival school's president decide the exam questions? It should be the rival school's president, as he will set the most difficult ones. Then the top students can be determined. By this principle Satan must set the questions. If one person can answer the questions then he must also be able to take responsibility for the answers. If he can do that he can lead the world.

Who are religions' founders? Christianity's founder is Jesus, Buddhism was founded by Buddha. Reverend Moon is the founder of the Unification Church. Does Reverend Moon know what he's doing in this area? Genghis Khan united Asia by the sword. I could have united Asia by the word if I had become a political leader.

THE PATH OF PERSECUTION

Who has received the most persecution from all sides? Rev. Moon! I was in prison everywhere. Has anyone received more persecution than me? Why did I do all those things? Because I had nothing else to do? In the United States there have been about 500 court cases against me. Most I won. Has anyone fought more court cases than me?

I'm willing to give my place to anyone who wants it, even for a month. Who will live the kind of life I live? In the spiritual world, they don't recognize thieves. In the history of the Unification Church there are many miracles. The first members came on their own—led by the spirit world. I didn't witness to them.

In order to win the world one has to give up one's own family, nation, and world. Satan is trying on all levels to stop God, especially in the field of family morals. Even homosexual

marriage is now allowed in some countries! This is what Satan likes; he's laughing at the perversion of love. The behavior of young people together in public today is the result of the fall. Adam and Eve should have grown to perfection first before uniting with each other. Adam and Eve were like God's body. What have you done with God's body? Eve gave God's body to Satan. Love is the most precious and the most dangerous thing!

Women have always given me such trouble! They were so crazy about me that it created many rumors about immorality in the Unification Church.

The unity of a couple, the unity of parents and children, or the unity of brothers and sisters, which does Satan hate the most? The unity between brothers and sisters, since this must happen before Parents can be united. The unity of Cain and Abel is most important.

If there is anyone who has never criticized me—raise your hands! Now, even parents and in-laws of members who hated True Father in the beginning have a very different attitude! To receive a son or daughter-in-law through Father's matching is a precious gift. What about you sisters? No matter who I give to you as a husband, will you say, "Father, that's who I have always wanted"?

When God can take your hand and say, "Oh, my beloved son"—isn't it a precious moment? So it's not a bad thing to receive opposition or persecution! If you study in good conditions, you forget the lesson easily; but if the conditions are difficult you will always remember it.

Heaven and hell are not somewhere else. They are all around me, depending on what I do. Why do we celebrate the Holy Days? Because there was no God-centered love, nor True Parents or True Children until now. Money, knowledge or power cannot defeat Satan—only true love!

THE WAY OF UNIFICATION

Why have people come to the Unification Church? Not for power or money but to build a relationship of love with God in whatever you do. The relationship with Satan must be cut. The problem is, can I become the son or daughter of God?

In the spirit world there is a hierarchy of love. One reaches a position based on the standard of love that one represents. If we understand that the most important thing is God's love and develop a vertical relationship with Him, we can go up to Him as if we were in a high speed elevator. In order to achieve this goal one must continually desire, work and live for that: today a little more than yesterday! Japanese leaders do you understand what True Father is saying? European and American leaders, do you understand? No, you don't!

When the time of unification comes, language must first be united. Those who cannot speak Korean can't enter! The time will come when we will have one billion members. What if they all want to have a piece of land in Korea? When I first bought land in Korea I paid 12 won a pyong. People said I was crazy because it was only worth 7 won. Now look

I declare that the spirit world and the physical world are liberated, because I have restored the first son's position. There is now a basis for the entire spiritual world to be subjugated by the True Adam.

at how much it's worth!

Koreans in Japan who had to suffer to learn Japanese were a preparation for the Japanese to learn Korean. You European leaders can't complain about learning Korean when True Father had to learn English at an advanced age. It's easy for you by comparison!

If you want to live, you'll die; if you want to die, you'll live. I went the way of death and bloodshed, but I lived! I'm victorious and I overcame!

What I tell you is not my word, but God's word. If I think "Kim Il Sung has to go," within a few months he'll be in spirit world. I have to be very careful about my thoughts! Korea must prepare for a general election. Kim Il Sung may suggest it, but who will be ready?

History will prove that the foundation laid by my sweat, tears and blood has changed the world. The fall of communism, the changes in the Soviet Union, and the Reagan revolution were all caused by me. I'm establishing a new view of life based on true love. I have completed the foundation for restoration of dominion of the first son, True Parents, and kingship—not with the sword, with knowledge, or with power, but with *love*!

CHILDREN'S DAY DECLARATION

So this 31st Children's Day, I declare that the spirit world and the physical world are liberated, because I have restored the first son's position. There is now a basis for the entire spiritual

world to be subjugated by the True Adam. Also the spiritual world will come to dominate the physical world. The stage for evil, which was the second son's dominion, has now been taken away. Formerly, the spiritual world was working to stop people from coming to the Unification Church. Now all the different religious compartments which ancestors did not want descendants to leave, are broken down. The purpose of all religions is fulfilled with True Parents' coming so they have no more purpose to stop their descendants. From now on, activities that don't exist for the sake of the world will fail.

I'm approaching my eighties. If you march together with me, unification of North and South Korea is no problem. The number of people on earth is limited. There are far more in the spiritual world, and they are all listening to me. They will make the lives of those who oppose me in the future impossible. We have to become people who live for God *now*—later will be too late!

The responsibility of returning my home country as a filial son must be fulfilled now. Our ancestors hoped one of their descendants would become a great man. I must fulfill their expectations. When I am 80, the whole world will respond to God and I.

The world is different now! Today a new tradition centered upon the dominion of Kingship, True Parentship and True Sonship must begin. Imagine how difficult it must have been for True Parents to bring about this day. Don't forget that! Now the time has come when the right order of heaven and

earth has been established. Now is not the time when North Korea will come to the South, but when the South will go to the North. Our people must prepare their hearts to return to their home country and embrace 13 million North Koreans.

The whole world must listen to True Father. The Soviets know that and now, more and more, the United States realizes that. If I want to move something I really can! The Church, Citizens' Federation and V.O.C. must become one centering on the new Board of Trustees consisting of Rev. Young Whi Kim, Mr. Hong and President Kwak.

Those who will be kicked by Heaven 100 times and still be grateful, raise your hands! Restoration of the first son, True Parents and the dominion of Kingship has been completed by True Parents. Now all of the spiritual world will support us! Since all the conditions are set, it's my duty to teach you that and your duty is to march forward with that consciousness. □



True Parents with Shin Won Nim make preparations before attending Children's Day evening entertainment.

The Third Anniversary of **The Foundation Day for The Nation of The Unified World**

REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
CHÔNGPADONG CHURCH
OCTOBER 3, 1990

Today is Chusok (Thanksgiving Day) in Korea, a day of gratitude for our ancestors. Also it is the third anniversary of the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World.

In the same way as man is born and then gets older, history also flows and gets old. I, an ordinary man, was born in an ordinary family. Yet today I am the founder of the Unification Church and have become a person opposed by the world. Even in my own country I am called bad names and treated as an unworthy representative.

When I think over the 70 years of my life, they seem like a dream. Having only a bright sun in my vision before me, I have created the history of the Unification Church, while facing all the opposing forces of the world. Even though there are many members, no one truly comprehends my course.

The history of man has been one of suffering. But I am guiding the Unification movement to correct and reverse all the wrongs of the past and create a new history. Since the history of the Unification Church is the history of my life, you have to study my life and be interested in the path I have taken. Even though I have been opposed, I have accomplished things which so unbelievable that the result is like a dream, a miracle, and I am like a legendary man.

Why have I been opposed and persecuted? Because I am an evil man? I have committed no crimes, and I am not evil. It wasn't a person or nation or the world that was opposing me—it was the devil, Satan.

The world has to change 180 degrees. Democracy and communism, rightism and leftism should be redirected toward the headwing. The world is in a very confused state and needs new direction. If both left and right turn 180 degrees, they will face the headwing.

DO YOU KNOW GOD?

Where is history going? The prophets and saints are confused. Some say "I am a Buddhist, so I must go this way" or "I am a Muslim and should go that way." But they all must return to God. Some philosophers are even still wondering about God's existence. However, I have met God and know His heart.

[Father's corsage falls down and he says, "Oh, the flower is having a difficult time, so it fell down. So also UC members may fall away once or twice because being with Father is too difficult!"—much laughter.]

Let's ask those who don't know God, "Whom do you take after?" They will probably respond, "My parents." Then ask

them, "Who is your father?" "My father is a male animal," they will say. "Who is your mother?" "My mother is a female animal," they will respond. A man will say he takes after a male animal and a woman says a female animal. Therefore the origin must have both male and female characteristics.

What is man's most favorite thing? It is woman. How about women? Their most favorite thing is man. Why? Because by becoming one, men and women become like God. Even though God has the characteristics of both man and woman, He is one.

All religions are waiting for the Messiah. But is the Messiah one person or many? The Second Coming can only be one. I am a person respected by many scientists and leaders and my ideas are being taught in universities. I have so much power that I could do whatever I decide, but I don't use this power because I believe in the natural process. The same for God—He has great power but He always works through the natural process.

Being a member of the Unification Church is not easy. Attending is most difficult. Having a father-in-law and mother-in-law is easier than being a UC member. Even living with the worst husband is easier than being a UC member. But remember that the most difficult university tests are the best, and to go to the best university you have to study very hard.

We have to ignore our individualistic desires completely and throw the evil self away. I understand evil and know God's way. That is why I prohibit smoking, drinking, free sex, and homosexuality. These are evil. We don't need these things in our world.

This year's motto is "Unification of My Country." Did we do it? You don't know it but I did it, as history will testify.

A religious way of life is a life attending God, knowing Him and doing His Will. The more we are opposed and persecuted, the more blessing we receive. I am a man who left his family and home for God. But I know that the day has now come for me to go to my home. I know it!

Did you follow me well? No, you didn't follow me well, but I guided you well. In my life I have shed many tears, but I have lived well. I have used my tears and effort in a good way.

CHANGING TO GOD'S TRUE DOMINION

Things are decided in the spirit world first and then reflected here on the earth. There has been no day in the world like this day, the Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified

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True Father prays at Pledge Service on October 3, 1990.

World. What is the "one world nation"? God has never been the center of His sons' and daughters' love: everything was under Satan's dominion. To change that false dominion we need to be connected to the true olive tree.

Korean people really welcomed True Parents after the Moscow conference. We had rallies in 12 cities announcing the era of True Parents. They didn't know the concept of false parents and True Parents.

Fifty thousand couples are going to be blessed next year. How many days will it take if I match 1,000 couples each day? (50 days) Do you think I should match by picture or in person? I should match by picture, so I said to take a really good picture. Now, parents are thanking me for blessing their children. Some parents even come and ask me to bless their children.

There have been many saints and prophets, but no one has been able to solve the problem of unity of the mind and body, the family, and the world. Becoming one is very important. Your body and spirit should be one. The world is looking for a man and woman united in spirit and body—a perfect man and perfect woman. They will become the king and queen of the world, the world's champions of true love, which is God's love.

When Mother and I met President Gorbachev, he was amazed by Mother's beauty, saying, "Oh, beautiful lady!" I didn't feel bad—I was happy that he admired her. Similarly,

the archangel was amazed by Eve's beauty.

The problem is not the unity of the world. The problem is one's self, "me." Unity starts from me. The unification of the world movement started from Rev. Moon. I became one, united in mind and body. All those who opposed me will deeply repent someday.

Now, when people talk about religion, they can't ignore the Unification Church. When they talk about famous men, they cannot leave out Rev. Moon. When they talk about the Second Coming, they think of Rev. Moon. They know that there is no hope for America except through Rev. Moon.

I took Mr. Kuboki and some other Japanese members fishing in Alaska.

Eighty percent of America's fish are in Alaska. The Japanese are from an island nation and should know fishing, but Mr. Kuboki hates boats. He says that fishing is more difficult than delivering a baby. Why is fishing important? Because we want to solve the problem of starvation. Each year 2 million people die of hunger. We must start to help and should be busy doing that. The world leaders cannot solve that problem. Unification Church members should solve it. We must become the ancestors of peace.

Out of 170 Japanese members, only 22 passed the Korean language test. I took them to Alaska where they would come back from fishing at 10 p.m., have dinner and then talk until 2 a.m. or 3 a.m., though they had to wake up at 5 a.m. They slept for just a short time, and not even in a bed but sitting up, for 15 days. The most difficult training is to learn to overcome lack of sleep; the mind becomes confused and a person can lose consciousness. Spiritually we have to grow to be independent of eating, sleeping, and false love. Without doing that we can't escape satanic dominion.

SOLVE GOD'S PAIN

Today is the opening of heaven. The opening of heaven also should start from "me." "I" am the problem. Satan is still in the world because of "me." God is in agony because of "me."

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Heavenly Crusaders

by Kook Jin Moon

Belvedere, October 14, 1990

Today, I just wanted to come and see you. So how have you all been doing? You know for many years I sat here with Parents or watched from the back while my brothers spoke. Yet, I never really got to see any of you and for that, I'm sorry. I'm very glad to see all of you here today. It's very moving. I know you expected to see my brother, but I think he was busy. Since I had a little time to be in New York, I just wanted to stop by once again.

As members of this church, we are very unique people. Don't you think so? [Yes!] Unique in a good way or a bad way? Good way! People in the outside world don't think you are unique in a good way. But that's changing now, isn't it? [Yes!] So you feel that people are a lot more receptive and comfortable with you now? [Yes!] That's good. As we try to communicate with all the people around us—our neighbors and our friends—we have to create that connection of heart. We have to truly develop the ability to understand their souls.

The big question today is how we can address the issues of what is right and wrong and morality. We must understand how to address the soul of man which has always been so neglected throughout history, and especially in this day and age. People have lost the Christian values of yesterday; they have lost the sense of what is just and correct, what is the right way to live and what motivation to live by. It's very sad to see people today driven not by an ideal of creating a just world, but solely driven by their own self-interest. People are willing to make many promises, only to break them at their own convenience. That is the kind of society we face today. Even the scholars of the world understand that the youth of this generation are more prone than at any other time in history to lie and cheat in order to get ahead.

In the past, there was a sense of ethics that if you made a promise you tried your best to live up to your word. Unfortunately, it seems that as man has become wealthier, he has lost a great deal of his nobility. I have grown up in America and I have seen that it is very difficult in our society to aspire to anything noble. Since I have lived in the U.S. for 17 years, I know you have to think deeply and fight with yourself to understand what is true in a society filled with so many false images. I really admire my brother for his desire to deal with the images of society, because whenever you turn on the TV or listen to the radio, you're flooded with images. These images reflect a type of living which is animalistic, inhumane and corrupt.

Educate your children

When we think about our children and the generations to come, we must be concerned with this issue. Anyone having to grow up in this society will have a hard time. It was hard for me. Children need some standard of right and wrong. As parents and blessed couples, we must understand the need of our children to be educated correctly. We cannot send our

children into the world without a sense of morality, of right and wrong, or without a sense of how to live according to God's ideal. You must make every effort to give them that education. Help them become spiritually and morally strong, capable of standing their ground to speak for what is right, no matter how fearful that may be.

It is very difficult to go against the norm of thought, especially when people don't know where you're coming from and when you're not certain what their reaction will be. When we face this kind of difficulty, we really need God, as this situation is very difficult to overcome with only human strength. Even after seeking the help of someone higher and inspiring ourselves to face a group of people who will hate us, being willing to receive their judgment requires great courage. This is what we must aim to accomplish, if we cannot obtain that goal now. We should teach our children to aspire to a higher purpose of living, to dream of a more just world in which men can truly understand what it means to be the children of God.

Help your children become spiritually and morally strong, capable of standing their ground to speak for what is right, no matter how fearful that may be.

This type of education would enable them to live holistically with their families, with their communities and with themselves. We can have a world where we not only make a difference, but where we can be the crucial pivot on which history may turn. That is what we dream to do and that dream should give us hope in our darkest hours. The many dark hours to come are the price we must pay to be on the vanguard of something new.

New ideas are never accepted easily by the society at large. People in the secular world tend to be very fixed in their ways, preferring not to think about their situation. But we must be the catalyst, the people who can make others think. That's very important. If people think about their state and the state of their nation, then they must reevaluate and work toward a change for the better.

Become society changers

There have been historical precedents of change in society, which should give us hope that our task may be difficult, but not impossible. Christianity rose out of the Roman Empire and changed the entire society of that day. The rise of Protestantism changed Catholicism. To bring about change takes people who are committed and who aspire to something higher than themselves. Only people who reach for a higher dream, in spite of the miserable, decadent and inhuman

reality that surrounds them, can bring about such change. Those are the people we need. I'm not saying it's easy to be like that, but if we work together then we have a chance.

That is just basically what I want to share with you to give you a little bit of hope or inspiration with my poor words. By using whatever I have with me today, I'd like to do my best to help you through this difficult time and to inherit this spirit. But there is only so much someone else can do for you. One of the fundamental teachings of religion, both in traditional Christianity and Divine Principle, is the responsibility man has in being the final decision-maker of his own actions. So I'd like to implore you to make the correct decision, the decision which would help mankind. As a religious person that responsibility rests on your shoulders and it's not an easy burden to bear. It's never easy doing the right thing in a world that recommends you do the wrong thing every day. This secular society suggests a certain decadent lifestyle and decadent forms of human relationships—very impersonal, very selfish and very inhumane.

That is the gauntlet we must accept and overcome. I truly hope you find the strength within yourselves, within God and within our True Parents. If you feel tired and worn out in the face of a challenge, then try to find strength in your brothers and sisters.

We have to restrain ourselves from dealing harshly with others, because we have not always lived according to the right standard and therefore must give others a second chance.

Our ultimate goal is to live in an ideal world. People have many different conceptions of the ideal world: some may think it is a place where you can live very leisurely, without working; others may feel an ideal world can exist only if you exert yourself and actively make a difference. And so from that perspective making an ideal world, even though we come to one, may not always be easy either. Living in this physical world is a process of growth, which of itself requires change and therefore by definition, is not always easy.

Although we want to create an ideal world and a more ideal situation for our children to come, we must not expect that we won't have to do anything in the ideal world. The more realistic expectation of an ideal world is to understand that we will have a more ideal setting in which to raise our children and to live according to God's Will. But it will also be necessary for us to give our own effort to perpetuate that ideal world. It will not be maintained by God alone; we, as the children and objects to God, will have a responsibility to maintain the right kind of life.

The Principle teaches us that Heavenly Father desires to exist in a subject-object relationship, able to have give and take with mankind. God wants to share His heart centered on the ideal of true love and, based on that kind of give and take with His object, to bear fruit—a more ideal universe. Can we as His people have one standard for ourselves and one standard for God? American is famous for its individualism. If God desires to live with all mankind, how can we in our daily living habits cling to our individualism? If we don't want

to be hypocrites, then we have an obligation to be more God-like and live according to the standard of God. That's a big responsibility isn't it?

Judge yourself before others

If we want to be honorable people, people of character, we must be able to understand the other person's point of view. It's much easier to take a self-centered point of view because your entire body is wired into your brain which tells you what you're feeling. Since your brain is not really connected to anyone else, you only receive input from yourself. But we must overcome that. Using our senses of responsibility and justice, we can extend our mind to encompass other people. That's a task we must do and it is not going to be easy. Many times we will fail to see what is just. Although we may not get it right at first, we must try to do better the next time. By our increased effort after each failure, we've done something to make a better society. We must try.

I know each one here is a great dreamer, otherwise you wouldn't be here. You all have great potential and great imagination; otherwise you couldn't dream. Now is the time to use that to aspire to create a better world, to grow yourself, and to reach out to other people around you. In so doing, you may grow and also give strength to others. These are very high expectations, but if we never try, we will never get there. By trying, our dream will become more real step by step until we eventually get there. But it's going to take a lot of effort, a great deal of patience, and much struggle at times. If we hold onto our dream, then our dream should get us back on our feet again.

So I pray that you can really look at your actions every day and judge yourself before you judge others. Upon evaluating yourself and critically determining whether you are living a right way of life, receive the judgment and accept its consequences. Change your ways to live a better life and, after you've lived a better life, go to others and help them think. Let them judge themselves, look at their own lives and change themselves. In the ideal world, people will live according to the right way of life, without having to be forced.

We have to restrain ourselves from dealing harshly with others, because we have not always lived according to the right standard and therefore must give others a second chance. Ultimately, they come to a point where they have to judge themselves and seek a higher understanding. Until that day, we simply push people in that direction, helping them to think about their standard.

Let us be the just men of this society. Although we may not be perfect, we are people who try to be good. With these credentials behind us, let's wake people up. Can we be bold people? [Yes]. You don't seem very confident. Do you think you can be bold? [Yes!]

Take a little time to remember promises, commitments and dreams. Through our remembrance, we can get inspiration and hope. Then we can reach out to other people and remind them of their promises, their dreams and their hopes—giving *them* inspiration. We all need to be reminded of what we must do—it keeps us awake.

I truly hope we can make more determination to find our youthful spirit and bring it back to life. Then we can become young again—you're never too old to become young. That comment was for the old people here. [Laughter.] Seriously, medical science shows that even 80-year-old people who exercise can build up their muscles and become stronger. Now

let's extend that a little further to the people who haven't used their hearts or their souls in 20 years, maybe if they exercise them a little bit, they will start feeling and living a better life. Let's be the conscience of this society. Let's be the ones to wake up that soul which has been so suppressed by the society and give them real encouragement to start feeling.

Be the moral backbone

People of the outside world are not the only people who have the right or the freedom to criticize and say that we're a piece of junk. We can tell them that they are a piece of junk too, on the condition that we take in their criticism and improve ourselves. Then we can go back and criticize them. As long as we go through the process where we try to grow within our hearts, then we have the justification and the right to criticize society.

We don't want to look down on people, we want to help them—that's our ultimate goal. But if it gives us more strength and ability to accomplish that goal, then go ahead and criticize. I don't think Heavenly Father would mind too much; He might even applaud you if, when you criticize other people, you turn around and try to live up to that criticism yourself. In that process, I think we will become people who are more noble in heart and in mind. Then we have taken a big step in creating our ideal world.

We do have a lot to say about the society that will give society food for thought, allowing them to change a little bit. So think about witnessing in that way. Let's try to take our creativity, imagination and our ability to think to show the outside world the problems they must face: the moral degradation in their country and the weakness and vulnerability it brings to society as a whole. Without moral unity, a people fall apart and scatter into millions of different directions. Such people don't have the strength that comes from uniting into one body. Such a weak society can't change the world or be a model for others to follow. That's one of America's greatest problems today—its loss of moral spirit and its inability to uphold what is right and just. Americans today don't concern themselves with the standards of justice and right in the international world. Because the Middle East crisis is going to be difficult and costly, some don't want to make the sacrifice that is required to set a new world order or to create peace. They don't have the moral courage.

That is why we must be the backbone of the society. We must uphold a certain moral standard and criticize society for not understanding the need for a moral standard. Should

they ask you what gives you the right, we know the answer: "I have already judged myself. Therefore, I have done a little bit more than you and that gives me the right to tell you that you are a piece of junk." [Laughter.] So we do have a certain degree of power and strength in our position, it just takes a little bit of courage and some creativity to understand how to use it.

We must take our weapon of the truth and use it to shock people in the outside world. Of course, we're shocking them for a godly purpose, so they can become better people and go to Heaven and not to Hell. In order for people to understand, they must see it in their minds. So if you make a clear contrast as to what is right and wrong then they can't fail to see it. If you examine what the secular world has to say, many of their



Kook Jin Nim and Soon Ju Nim cut their blessing anniversary cake at East Garden.

arguments are based on a series of assumptions that don't hold water. So when you face people full of such arrogance and pride, then question the assumptions they have made for their secular life and make them think about something more godlike. They have many questions to answer, but they try to push them under the rug. Well, don't let them do it. Bring those questions to the forefront and make people address them; force them to consider the answers—by the strength of your own noble character and the truth.

We need men of ability and imagination to not only bring those questions to the forefront, but to improve the questions, making them relevant and the grounds for many discussions. We must be the philosophers of a new era and give possible solutions to these questions. By making those questions relevant, we create a foundation for a discussion of what is true. Thus we have an opportunity to make God relevant. This is

what Father has been trying to do through the various international conferences—and that is what we must try to do as well.

Set the agenda

We must understand the goal and strive for it. We must be the ones to use those questions as our arms. There are many arms. I'm sure the Church scholars can tell you of many false premises secular scholars base their views on. And so we'll take our arms and set our agenda. By setting the agenda, we create the form of discussion. Once we do that, they have to at least acknowledge what we say, reevaluate their point of view and humble themselves a little bit. Once they become more humble, they become open to new ideas. So let's question them and really change the society.

The existence of God gives us our ultimate foundation; if we really know God, by our personal experience and our feeling, we have justification for challenging their assumptions. We must set a new agenda for this world—that's very important. We don't always have to be on the defensive or try to show that we fit in. We can start making decisions and influencing how they think. They will listen because God gave man the capacity to seek and understand the truth. They may not want to believe and call you a fool; but in the back of their mind, they will be thinking about what you said.

Let's not be on the defensive anymore. That's the wrong strategy. We must be on the offensive: setting the agenda, asking the relevant questions. We can't just let Father go on doing everything. People will listen to us because they need to, they are tired of this immoral secularism and all the lies and corruption that it breeds. They're tired of being part of it and of having to accept it.

The fact is, we must start taking the initiative and through setting the agenda, seize the forefront. We must take this op-

portunity to lay the foundation for the acceptance of a new philosophy for our society. That can only come from our own effort, and from our own ability to understand what is right. We are crusaders trying to bring a new idea. We are soldiers who speak from our desire to bring a change to society through

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the use of our own mind and heart, which are of God. We must be the center of a new philosophy and new way of looking at society, providing new forms of policies which will specifically address pressing issues of the day. But in order to do that, we must be diligent and innovative. It's very important to do what no other religion in history has done—which is to be current and relevant to the world in which we live. We must be the leading philosophy which can take the judgments others levy against it, examine them and show how they are wrong. Simply put, we must take the offensive.

We have the strength available to do it. We only have to reach out and find it. We have to use our imaginations to be soldiers of God and Heavenly Crusaders to preach a new morality and new justice for all mankind. Do you think we can do it? [Yes!] Well, thank God! Then let's make a pledge: let's do it. [Yes!]

Thank you very much. □

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The Foundation Day for The Nation of The Unified World

We have to be members not to receive blessing or fortune, but to release God from pain and suffering. To liberate God we have to come out of our own problems. God has been shedding so much blood and tears in order to protect the Messiah. In the Old Testament era, things were offered. But the New Testament era is the age of offering sons and daughters. So, God's children should attend the True Parents, and the True Parents live to attend God.

I established the Universal Ballet Academy in America. The school's president was the head of the ballet company in the Soviet Union. It has 250 years of history and is the best in the world. Though he is Russian, he is Catholic, not communist. He is a very spiritual person and has foreseen many things spiritually. He came to visit me in Hannamdong.

In the future, people who need to meet me, like Kim Il Sung or President Roh, will come to Hannamdong. You have to believe that. I'm worried about your faith. You may feel bad to hear that but because you love me you feel good, right?

I have been working in all kinds of fields and my vision is for every aspect of life, so people are afraid of me.

Korea and Japan have been blessed by God, especially Korea from 1978 to 1988. In those ten years Korea received great blessings from God.

[Then Father became serious and even cried.]

The *Washington Times* that I established has won two-thirds of the gold medals in the media competition. Did you hear that in Korea? The media in Korea didn't open their mouth to say a word about this. If you let people know these things, they will change.

Because I knew that to receive blessing one must go through persecution, I have persevered even though all religions opposed me. I never lost my hope or vision. You have to know that in the whole history of Korea, this is the first time that such has happened.

If you don't become one in spirit and body and as husband and wife, and if you don't become people who are taking responsibility for your tribes and following heaven's tradition, then you have no connection to this day. You have to take an initiating and pioneering position to liberate God. You have to work hard to make this day be your day.

I took the responsibility to liberate God as my destiny. Your path is still remaining: to become tribal messiahs. Be one in spirit and body and as husband and wife.

Those who pledge to God to practice and achieve this, raise both hands.

Thank you. □

"Many of the years that you have spent on this earth were spent in a nation that was given to you by our True Parents to love and to raise up, even though it was not your native country, native language, or native culture. Because of your dedication to our True Parents, you came here without any reservation. You totally gave your whole life to this country, and because of that you were actually more of a patriot of the United States of America than many of us in this room.

But most important, Dr. Pak, the greatest gift you have given to America is the fact that you have been the spokesman for our True Father in America to share not only his words, but his heart and spirit as well. You have been the interpreter for our True Parents on so many great occasions: all of the Day of Hope tours, Madison Square Garden, Yankee Stadium, Washington Monument and most of all the fight for the dignity and the integrity of our True Parents and the Unification Church in America in the victory over Donald Fraser's attempt to persecute our church.

Dr. Pak is a true patriot of America and we join with thousands around the world in our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations.

—excerpted from Dr. James Baughman's speech during the celebration of Dr. Pak's 60th Birthday in San Francisco on August 18, 1990, as he presented a plaque (left) to Dr. Pak enumerating his record of service to True Parents and to America.



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Paving A True Son's Path

A Testimony by Dr. Bo Hi Pak

True Parents invited Dr. Bo Hi Pak to celebrate his 60th birthday with them during the Assembly of the World's Religions Conference in San Francisco, which Dr. Pak treasures as one of the most inspiring highlights of his life. The following historical testimony takes the reader along a path of faith and love.

I began life on August 18, 1930, in a simple village in South Korea, Jung Byong Ree, which lay 100 miles south of Seoul. I was born the oldest son into what is referred to as a family of "Yang Ban." There is no correct translation in English for this, but it is similar to "noble family" or "elite family of the society." Those families whose ancestors had served in high government position would call themselves "Yang Ban." My grandfather, for example, was born during the Yi dynasty. During that time, a "Yang Ban" person had to be born in the family tradition of Confucianism, because the Yi dynasty's state religion ("religion" may not be the correct word; it may be more correct to say "way of life" or "tradition") was Confucianism.

I felt tremendous love from my mother, as did my brother and two sisters.



Dr. Pak as a young boy (far left) poses for a photo with several of his schoolmates.

I began having strong urgings to be very prayerful. So early in the morning and in the evening I climbed up a mountain, and prayed during the sunrise and sunset.

My grandfather and also my father were prominent Confucian scholars in the community, while my mother was a good worshipper of anything if she were told that it would help her son's success. In a way, her son (myself) was her religion. She would do or believe anything once she believed that it would be good for the future of her son. I was born from such parental heart.

My family was closely knit and intimate. My father was stern, yet loved me a great deal. My mother, Pyung Chun Han, was absolutely loyal for the sake of her son. I felt tremendous love from my mother, as did my brother and two sisters.

My parents lived in very harsh conditions and as a result, I grew up in near poverty. Traditionally, the "Yang Ban" were always landlords. But during the forty-year rule of the Japanese government, the Land Distribution Act was enforced, which deprived us of all the land we owned. The Japanese gave it to the farmers who had tilled, but not owned the land. Since we had not tilled the land ourselves as the landlords, we became virtually penniless overnight. My father and mother had to begin working in the fields in their middle age of over 40. Certainly they could not become farmers overnight, so we barely survived with such a small amount of land to

cultivate. Because of these dire circumstances, they could not afford to send me to a good junior high or high school after elementary school for there was no money.

Instead, I entered Chun-an Agricultural School and commuted daily almost 30 miles via train from my home village. This caused extreme suffering to my mother and to myself. After three years of study, I decided that I could not continue my higher education. I told my father that I would become a good farmer in order to take care of my parents, so they needn't work so hard anymore. I then settled at home as a farmer.

Shortly after this, Japan was defeated in World War II by the Allies, liberating the Korean peninsula. Now a farmer, I was asked to become a local country school teacher. That is how I began to do both—a farming career to serve my parents and a teaching career at the local elementary school I had attended in my childhood.

Therefore you can see that I don't have any formal religious education, except Confucian teaching, but somehow I strongly believed in the existence of God, although not a Christian God as yet. I began having strong urgings to be very prayerful. So early in the morning and in the evening I climbed up a mountain, and prayed during the sunrise and sunset. Of course at that

time my prayers were not in the name of Christ and I prayed especially for longevity for my parents and good fortune in my farming so that I would be recognized as a man of success.

The Korean War

That peaceful life which I thought would be my lifetime career was abruptly ended when North Korean forces crossed the 38th parallel. I was 20 years old when I was drafted into the army. Since I had to go to the army anyway, I decided to become a military officer and applied to the Korean Military Academy, equivalent to the West Point of the United States, for advanced study. Luckily, I was accepted. On June 1, 1950 I entered the Korean Military Academy to begin four years of the best training available for the future military leaders of the Korean Army. I was burning with zeal and hope as a young cadet that "one day I will become a general." This dream, however, only lasted 25 days.

On June 25, as a young cadet, I found myself in the middle of the Korean War without even knowing how to handle an M-1 rifle. Communist North Korea attacked that day and the Military Academy cadets were the first troops committed to stopping this overwhelming invasion, which was an impossible task. Within three days of battle our 330 classmates were reduced by two-thirds. Of my classmates, 220 died without ever receiving even a rank or serial number.

Soon afterward we were sent to Pusan for more training. My religious search began during my military service, especially during the war. After only eight weeks of training, I was commissioned as a second lieutenant and immediately became a front-line platoon leader. War is always horrible. People were dying every day: My superior died, my men died. The shadow of death was always around me. Under those circumstances a young officer had to think, "What is death? If I die tomorrow what happens to me after my death?" Certainly, there were no easy answers.

In 1951 the Red Chinese Army entered the war. They launched what has come to be known as the "Spring Offensive of 1951." One day during this time, my company was moving across the Chang Chon River. All of a sudden, when two hundred men were in the water with all their gear, including rifles, on their heads, enemy fire came from the other side of the river crossing. Bullets showered virtually everyone in the water. I was still on the other side of the river commanding. When the bombardment of bullets came I immediately downed myself on the sand, although there was absolutely no cover. In this dire emergency I shouted out, "God save me. You are the only one. If you do my life is yours."

Suddenly U.S. fighter bombers appeared and began firing rockets at the enemy position stopping them from shooting at us. I stood up, and called my men in a desperate voice, "Follow me.

Dr. and Mrs. Pak hold their two children, Jonathan and Grace. Behind them are Dr. Pak's father and grandmother and Captain Kim, his relative.



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This is the chance to escape." Only two men followed. Even those two men were terribly wounded. I was the only one without a scratch. At that point I felt my life was no longer mine. I must give my life to the purpose of God.

Most of our Division Combat Team had no time to escape and were left behind enemy lines. I and the two other wounded soldiers were hiding in enemy territory and knew that the end had come. It was just a matter of time before we

were found and killed. I saw no hope. As I struggled to pull my two comrades behind a rock for temporary shelter, I prayed. The prayer was a promise. If I lived, I would dedicate my life to God. Unlike most "foxhole conversions," I meant every word of it.

We were hiding in the mountains without food or a means of communication for many days. Then one day we saw a long line of enemy soldiers retreating back to the North; many of them were wounded and limping. Gradually, we learned the U.S. Third Division had been pursuing the enemy to the North with tanks. God had saved our lives!

When the U.S. soldiers greeted us, I literally kissed their tanks. I thanked God and thanked our U.S. comrades-in-arms. This was my first personal encounter with the United States of America. America had saved my life.

After that experience, my religious search began. I first picked up the Bible. I also went to the temple to hear Buddha's teaching. I was chosen by my superiors for further training in America and assigned to Fort Benning, Georgia. In those months in America, I became attached to this new country. I really felt the Christian faith was

the reason for America's prosperity. Knowing I would be going back into battle again, I wanted to be a Christian because I had seen God in action in America. I wanted to believe in the Christian God and deliver my promise made at the river crossing in that desperate moment.

However, the Korean War continued taking more and more lives—Korean and American. But before I returned to the conflict, I wanted to learn more about the United States. So I and other Korean officers pooled our money and journeyed to Washington DC and New York City, visiting such sites as the U.S. Capitol Building, the White House, and the Empire State Building.

Trained and prepared for the first time, we returned to the war. With the help of the United States and the other United Nations' forces, the new South Korean army beat back the Northern invaders and their Chinese ally. I fought with Americans in subsequent battles until the war ended in 1953. I prayed to God asking that someday He would give me the chance to repay America for saving my life.

Free to search

When the war ended, I married Ki Sook Eun. Just as I was brought up in a Confucian tradition which emphasized loyalty and piety, my wife also came from the same province and county as I. Similarly her parents and family were of strong "Yang Ban" tradition. Her father was scholarly and briefly a government official. Her family had very strict ethics and tradition. We were matched by our own parents in accordance with our customs. Without even seeing each other, we were obedient to our parents, totally trusting their judgment. It wasn't until the engagement was finalized several months later that we were introduced to each other for the first time. From that point on, we were exchanging letters—first getting to know each other, gradually developing mutual understanding and in the end growing in love. Our marriage ceremony was conducted six months after the engagement. This is a very traditional Korean way of getting married.

At the same time I began intensive study of the English language in Korea, and eventually returned to Fort Benning for an advanced infantry officers' course in communications. I did so well in my studies that I impressed the American officers. Now a captain, I was assigned as an interpreter to the staff of General William Matthews, who then served as Chief of the U.S. Advisory Forces in South Korea.

But even in light of such a promising military career, I could not forget my promise to God, who had protected me from harm during the Korean War. I began attending churches of all denominations—and there were many represented in South Korea. But I could find no religious faith that made God seem as real and immediate to me as He had the day He saved my life.

Dr. Pak and Miss Young Oon Kim invite two American servicemen over to hear the Principle.



While a 24-year-old captain, I was serving as an instructor at the Korean Military Infantry School at Kwang-ju when my mother died. I felt as if heaven crumbled and the sun darkened; there was no longer a purpose for living. I was so attached to my mother. She was not ill for a long period. She just simply collapsed one day from hard work, exertion and probably malnutrition. A brain hemorrhage had occurred. She died almost instantly with her final words being, "Do

not call a doctor." Knowing how poor she was, she did not want to burden the family even at her death. When I think of that kind of mother's devotion even now it brings tears to my eyes; it is very difficult to suppress my deep sadness. My mother died in such a horrible condition, with-

out taking even one medication. I really adore my mother's devotion to the family. I feel guilty that I left mother in such a condition. It is very difficult to suppress endless tears even at my age of sixty. I always say I have the greatest mother who loved me more than the whole world, more than life itself.

The Homecoming

Before I met Professor Young Oon Kim in 1957, I had been a Christian for five years. But I must confess that even after I converted to Christianity, my heart was still empty and my religious fervor was not ignited. There were so many ques-

tions in the Bible which no minister was able to answer for me, such as: What is the meaning of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil? How could man's eating of a fruit become an hereditary sin? Is Christ God or man? When would Christ return? and a million others.

One day in the cold month of February, Prof. Kim, working in the same military compound as I, wrote to me about a "new truth" which would answer all the questions that I had. She didn't mention Father's name; she didn't even mention the Church's name. She simply invited me to come one night to hear about this great truth. I was in such a thirsty condition for truth that I immediately accepted. I listened to the Divine Principle lectures for two nights. At that time I didn't even know that it was Divine Principle. But the important thing was that I learned more in two nights about the Bible than ever before and all my deeply held questions were answered. It was liberation and a joy. This was a powerful truth. I had absolutely no hesitation to say to Prof. Kim that, "I have found the truth. Please bring me to your leader. I want to become a teacher of this truth. I want to learn more."

Dr. Young Oon Kim introduced me to Father two days later in a humble church where there were no chairs, and no stove in winter. But I was moved by the fervent devotion of the members. I automatically became a member without even questioning whether I should join or not. No such question ever came to me. I was only thankful to God that he had led me to the truth; my search was over. Now only the job was ahead of us. I thanked God a million times.

As soon as I realized I had found the truth, I told my wife that I was a member of the Unification Church. She replied, "Then I'm a member of the Unification Church, too. Wherever you go I will go." We then began to study the Divine Principle together. From day one, my wife was an exemplary member. From that day in 1957 until now, over 34 years later, both my wife and I have been completely one; we have not had even one conflict over religion. Father said of my wife: "She can be more sensitive in the spiritual

senses. She will be faster in understanding spiritual things than you." My character emphasizes the intellectual or logical side, whereas hers is more on the intuitive side.

We were blessed as one of the 36 Couples, but on March 1, 1961. The other 36 Couples' Blessing came on May 16, 1961. The reason was that on that day, March 1, my wife and

Betty Lancaster, Dr. Pak's spiritual daughter and a member of that early American Church, shares her memory of the early days with Dr. and Mrs. Pak in Arlington, Virginia:

"I want to share just how hard I saw Col. Pak and lovely Mrs. Pak working during those times, meeting a most constant and demanding schedule at the Embassy, yet working so diligently in their spiritual life of faith to raise up spiritual children and make a good solid foundation on the east coast of America through their pioneering efforts. Even now I sometimes have tears in my eyes remembering Mrs. Pak and how brave she was, bearing her children, always faithful in greeting guests and preparing food for them even when she was suffering with so much illness from asthma and other allergies to the point where she sometimes had to be hospitalized to breathe. They have truly paid indemnity for America."

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Father personally bids farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Pak at Kimpo Airport when he left for duty as Military Attache to the Korean Embassy in Washington DC.

I were to leave for Washington DC to assume my duty as Military Attache to the Korean Embassy. On the morning of our departure, Father and Mother gave us the Blessing, and then came with us to the airport to send us off. That was one of the greatest honors I had in my life.

Serving in America

In 1961, I returned to America with the rank of Lt. Colonel to serve as the Assistant Military Attache. Simultaneously, I wanted to serve as an emissary of our True Parents. I became the first missionary in the Eastern part of the United States while serving at the Embassy. So at night, I taught Divine Principle in the basement of my home, establishing the first Unification Church in our nation's capital. As hard as my wife and I tried, there never seemed to be enough time to help our little congregation grow more quickly.

Three years later, in 1964, I retired from active military service. As much as I appreciated my duty to the Korean Army, I wanted to serve my Church full time, which was now starting to grow more rapidly. I had been trained in communications while I served in the military, and I was determined to use this knowledge to help True Parents.

The Korean Cultural and Freedom Foundation was only the first project where I poured a lot of my creative energy. The KCFF brought Korea's rich cultural heritage to the world through the

Little Angels' Folk Ballet. The Little Angels soon became world famous as cultural ambassadors of good will for Korea. They performed before the Queen of England, two American presidents and over 30 heads of state around the world. They appeared at the United Nations and at the Hague to raise money for UNICEF. The KCFF also established Radio Free Asia which beamed news and hope to the people of North Korea and Mainland China.

In 1965, True Parents came to America for the first time. During their three month stay, they made an arduous tour of all 50 states to establish at least one Holy Ground in each state. When they weren't traveling, they stayed at our family's home in Arlington, Virginia. That was again a very special time and honor.

In 1971, Father and Mother came to the United States permanently. You know the history more than I do from that point on; I acted as Father's interpreter in all official and private functions, travelling together all over the country. During that time on many occasions we went into a McDonald's for a McDonald's party. All these things are such pleasant memories.

Jim Gavin recalls the early speaking tours vividly: "In the role of Father's interpreter, Dr. Pak always put forth his every effort to help the people of the United States understand Rev. Moon and his message. To watch him you would always see him straining to catch every word and every nuance so that listeners could comprehend the scope and depth of Father's message. He would always apologize to the large or small audiences that he was inadequate in the task, but in fact, who believes that anyone could have done a better job or that anyone could have done so with a better heart?"

Father, with Dr. Pak as his translator, replies to questions submitted to him at the Subcommittee Hearing on Religious Freedom, June 26, 1984.



Trials and tribulations

When Father and our church were hounded by the American government, the Congress and the media, I felt it was my duty to defend True Parents, my brothers and sisters and my faith:

I do not know how or why God has put me in this position, but if this is my destiny, I will not shirk my responsibility. I will speak what I know to be true. Then let the world decide what it must do. Rev. Moon stands for principles which he knows to be more important than life itself. And he doesn't stand alone. We stand with him. We will fight with our lives. And we don't stand alone; men of principle are our allies. We will fight the injustices and abuses of

It was seeing the great hope and determination on Father's honestly joyful face that really prolonged my life and lightened the burden I felt in my deepest heart.

Repentance is probably the only and best way to get rid of your feelings of guilt. The prayer of repentance will make you revive, cleanse you, give you energy, and make you a new person.

power of this subcommittee. We will fight to protect the good name and honor of our religious leader. We will fight for the principle of religious freedom and for the honor of America in the courts and in the Congress. We will take our case to the American people if we have to. Even then, if the law and good will of our fellow men fail us, we will fight on until God Himself comes down from His throne in Heaven to vindicate us. My final plea to all the people of this chosen nation of America is this: Do not throw away this nation's heritage or fail your God-given mission. It is a plea we must heed for the sake of our children and all future generations."

(taken from *Truth Is My Sword*)

Congressman Fraser's hearings were unsuccessful and he was subsequently defeated in his bid for re-election to Congress.

I came to the United States, particularly to the nation's capitol, to be an ambassador of God and of True Parents. I came representing fallen Adam, paving the way for the True Adam, so that when True Parents came they would receive great glory and victory in this country. When they arrived in America on December 18, 1971, True Parents began working tirelessly for the salvation of this country. In fact, this nation owes its life to our True Parents. Instead of repaying that debt with gratitude, America put our dear Father into Danbury Prison.

As you know, when Father was summoned by the Senate Constitution Committee for testimony, he concluded with a most noble and remarkable conclusion. I quote:

The issue today is the very survival of America and the Free World. To assure this survival I am willing to suffer any indignity, to go any distance, to do any labor, and to bear any cross. I am even willing to give my life if that will ensure that the nation and world will survive and do God's Will.

Today I carry no animosity towards anyone. I long ago forgave my accusers. I have no hostility toward the United States government. Instead I pray for this country. I thank God that He is using me as His instrument to lead the fight for religious freedom and to ignite the spiritual awakening of America in this most crucial hour of human history.

Mr. Chairman, I once again thank you for this opportunity. I would like to conclude by saying 'God Bless America'.

On July 20, 1984, when Father was heading for Danbury, I felt like a dead man, a man with no purpose to serve in the future; I felt I was to-



tally responsible for Father's imprisonment. I was really miserable. Riding in the car together with In Jin Nim that day, I could not stop weeping from the moment we began the journey from East Garden to the gates of Danbury. In Jin Nim comforted me so many times, saying: "This is not quite the end of it, so do not cry so much." But I could not stop: how could I live, how could I eat another meal or sleep another night?

I fully expected Father to reprimand me or show us his discouragement or dissatisfaction, his grief, his pain. But on that day, Father was absolutely a new champion. I had never seen Father's face glowing as brilliantly as the sun. "You never know," Father said, "beyond the hill of Danbury, what great blessing from Heavenly Father is waiting. I'm jubilant, I'm exuberant and looking forward to the new chapter that is going to be opened beyond the hill of Danbury." It was that statement and seeing the great hope and determination on Father's honestly joyful face that really prolonged my life and lightened the burden I felt in my deepest heart.

The virtue of forgiveness

While Father was in Danbury, I was kidnapped by North Koreans. When Father heard of it, he began to intensely pray for my life. He continued to pray the entire 40 hours I was gone. Like the battle at Chang Chon River, I thought my final moment had come. I did not want to die either in shame or dishonor before our God, our True Parents and our Church. Nor did I want to give

Dr. Pak gives Father a giant hug during one of Father's speeches.

shame or dishonor to them. At that time I desperately called out to God declaring that if I have to die, I want to die in glory and victory, reaffirming and proclaiming this as if I were standing in front of the True Parents. I wanted to die with my final word calling out to True Parents, "MONSEL." I received God's help so definitely and manifestly. Because of His grace and the grace of our True Parents I was saved. I owe God and True Parents eternal gratitude.

**Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace.
Where there is hate, may I bring love;
Where offense, may I bring pardon;
May I bring union in place of discord;
Truth, replacing error;
Faith, where once there was doubt;
Hope, for despair;
Light, where was darkness;
Joy to replace sadness.
Make me not to so crave to be loved as to love.
Help me to learn that in giving I may receive;
In forgetting self, I may find life eternal.**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi
(a favorite prayer of Dr. Pak's)

Father's 18-month sentence was shortened to 13 months because of his good behavior. He was a model prisoner under these unpleasant and undignified circumstances. This is just one beautiful example of Father's entire life. I learned from Father the virtue of forgiveness. Any grudge or embedded animosity towards someone, or any hatred, is poison that doesn't hurt anyone except oneself.

Therefore, my life credo is to hate no one, to have no embedded animosity toward anyone. If someone does work malevolence on

you, pray for him and forgive him. If someone misunderstood you, drop everything and go talk heart to heart to end the misunderstanding and bring harmony between you.

Honestly speaking, I have no enemies, as much as Father said he has no enemies. I have no one to hate. Yes, I may like someone better than another, but I have hatred toward no one. I never tried to hurt anyone. I want to try to see the goodness in each heart and bring that goodness out and praise it. I love to praise and applaud others. On the other hand, if someone is trying to praise me,

I feel very uncomfortable because I always feel success and credit belong to God and True Parents. I never want to keep it as mine.

Another credo of my life is to never speak ill of anyone, especially in the absence of that person. Yes, I have given a lot of advice and counseling to many brothers and sisters, but I do it face to face, out of genuine love and strictly for their benefit. One time a brother broke down in front of me and said, "You truly love me more than my own father ever did." Nothing pleases me more than when someone feels that way.

To my wife and me, Father and Mother are not just our spiritual Father and Mother. In our minds they are absolutely our physical Father and Mother as well as the Eternal True Parents. Being close to True Parents is also a grave responsibility. It is not always a "fun time" with them. Sometimes we do have serious moments together. Father has many times scolded me and still does without any reservation because he trusts me and I am his son. As a son, you have to suffer heavenly wrath many times. You will be scolded and spiritually spanked.

The three stages of prayer

My prayer life in the church has always been in three stages. First, I pray in repentance because I genuinely feel I am not worthy of receiving True Parents. Furthermore, by being close to our True Parents I must remember that I have a great responsibility representing all the members of the world. Yet I many times either forget about this or relax too much. The struggle between mind and body is always there. Sometimes I have done things which I later regretted greatly. Simply speaking I am not worthy of being a son of True Parents. I was chosen truly by mere grace, not because of my doing. So when I am thinking of myself and the grave responsibility I have of being where I am, there is so much to repent for. Repentance is probably the only and best way

to get rid of your feelings of guilt. God is a good Parent. When a son and daughter comes to Him and truly asks for forgiveness, wouldn't He, as the Parent, forgive His son or daughter? You must trust God as your True Parent. So the prayer of repentance will make you revive, cleanse you, give you energy and make you a new person.

The second stage in my prayer is always a prayer of gratitude. It is my lifetime goal to live a life of gratitude, being grateful for everything. Even in my suffering there is something to be grateful for. I always believe my suffering will turn into a great blessing. If you are willing to suffer, welcome it when it comes. So many times I told people that complaint is a disease. If you have an attitude of complaint or a complaining mind you will never be satisfied, nor make yourself happy. You will always

True Parents and Dr. Pak celebrate the inauguration of the Washington Times on September 24, 1983.





PHOTOS: KEN OWENS/WFP

I decided a long time ago that I would never complain under any circumstances. I would always find something to be grateful for.

make your life miserable. Even if you become a king or millionaire you still will have a thousand things to complain about. It is a disease like cancer. External things will never heal this disease. I decided a long time ago that I would never complain under any circumstances. I would always find something to be grateful for. I am simply grateful to God for my life, my mission, my health; grateful to True Parents that I am their son, that they love me, that they are my savior, that they rid me of my original sin, that I have eternal life, that I am so close to them. No amount of suffering in any circumstance under the sun can compare to these blessings. So I am grateful in my prayer.

The third stage of my prayer is to give my pledge to God and True Parents. I pledge my life, my fortune, and my sacred honor. Every ounce of energy I have I dedicate to the victory of True Parents and Heavenly Father in bringing the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. How could we not be victorious with God and True Parents on our side. If we do everything in the name of True Parents, there is no way we can fail. When I am in eminent danger or have a sense of failure,

I call out to God saying, "Thy Will be done." I know that His Will must be victorious. Don't let Bo Hi Pak prevail, but let God and True Parents prevail. This kind of discipline of prayer life gives me lasting energy, power, wisdom, spirit and, most importantly, the presence of God.

Yes, I am facing incredible challenges of furthering God's providence in everyday life—as we all are. I always believe in victory and I EXPECT IT to happen, not with my power but with His power. So many miracles have happened in my life. I always expect them and I receive them—it is that simple. Some might call it positive thinking, while others might call it my faith. Whatever definition you choose is fine with me. I believe and expect a glorious victory for our True Parents. When victory comes I never consider that it is my credit or my victory. It is the victory of God and True Parents. I simply kneel down to be grateful, many times in tears.

Love one another

While we are here on earth it is our duty to fervently love one another and love humanity. Let us not judge anyone, as judgment is for God, not

Our Beloved Heavenly Father,
We have gathered here on this day of August 18, 1990, to celebrate the 60th birthday of Your dear son, Bo Hi Pak.

Under God's protection, this son was born into the Pak family and was called by You, Heavenly Father. I know that You have made him undergo trials and indemnity. From his childhood he anguished over seeking to find a true way of life with a sincere mind and unchanging determination. Also, he sought to find a new path and a new standard of God's Will. Therefore, please remember this son, and help him through all difficult situations enabling him to have an even more blessed future. From the day he joined the Unification Church and developed a relationship with True Parents, he has determined to follow the path of a true son. On the foundation of his devotion and hard work during all these years, please continue to bless this son and his family as they develop and progress.

He has always prayed and cried to You, Heavenly Father, to share the difficult circumstances of True Parents, and for the realization of Your Will. Whenever he faced terrible difficulties, he called to You in tears, with a determined heart, to find the solution. Now please be happy with this son and protect him. From his 60th birthday, please enable him to do his best with all of his energy to fulfill the historical responsibility that You have ordered at this time on the earth.

Guide this beloved son and his family to successfully accomplish their dreams and lifelong



Father and Mother pray during Dr. Pak's 60th birthday celebration.

projects with the right attitude, mind and actions and in accordance with Your Will. May they always go the way of returning gratitude to Heaven, and thus truly become qualified by their effort and devotion to be part of the Heavenly Family.

Let this be an exemplary family where Your love and blessings can dwell, that You can be proud of, and that all Unification families, now and in the future, can look to as a model. May God generously bless all his ancestors who are sharing this day with him as well. May he be blessed forever with Your love.

In the Name of True Parents, Amen.

Left page:
Dr. and Mrs. Pak are moved to tears as True Parents celebrate Dr. Pak's 60th birthday in San Francisco on August 18, 1990.

man. The work of man here on earth is to love: to love those closest to you, your brothers and sisters, and all people around you—even the person who thinks of you as his enemy. Of course, I am far from reaching the level of perfection where Father lives. That is why I am his disciple—learning every day, advancing little by little toward that perfection. Thank God we have True Parents—the greatest blessing of all for me, for all members of the Unification Church, and actually for all humanity once they realize it. Love heals; hatred is poison and hurts *you* more than anything else. Let us be like Father every day, more and more and evermore.

There have been many glorious, victorious, momentous, unforgettable moments with True

Parents. But I have to say that my 60th birthday was a special moment for me. Unexpectedly, they gave me a very extraordinary party from their own initiative, including an offering table and laying their hands upon me and my wife in a prayer of blessing. That was like a dream come true. Only my seeing a picture of it tells me that it was real. I still can't believe that it really happened. It was an extraordinary honor for an unworthy man like myself and I said in my testimony that day that I am eternally indebted to our True Parents. No matter what I do for the rest of my life I can never repay my debt. I owe them my physical life, my spiritual life and my eternal life. □

MIDDLE EAST PEACE SUMMIT

Call for Peace

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

The following is a summarized account of the momentous events surrounding the recent Middle East Peace Summit, sponsored by the Council for the World's Religions, entitled "Islam and the Establishment of World Peace."

As some of the most formidable military powers on the planet mobilized forces in preparation for the possibility of a war in the Persian Gulf, a war which would certainly be the most devastating of our time, Father took emergency measures to move for a peaceful resolution to the mounting tensions in the region. He explained to the Council of the World's Religions' staff that the present Gulf Crisis posed a real danger of a possible Christian-Muslim war. This would not only affect the region, but the entire world, and furthermore, not just our present world but would create scars of hatred that would take generations to heal. Even in his distant land of Korea he could not sleep knowing such tragic potentialities were at large.

Thus in mid-October, Father deputized Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak to drop all business and fly immediately to the Middle East to deliver Father's message of peace to Muslim leaders in the region. His address outlined the necessary vision, and clearly described the spiritual principles which must be applied if the tragic and virtually unthinkable conflict is to be averted. By the grace of God, Reverend Kwak and Father's message were enthusiastically received by those gathered, many of the most influential religious leaders in the Arab world.

The journey began with a three day visit to Syria. There Reverend Kwak met with Muslim leader Grand Mufti Ahmad Kuftaro to present Father's vision, and discuss strategies for serving the Divine Will at this crucial time. Furthermore, Reverend Kwak represented Father on a tour through the mosques, schools, colleges and so on of the far-reaching religious, educational and socio-cultural movement of Mufti Kuftaro. Reverend Kwak, Mufti Kuftaro and Mahmoud his son and heir, as well as several senior deputies, engaged in a series of meetings designed to investigate

avenues of substantial cooperation between the two religious movements. Finally, in Syria, Reverend Kwak met with a number of political officials to discuss with them the current situation, and to deliver Father's vision for peace. (Simultaneously, policy makers in the Bush Administration were being advised to be guided by the highest vision of Christianity.) The Syrian visit was reported on Syrian television as well as in the Syrian print media.

The second stop on the peace mission was the Muslim Leaders' Summit in Cairo, Egypt. On October 21, 1990, an international group of religious and social leaders gathered under the Council for the World's Religion's banner, "Islam and the Establishment of World Peace." Despite the short notice (less than one week), a serious and influential group gathered to discuss the present emergency, and to hear Father's message. Among those represented were two Grand Muftis (Syria and Yemen), several faculty and department heads from

the El Azhar University, leaders of Sufi orders, an Egyptian former ambassador, a former Prime Minister of Sudan, journalists, financiers and others. All present worked diligently throughout the day, following a fairly rigorous agenda. Morning sessions were devoted to reports from the local leaders on their various perspectives on the present situation. After the luncheon banquet Reverend Kwak delivered Father's address. The remainder of the day was devoted to concrete proposals for implementing the peace vision. Finally the proposal for the Inter-Religious Federation for Peace, which was announced at the recent San Francisco Assembly of the World's Religions, was presented and discussed. In the following days, reports and speeches from the meeting were distributed to the region's major news agencies.

The Council for the World's Religions wishes to express its heartfelt gratitude to the visionary Muslim leaders who have so enthusiastically embraced and endorsed this call for peace. □



Leaders discuss proposals for peace during the CWR conference in Cairo, Egypt.

Message to Islam

MIDDLE EAST
PEACE SUMMIT

BY REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON, OCTOBER 21, 1990, CAIRO, EGYPT

Delivered by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

Honorable religious leaders, esteemed scholars, beloved guests. Thank you for your participation at this most urgent summit. By responding at such short notice to this call for peace, your presence here must bring great joy to God.

Of course you know that we are surrounded by tensions of frightening proportions. Political and economic rivalries, and historical resentments have blossomed so fully that even those who see with only earthly eyes recognize that our very survival is threatened. In the face of annihilation, humans, like all created species, respond with emergency measures. This is why we now see such frantic activity in all spheres of human enterprise. In the effort to prevent unspeakable tragedy, leaders desperately propose solutions according to the orientation of their consciousness. Some seek military solutions, others political, or economic. While such proposals may participate in the establishment of peace, they can never generate the primary insights and analysis upon which lasting peace can be founded.

Only truly religious and spiritual people understand the nature and origin of conflict. And only those who know the true origins of disorder can bring about a solution. This is why, in this time of great emergency, I have requested your presence and participation. Of course peace on earth will ultimately require insights from all spheres of human enterprise—politics, media, and so on—but the root of peace is in God, and it can only come to this world through those who conform their lives to His perfect Will.

Realizing that world peace ultimately depends on the human response to the Divine Will, I founded the International Religious Foundation (IRF). From the earliest days of the Unification Movement I always devoted the greater portion of our resources to serving other religions. In the 1950s many Unification families did not have enough to eat, and members complained to me about the funds I devoted to the cause of interreligious harmony. I suffered to see their hardships, but I begged their patience because I knew Satan would ultimately resort to racial and religious war in his effort to destroy mankind's future. For forty years I poured everything into interreligious work, always insisting upon true love, harmony and cooperation among all religious believers. Now these great saints and peacemakers with IRF, from every high religion, have the Divine mission to thwart Satan's plan, and pioneer a future of lasting peace.

As you know, Satan always seeks to bring the greatest de-

struction and darkness upon the human race. Throughout this century his plan was perpetuated through the God-denying totalitarianism of communism. Through state oppression and torture entire generations were forbidden to hear the truth of God's Word. Countless millions were slaughtered in the name of building a society without God. This treacherous, satanic system flourished for sixty years, coming to occupy two-thirds of the world. Political analysts have yet to explain how this empire collapsed overnight. The spiritually astute, however, know with assurance that it was God's power, and the power of living in perfect accordance to Divine Law, that caused Satan to surrender and give up his evil reign of terror.

SATAN'S FINAL PLAN

Now Satan has turned to his final offensive for the destruction of the human race. His strategy is through two central ways, even more fundamental and threatening than communism. This is through religious war and racial war. Anyone can see we are standing on the threshold of a conflict of such de-

vastating proportions that our race, if it survived at all, would be cast into the deepest darkness, barely able to maintain life on a ravaged and devastated planet. If races, religions, and nations limit their thinking to self-benefit, the only one who will benefit will be Satan, the enemy of God and of the human race.

For this reason, the unending concern of God's Heart is related to these two points. Why did God reveal Himself to the Prophets and create the great religions of the world? Of course it was to enable the human race to return to Him, and then, in perfect oneness with His blessed Will, establish one peaceful world. Mankind must know God's original vision for the world, and know the reason why God revealed Himself to the Prophets. Surely no one expressed more deeply this original ideal of God than the

blessed Prophet Mohammed, not only in word, but in deed. God who is infinite compassion would not like to see even the littlest one perish. What would we be then if we tolerated, or even perpetuated interreligious strife, knowing that this is the exact opposite of God's desire? We can never lend our hand so willingly to Satan's plan to destroy the innocent children, and cast mankind into unspeakable darkness.

The same is true of racial war. We are one family descended from common parents. God intended all races to live in harmony as brothers and sisters. Again the blessed Prophet knew this and history clearly records that he exemplified this understanding through the substantial deeds of his life. It is

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Grand Mufti Kufaro of Syria presents Father with the Koran during the Second Assembly of the World's Religions in August, 1990.

our unavoidable mission now to reveal God's whole plan for peace, and for harmony and cooperation between races and religions. Anyone who isolates only disparate portions of God's revealed truth, and preaches against others, goes against God. We cannot depend on the masses, or even political, economic and military leaders to understand the revealed Will of God as fully as we who have devoted ourselves to religious and spiritual leadership. Mankind must be educated about God's original, broad vision for peace and brotherhood. At this time in human history, nothing could be more painful and offensive to God than religious and racial war.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE MIDDLE EAST

Why are the greatest tensions on the planet centered on the Middle East? Because a single military aggressor happens to come from a Middle Eastern nation or because the area is rich in oil? No! Anyone offering analysis strictly at that level, no matter how much of a genius, or how profound their historical and political knowledge, lacks the necessary starting point to explain the deeper reality. The reason is that this is the arena of activity for God and Satan. All the Prophets of the three great covenants received their revelations in this region. Is this because God's message was destined only for the people of the Middle East? Of course not. God's Word is destined to be the guiding force for all human life, everywhere on this planet. Similarly the present tensions and conflicts here are not only a matter of concern for people from this region. The fate of the whole world depends on developments in the Middle East. Just as the great Prophets had to fight the forces of darkness to make the vision of God available for the whole world, your peacemaking mission is to deny the forces of evil who would delight in racial and religious war, and reveal the Divine Will for peace to the whole world.

I know that human history has been marked by the constant struggle between good and evil. This is natural in the process of restoring human life and society to oneness with God's love and heart. If we study this process closely we can see the prin-

ciple by which the great saints and Prophets conquered the forces of evil. Satan always establishes his evil regime first, ahead of God. Then, with this mighty power, Satan attacks God's side, attempting to destroy the tender shoot of God's Word, and crush the lives of His gentle champions. Satan is always first. First with the established power, and first to attack. In fact aggression is the trademark of Satan. Being attacked first is the trademark of God's side. Yet God's side prospers according to this principle. By being attacked first God's side builds up great wealth through suffering and sacrifice. Through paying this price and bearing injustice, God's side ultimately gains the victory. Perhaps you are most familiar with the mighty yet corrupt powers that ruled out of Mecca during the life of the blessed Prophet. When Muhammad brought his sweet message of peace and brotherhood among all tribes and peoples, these mighty governments of evil power mobilized themselves to take the lives of God's Messenger and his followers. The followers of Islam

endured this aggression and injustice, and by thus conforming to God's principle of indemnity, Muhammad and his followers were able to bring even these mighty powers into complete surrender. In the end Muhammad walked unmolested, as the glorious victor, to the Kabaa and dedicated it to the one true God.

But his is not the only story which reveals this principle of God. The same is true for Jesus, the family of Abraham, and others. In fact, if you look at any mighty religion on the earth today, you will see clearly that it prospered by means of living out this very principle of indemnity and self-sacrifice. How foolish would we be if we dared to think that the perfect and true God changes His ways, as we might do. These truths never change: 1) Aggression belongs to Satan, and 2) God's side achieves victory by being attacked, enduring, paying indemnity and sacrificing. Both of these are true and lasting principles, principles that mock the size of armies, the wisdom of political science, the geology and economics of oil, and so on. Only one truth prevails and that is the truth of God and His laws of restoration.

SERVE THE LARGER PURPOSE

Besides the principle of restoration and victory through indemnity, the second unchanging historical principle is that God always supports those serving the larger purpose. For example, if one person lived only for himself, and a second lived for his family, God would support the second one, the one who lived for the benefit of his family. The person living for himself actually sacrifices others for his own benefit. The one living for the family sacrifices himself for others. On the other hand, between one who lived for his family, and one who sacrificed his beloved family for the benefit of his community, God would support the one living for the community. This too is an unchanging principle of God. Once again, we can use the Prophet as a supreme example of knowing and living according to this Divine Principle. Did the Prophet live only for his own clan or tribe or even only for Arab people?

No, he always lived for the higher purpose, not limiting his message for only one group or race. The message of the Prophet was for every precious being into whom God breathes His spirit. Thus the greatest among us is the one who ultimately lives for the sake beyond even the world. The highest purpose is to live for God. The way to check one's closeness to God is to see if one's message and life are devoted to the greater purpose. All action must be for the greatest good of all mankind, never for the sake of only one group, one nation, religion, or race. The one who is closest to God is the one who lives for the sake of the whole.

Therefore, even though the contemporary situation in the Middle East is complex, we must resist the temptation to rely on all sorts of analyses and sophisticated interpretations. Our primary responsibility is never to forget God's unchanging, revealed principles: Aggression is satanic, and blessedness is to sacrifice the individual purpose for the sake of the greater purpose. Only religious leaders know these truths and these ways of peace. So we have no other choice than to be the bold pioneers, revealing God's Will and God's principles. Peace depends on us.

Why are the greatest tensions on the planet centered on the Middle East? The reason is that this is the arena of activity for God and Satan. All the Prophets of the three great covenants received their revelations in this region.

As we deal with the present situation and speak to our followers, including the political and military leaders who depend on our wisdom, do not think about which nation might benefit most, but think about what is best for the whole world. We must be the untiring voice calling for true love, the base for living for the sake of others. The greatest imaginable tragedy would be for war to erupt between Christians and Muslims in the Middle East. The whole world will have to realize this point: the United States, European nations, Middle East nations, and so on. That is why I am sending this message to leaders of all nations. Everyone must live for only one goal, and that is to protect and safeguard

this situation against the possibility of a religious war. As religious leaders ours is the greatest responsibility. We must do everything in our power to guide all players into a peaceful solution for this Middle East situation.

With my deepest heart, I pray day and night for the peace I have just described; all religious leaders must do the same.

Once again, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for your holy and noble love of God and God's peace. May God bless you and your families, and bring lasting peace to our world, our home. □

MIDDLE EAST PEACE SUMMIT

The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace

by Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, October 21, 1990, Cairo, Egypt

Respected leaders of the great religion of Islam, I appreciate this opportunity to speak to you today about an extremely important topic: world peace. World peace is something that concerns all of us as people of faith, for we so sincerely want this world to reflect the beauty, harmony and goodness that we know exist in God. We see, however, that our world, drowning in moral chaos, injustice and violent conflict, is very far from the ideal of peace which we all hope to attain. What can be done to eliminate this contradiction between our shared desire for peace and the existing reality of bitter conflict?

Of course, the nations of the world should work together cooperatively to resolve disputes peacefully. We recognize the important role which the United Nations plays in this regard, for the United Nations represents the human hope for international harmony

and cooperation. The United Nations has played a significant peacekeeping role on many occasions during its 45 years of history, including in the case of Korea.

While the United Nations symbolizes the human aspiration for international harmony, we also recognize that national identity is often not the community to which an individual commits himself or herself totally. A citizen's loyalty to a nation is conditional upon that nation's embodying the highest ideals which the individual holds dear. In turn, it is most often the case that a person's most profound loyalty will be related to his religious commitment. For most of the world's population, religion is an extremely significant factor in their worldview. For example, while I am Korean, my ultimate loyalty belongs to God. I am sure that for many of you, religious identity is prior to your national iden-

tity. When we consider that there are nearly one billion Muslims, one and one-half billion Christians, eight hundred million Hindus, and five hundred million Buddhists, we can conclude that the religious factor is extremely relevant to any program aimed at world peace. Furthermore, many existing international organizations do not adequately account for the primacy of the religious factor in their efforts on behalf of world peace.

To conclude this point I want to state simply that interreligious peace is the precondition for world peace. I do not wish to denigrate the accomplishments of political, economic and social organizations dedicated to world peace. Without these efforts our world would be a very undesirable place in which to dwell. Nevertheless, if we are unable to come to terms with this religious factor, peace will inevitably evade even our most ambitious and conscientious

efforts.

IRFWP's foundations

As a disciple of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon for over thirty years, I have had the good fortune to benefit from his vision for world peace. At the very core of that vision is the recognition that the religions and the religious leaders of the world must take the lead in the creation of world peace. He has worked tirelessly for this cause, even to the extent of sacrificing his own religious movement, the Unification Church, in order to serve other religions. Even when Rev. Moon began his ministry almost fifty years ago, he always stressed the oneness of God and the importance of working for the unity of humanity.

When Rev. Moon began his ministry almost fifty years ago, he always stressed the oneness of God and the importance of working for the unity of humanity.

The ideal of world peace through interreligious dialogue and harmony has been at the very center of the vision and practice of the International Religious Foundation (IRF). IRF, as many of you know, has been at the very forefront of interfaith activity throughout the world. IRF includes the work of the Assembly of the World's Religions, the Council for the World's Religions, the New Ecumenical Research Association, and the Religious Youth Service. Each of these projects has an impressive and well-established track record. In a relatively brief period of time the IRF has come to be recognized as a leader in the quest for world peace.

On August 16, 1990, in his Founder's Address at the Assembly of the World's Religions, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon initiated a new organization that extends the significant advances already made by IRF. That is, he called for the development of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP). I would like to share with you a brief excerpt from that speech:

Today I propose to you the inauguration of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. In the current world situation, externally we are experiencing the termination of the Cold War, and peacemaking between East and West. Overcoming confrontations and divi-

sions, we are heading toward the age of unification by harmony, as one world family of brothers and sisters. The last decade before the year 2000 is a precious period which God has allowed us for returning to the original world, a precious opportunity...The role of religions in realizing world peace is therefore indispensable. Accordingly, all men and women of religion should now tear down the walls of sectarianism to make themselves available with unified religious power to act in accordance with God's desire for the greater goal of the realization of world peace. Now is the time to reflect that religious people have not

contributed enough for world peace. Now is the time to develop within each religion true love, which is the origin and basic element of world peace, and by practicing it faithfully, to deploy an all-encompassing movement, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace.

Before our very eyes we are witnessing the world becoming one global family. This is partly due to the technological developments in communications and transportation, and the gradual dispersal of these developments

throughout the world. In effect, the technological conditions are available for world unity. Unity and peace, however, cannot be achieved externally by technology or science. Unity is ultimately grounded internally in spiritual awareness. Without establishing the internal conditions for world peace, the world will never escape the spiral of conflict and violence that is our historical reality today. In fact, the problem will only get worse.

Era of interreligious unity

Rev. Moon is totally committed to the ideal of world peace, and he recognizes that religion is the key to peace. Of course, he is aware that religion has often been an obstacle to world peace. It is his firm belief that the era of materialism and secularization is quickly coming to an end, and we are at the threshold of a great and global spiritual revolution. That is, it is time for religion to assert itself in the global arena. How should religion assert itself?

Each religion has its own unique character and content. At the same time religions share many common values and aspirations. Up until this time in history, each religion has survived without emphasizing or even acknowledging the common ideals shared by all religions. This isolation of each religion was in part a result of cultural and geographical divisions that were not easily overcome. Today, however, no religion can escape the need to communicate and relate constructively with other religions and cultures. Given these circumstances, if religions persist in focusing only on their own purity and uniqueness, ex-



Rev. Kwak and Dr. Kaufmann visits the Grand Mufti Kufaro in Syria.

cluding others, the possibility of inter-religious conflict and war will always be close at hand. In order to avert disaster, all religions have to think of our common purpose under God, who is our universal foundation. In order to achieve peace and harmony we must center on God; this is the teaching of Godism.

The IRFWP is being created at this time in order to serve the process of spiritual awakening throughout the world, and in order to allow this awakening to contribute to world peace. Through the IRFWP, religion can shed itself of the image of being the source of the world's problems. In the IRFWP representatives from all the world's religions will work together in a cooperative manner. The IRFWP will be an example of interreligious peace.

The IRFWP is absolutely committed to respecting the unique integrity of each of the world's religions. The IRFWP does not seek any syncretism of religions, nor does it in any way promote or ask of its members a lessening of their personal faith commitments. The IRFWP is not itself a religion, nor will it presume to judge any religion. The IRFWP, as a federation of religions, is concerned to diagnose the world's problems and to recommend and contribute to solutions.

The IRFWP will have an extensive worldwide membership, representing all religions, cultures and nationalities. Likewise, its Presiding Council, Executive Committee and its Advisory Board will represent the diversity of its worldwide, interreligious membership. The Presiding Council will initiate, review and supervise all areas of the IRFWP's activities. At present the Presiding Council will be made to consist of at least five people, each sitting for a term of three years, with a Chairman. As a second tier of IRFWP, under the Presiding Council, there will be an IRFWP Executive Committee of at least five members, each appointed for a three year term. The Executive Committee will coordinate the work of the various IRFWP project areas. Both the Presiding Council and the Executive Committee will be representative of the world's diverse religions, and no one religion will be given privileged status or power. The same will hold true for the Advisory Board, which will function to

offer recommendations and counsel on policies and project proposals.

The IRFWP Secretariat is headquartered in New York at the offices of the International Religious Foundation. For the immediate future IRF will provide the base for launching the IRFWP. The IRF has been generously funded by Rev. Moon through the resources of the Unification Church. The IRFWP, however, will cultivate a broad interreligious base of spiritual and financial support for its activities. The IRF is completely committed to nurturing the birth of this great new interreligious venture, even

compete with the important work of other organizations, interreligious or otherwise, dedicated to world peace. The IRFWP is fundamentally committed to cooperation and service on every level. Whenever possible, the IRFWP will support and contribute to the work of existing institutions, including the United Nations.

Project areas

Finally, I will mention the project areas of the IRFWP. These include: peace initiatives, service, education, research and publications, and interreligious



Rev. Kwak is invited to address a Muslim audience at Grand Mufti Kuftaros' mosque in Syria.

to the extent of tailoring its own projects to suit the agenda of the IRFWP. In addition to the New York offices we are drawing plans to open regional IRFWP offices in Frankfurt, London, Geneva, Rome, Istanbul, Bangkok, Delhi, Nairobi, Seoul, Tokyo, Beijing and Moscow.

The membership of the IRFWP will be drawn from all religions and from all parts of the world without discrimination. While we seek official representatives of the various religions, we also seek the involvement of believers who do not officially represent their religious institutions. We also seek the support and cooperation of any number of institutions and organizations dedicated to peace. Institutional members may also be brought on as co-sponsors. The IRFWP will seek to organize its members on a regional, national and local level in order to more effectively work on a grassroots level.

It should be emphasized that the IRFWP does not seek to duplicate or

dialogue.

PEACE INITIATIVES: IRFWP will seek to mobilize its interreligious forces to provide peaceful solutions to situations where tension and conflict prevail. The IRFWP may offer policy suggestions, briefings, and it may even send IRFWP emissaries to meet directly with key figures in the dispute or with United Nations representatives.

SERVICE: Service includes both relief efforts in parts of the world suffering from great deprivation and the mobilization of interreligious volunteers to serve as a kind of interreligious peace corps in areas where the need is great.

EDUCATION: Interreligious education is essential to world peace. People of the world, both religious and secular, need to be well informed about the integrity and value of the world's religions. Fear and distrust are often the result of ignorance. The IRFWP is planning to

establish an Institute for Interreligious Education which will train religious leaders from all religious backgrounds.

RESEARCH and PUBLICATIONS:

In order to effectively educate or promote peace initiatives the IRFWP must itself be educated. For this purpose the IRFWP is committed to research. The IRFWP will develop a full range of publications that promote its principles and goals. For example, later this year a World Scripture, with an interreligious advisory board and with texts respectfully representing all the religions of the world, will be published. We also have plans, based on a suggestion by Dr. Ahmad Kuftaro; the Grand Mufti of Syria, to create a volume on Religion and World Peace. Finally, the IRFWP will

publish monographs that focus on current issues of importance relating to religion and world peace.

INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE:

As has been the tradition of IRF, the IRFWP will continue to promote all forms of interreligious dialogue through conferences, seminars and an assembly which will meet periodically. The IRFWP will also devote itself to internationally networking.

Over the next several months the IRFWP will be taking shape. I hope that all of you will become actively involved in this important and exciting new venture. The present world situation, including the tensions that exist in the Middle East, are very serious and potentially disastrous for everyone. To avert dis-

aster the worldwide religious community must do something. This is exactly why the IRFWP is being established. IRFWP can begin to deal with the internal dimension of disputes such as we see in the Middle East, just as the United Nations deals with the political dimension.

Please take a moment to review this draft of the IRFWP Founding Statement and if you agree to its general thrust please lend your signature and take an active role in shaping the IRFWP and the future of our world.

I want to thank you for your kind attention. May God bless you and your families. □

MIDDLE EAST PEACE SUMMIT

Introduction to the Unification Movement

*by Dr. Mohsen Al-Labban**

In the Name of God the most Merciful and the Compassionate. We give thanks to God the Creator of all things. There is no power and there is no doing except with God. Prayer and peace be upon the Prophet Mohammed and his family, and his companions, the most truthful messenger.

There is no need to repeat my earlier introduction. I was brought up in a family with a long recorded history, and thanks to God, I come from the descendants of the Prophet Mohammed. At least five in the direct lineage of my grandfathers held positions of known leadership in Islam during its history. They are well known historically and religiously up to the present.

When I speak about the Unification Movement I approach it with the understanding of a Muslim and with the conviction that it is a matter of concern for all Muslim countries. It is an international movement in both its principles and its scale of activities. It includes spiritual aspects in addition to dealing with worldly matters, in a way which will form the basis for human life and re-

ligious activity now and in the future. All the activities of this movement—including economic activities and those which are not directly religious in their impact, such as schools, newspapers, production companies dealing with nutrition and food or other kinds of industry—all these are related and are subjected to the same basic and right religious direction.

The purpose of religion

The first thing that attracts our attention is the character of Reverend Moon. If we look at his thought and his life history, we cannot help but know that he is a person to whom God has revealed His truth, and that he has done great good to gather together and raise up a group of people who are fit to stand for what is right in this era. His point of view, which we Muslims share, is that the aim of all religions is to build a world which thinks of God, and includes God's will in its society and all its affairs. Reverend Moon views religion as the method by which human beings can return from the very lowest place to the correct relationship with God. His life has been dedicated to God and to bringing about an order or system of things which God wants in this world.

The Unification doctrine was drawn from a correct understanding of Christianity, apart from the faults of its churches. It was revealed to Reverend Moon and inspired by God, so that he could understand human nature, its establishment and creation, and the creation and formation of the individual person, the family—the husband, wife and children—and their relationship to Almighty God. All these are necessary for the good of the world.

The general aim of religion and these basic ideas are shared by both Islam and the people of the Unification Movement. It also exists in other religions either fully or partially, but if there is a difference between religions, it is in their methods of implementing these principles. If the activities of a person or group of people are guided by one purpose, which is Almighty God, it follows that there should be cooperation and interaction between human beings, not division into troops and groups hostile to each other. Thus our present world, with all its different means of communication, can become united. We must, however, take into consideration the fact that there is also an enemy of the human being and religion which has only one principle and one aim, and that is materialism and

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secularization. To offset this trend of secularization many of the activities of the Unification Movement have been developed and clearly presented. These include the International Cultural Foundation, and the International Religious Foundation, of which the Council for the World's Religions is a part, and under whose name we are gathered today. The International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences and the Professors' World Peace Academy were founded to bring about the international cooperation of the scientific and political communities.

All of these organizations emerge from the need to create a proper environment for the return of humankind to God. Part of the method of going back to God, according to each religion, is for the right to appear and for peace and understanding to prevail in the world. These activities of the Unification Movement clearly proclaim that the purpose of human life is to return to God.

Promoting peace in the world

The Unification Movement, according to my present knowledge, is a liberal movement that does not follow any political or economic institutions, either governmental or other. According to my un-

by its own resources.

But you may have questions in your hearts about this Movement, as I myself questioned when I first met it; for example, from where do its finances come, and for what purpose is its whole effort exerted? The finance comes from the cooperation of the loyal people who believe in and work with this movement because of the good it does by spreading and promoting the purpose as understood by Reverend Moon. Because they are convinced of his truth and honesty,

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they have given a lot of things and invested themselves in those activities of the movement which interest them. This is a characteristic of loyal and supportive people in any field when they trust the cause they are supporting. As I understand it, the people of this Unification Movement prefer to finance a conference promoting peace such as this, and to gather people for the good of humankind, than to build a very sophisticated place of worship or to increase their private incomes. Reverend Moon has re-

ple; where are they in this world? But I never found them until I met the Unification Movement and I really discovered that these are the believers mentioned in the Koran who are existing at present.

Let us work together

The philosophy of the Unification Movement is extensive, but it is not the time to speak about that now. Instead, I wish to draw the attention of those here who do not know that I am one of the doubtful who has investigated this movement

and am encouraging its work within its framework and with good will and honesty. Though they meet difficulties in achieving their aims, my duty and the duty of us all is to cooperate with them in our thoughts and efforts to correct and regularize and

help until we attain the expected results. And we hope, by God's will, not only that we will continue with these conferences and seminars, but that from them organizations will emerge which can carry on the work and the achievements.

In brief, this is a movement arising out of Christianity that has led to reunification among Christians and according to the Islamic measurements, it represents believers and its activities give importance to human beings. The financial side of it is honest and honorable. I am sorry to have to speak about the financial aspect here, but some of the people here have doubts about it. I want to say that the Unification Movement is both honest and honorable, and its leader is undoubtedly a man revealed from God. As for its individual followers, all the people I know have a high standard, a good understanding and take a righteous stand. This is the point that I will end my speech with: if you want to know whether a man is great, look at his students; from them you will know what he is. If you look to the Prophet Mohammed, may God's blessing and peace be upon him, you will know who he is and what he taught from the greatness of what he left behind him. If you look and find that the followers of a certain person or doctrine do not have any real standard of thinking, conduct or behavior, you know their teaching is a lie and they are not honorable. In all honesty I thank the Unification Movement and I confirm that I am really convinced of its honesty and its value. Thank you. □



Head table participants at "Islam and the Establishment of World Peace" listen attentively to a presentation.

derstanding, all of its works are aimed at promoting good in the prevailing situations of the world. It generates its own finances which enable the movement to exist; these funds support its activities. Today's meeting is a part of the ongoing task of gathering and promoting full cooperation between righteous religious people and directing human endeavors towards God's Will, and is supported

ferred to this more than once.

For me as a Muslim, the existence of such a group of people, originally growing out of the Christian foundation, and representing the truth of Christianity as we Muslims know it, gave me a lot of confidence about this movement. Previously, I used to ask myself: Where are the believers who are described in the Koran as respected and righteous peo-

The True Goal of Religion

by Dr. Sheikh Ahmad Kuftaro, Grand Mufti of Syria

Praise be to God the Lord of all worlds, and best prayers be on our Master Muhammad and on his two brothers Moses and Jesus and all prophets and messengers:

O noble audience: Peace be on you and the blessings and mercy of God be upon you. I have spent the last 40 years of my life working to propagate the call of Islam in Syria and all over the world regardless of denominations and religious factions, or national divisions. I have met with a number of presidents and kings and attended scores of global conferences. I have participated in open dialogues and serious discussions. All through my work I endeavored to present the beautiful and brilliant image of Islam, which has been hidden from many people, and even from many Muslims.

Moses and Jesus, that you should establish the religion and not separate therein." The Prophet said: "My example and that of the prophets before me is that of a man who built and completed a beautiful house, except for a single brick in a corner. People went around and admired it, but said, 'Shouldn't that brick be put in?' Then he went on to say, 'I am that brick and I am the seal of the Prophets.'"

But the fanaticism of some clergymen and leaders of religion, and the ignorance of some religious people, have transformed that building into a state of anarchy, conflict, and actual fighting. This made countless numbers of rational and intellectual people abandon the structure of religion in search of some substitute that would ensure their safety, security and community.

My noble brothers, happiness will not be achieved in our time unless we restore the beauty of this building, and unless people find what they have been truly seeking by going back and settling under its moral, intellectual, and scientific canopy, guided by rational faith and with a heart full of devotion which is close to God. To restore the house we have to bring back harmony to hearts that have been separated. We have to

establish nearness and cooperation between man and his fellow men. We have to act upon the tradition of our Prophet who says: "All creatures are God's dependents, and the most favored by God are those who are most helpful to those dependents." Thus we must commence with rational dialogue, motivated by devotion and truthfulness, until we reach common grounds which reassure us all and provide the basis for more brotherhood, love and cooperation.

My beloved brothers, during my various trips which I mentioned, I met with a number of true and dedicated men, whose hearts ache over the way man has degenerated morally and intellectually. I have seen them earnestly searching for brothers all over the world, extending their hands in cooperation and laying down serious programs aimed at saving mankind from engulfing ignorance and the pitfalls of moral corruption. We have begun, by the grace of God, to bring constructive results from these gatherings with one objective: to save the drowning man who is fighting death, fatigued, despairing and frustrated. From among the serious, committed brothers who work for these objectives, I present to you Father Moon, the founder of the worldwide Unification Movement, which has branches in over 137 nations. I have found in this man, abundant truth, dedication and deep faith in the One Almighty God. I have felt in him purity of heart, clarity of inner self, and the light of wisdom in every word he utters. His serious and committed work, laid down in well-studied, careful plans, aims at gathering honorable, dedicated people who are committed to the highest morals in word and action, for dialogue to seek fruitful solutions to save humanity.

I call on you with all love to participate with Father Moon and his company, with open mind in positive dialogue, to pursue what benefits man and achieves God's Will in this world. They aim at peace and love. I pray to God that our unanimous objective can be: "O my God, You are my aim and satisfying You is my goal."

In conclusion, I hope that agonized and lost mankind finds healing in the light of God, and guidance in the teachings of His noble prophets and messengers.

We read in the Koran: "Say, do your work and Allah, His Messenger and the people of faith, will see it." Their last call is praise be to God the Lord of all worlds, and peace and the mercy and blessings of God be with you. □



The Grand Mufti of Syria's congregation in Damascus gathers to greet Father's delegation.

My brothers, Islam has come to complete the structure of the divine revelations that preceded it. The objective of all these messages was the perfectly integrated building, which sheltered all sorts of people and enabled them to find safety, security, peace, love and brotherhood. God says in the Koran, "He ordained in religion for you what he commanded Noah, and he revealed to you what he commanded Abraham,

We Must Protect The People

by Julie Roehring

In February, 1990, Father paired sister countries from Eastern and Western Europe. Julie was mobilized to witness in Germany's sister country, Hungary, during the spring of 1990, and Magda was mobilized to East Germany. The following are their testimonies.

When I departed to Hungary I already felt very strongly that the "East European Providence" had now arrived and that we had to quickly reach the people there. We had come to know through our experiences in Rohstock, East Germany (sister city of Hannover, West Germany) that the people in the Eastern block nations are very open to finding true values. Many of them are searching for God.

When asked to go to Hungary I immediately felt its urgency. My husband and I prayed right after we received the telephone call, and then decided that I should go. We didn't know how to solve all the practical problems, but it worked out somehow. During that time a blessed family moved to Hannover and their mother volunteered to take care of our children. It took some time for our children to get used to their "new mother."

The mobilization seminar in Seebenstein, Germany in March helped prepare us internally for this challenge. The spirit of True Parents was constantly present through President Won Pil Kim's leadership and parental heart.

The moment of actually meeting face to face with brothers and sisters from the East was filled with great joy. It was as if two brothers were meeting for the first time. Often when we face a new situation we have to overcome certain barriers. But this time I felt that on the foundation laid by our True Parents all barriers had already been overcome, which made me feel very free.

When I arrived in Budapest, Hungary my first impression of the city was very good. Many houses exemplified beautiful architecture, and I especially noticed the many bridges across the Danube river that divides the city. However, upon taking a closer look at Budapest and getting to know the different parts of the city, I could see that in the last 40 years the houses had not been improved or restored. In spite of these external differences from the West, I felt spiritually much freer there than in the West.

During my entire stay, I felt constant spiritual support. I also had numerous spiritual experiences. After I would pray for my guests, I would have a dream of them the following night. Through that dream I learned how they were doing and what difficulties they had. My prayer life in Hungary was very fervent and through that I received many inspirations and tremendous strength.

In the first week we held a prayer walk on a small island on which the Holy Ground is located; it took us about one hour. This was a very good condition that made us feel deeply connected with Hungary and enabled us to understand the situation and heart of the people better. We knew the importance of setting a condition to gain the internal victory, but also realized that it was most important to use our time very wisely and to contact as many people as we could. True Parents had made it possible to go to the East where there are now so many prepared "fruits." In order to harvest these prepared people, we had to constantly search for them. This time in history is so crucial for us to succeed in finding these fruits before they spoil, because moral corruption is expanding in Hungary. Our missionaries had made prayer conditions in the different churches for many years, so a foundation had already been laid when we began to witness.

In the beginning we were very careful because we didn't know how openly we could work. Our way of working was a big inspiration to the early missionaries who had been working under-

ground for nine years. When I learned what lonely lives they'd been leading and how great their faith was, I started to appreciate and respect these brothers and sisters even more. It was very easy for me to unite with them, because trust, respect, and a heartistic connection already existed.

After two or three weeks we started to witness more publicly. We went to different parts of the city and to universities. In April our church was officially registered, and that gave us the opportunity to witness more freely.



Julie with her family in Germany.

Hungarian people are very friendly and like to talk with people from other nations. Usually when we approached one person on the street, more people would stop and participate in the discussion. Often people would ask if we needed any help. Although it was easy to strike up a conversation with people, they never frankly expressed what they thought. After a few days, I realized that people are still afraid to openly state their opinions. Their feelings had been suppressed by the communist system for so long. It is still not so easy for

them to trust others. In addition, most Hungarian people have no clear vision of how to rebuild their country or by which value system they should live. This is a crucial formative time for their country; therefore we have to reach as many influential people as possible.

During the first two weeks it had been very difficult for me to move the people to come to our center, despite the fact that I felt

very free and excited to witness. I reflected and I realized that I needed a much stronger internal foundation and a deeper heart. For the following week I went

through a period of deep loneliness and internal suffering. But I also felt that certain barriers in myself were overcome. My desire to bring people became very strong. I felt like a mother as I talked with each person. Without these people, God's loneliness must be so great! We know what it means when our children suffer. Heavenly Father has so many children; the extent of His agony must be a billion times stronger. To find His children is the most valuable thing we can do for Him.

I met very good people, especially one person who was very prepared. After he heard the first chapter of the Principle he said that it was a universal truth. After attending a two-day seminar he accepted True Father. On the same weekend I had a small accident and hurt my leg. The doctor who stitched up my wound at the hospital said he would do it for free. I was deeply touched.

I compared the situation with hospitals in Germany. Hungarian hospitals have much less equipment, but the attitude of heart of this doctor and his willingness to serve touched me very much. I felt strongly that I had to witness to him. He had to rush off to another surgery so there wasn't any time to talk. The same happened at my next check-up. I knew that my last chance to talk to him would be when he would take the stitches out. While he was doing that, I asked him if he had ever thought about his purpose in life. He said that he would give it some thought. I said, "Please, think about it. We can also meet some other time and discuss it a little."

The next evening we had organized an international evening and to my surprise the doctor and his wife came. She is a dentist and also offered me free treatment. On that evening my doctor met a good friend of his at the gathering. That friend is a professor who has been actively working with the Hungarian PWPA. That professor described our movement to the doctor and explained

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our activities to him. My doctor decided immediately to work together with PWPA and to study the Principle as soon as he could find the time.

There are many young brothers and sisters now in Hungary who need more internal guidance. The older blessed couples have little time to take care of the young brothers and sisters because they have to fulfill additional missions, but they do their best. However, if there is anybody who would like to go to Hungary on a mission and ideally who speaks Hungarian, it would be of great help.

Many new members are now joining the Church, and therefore they also need an economic foundation in Hun-

gary. In other words, brothers and sisters who are able to establish businesses are also needed there.

There are so many experiences to write about, but it would take too much room. Therefore, I will limit myself to a few.

At our farewell party the night before we left Hungary, some of our younger brothers and sisters gave us presents. I knew that this was a great expense for them since an average monthly income in Hungary allows a person to merely exist. They don't have money for extra things.

I am very grateful for all the experiences I had in Hungary. I am indebted to that nation and its people, and continue to write to them.

I would like to conclude my testimony with one last moving experience. The week before we left Hungary, I had given my Principle Level 4 to a person who had accepted the Principle. She cried for joy when I gave it to her. The Hungarian family is close to finishing the translation of the Principle into the Hungarian language. The Principle is so precious, and I was reminded once again that it is the greatest gift from God and True Parents.

Thank you very much, dear brothers and sisters, for your prayers and fasting conditions through which you supported us. Thanks to the parents who have helped to take care of our children. Through that we were free to work in Hungary. Together, we brought a victory. □

Free to Witness

by Magda Haugen

At a meeting in Seebenstein, West Germany, my place for mobilization was changed from Hungary to Leipzig, East Germany. I left in mid-March. On the night train to Leipzig, I became very inspired.

From the beginning I felt good about this decision to go to East Germany, because I felt it put an even deeper meaning into our 1990 motto of "Unification of My Country." German unity started intensely with the breaking down of the

Berlin Wall. Long before my trip my interest in this idea developed through my avid reading of the newspapers, listening to visitors from East Germany, and from the information gathered as a result of our church's work in Eastern Europe.

We six sisters from Western Europe stayed in Leipzig around six weeks in a private flat inhabited by the family of the first native East German member, who has a very big family of seven sis-



Magda enjoys an outing with her family in Hannover, Germany.

ters. The family moved to their grandmother's place, allowing us to be free to invite our guests to the apartment throughout the day. Her mother allowed us to use everything, which helped us a lot. Our own center was not yet renovated, although we worked there very hard every day.

We had many guests—especially in the beginning; some evenings there were 13 to 17 guests. Our leader's wife usually gave the introductory lecture, but each of us quickly learned how to teach Principle through our daily lecture practice.

Our first 2-day workshop in Camberg was changed to Wernigerode, East Germany, where our leader's wife quickly found an excellent place for us. Ten guests came and heard Michael Wunder from Berlin CARP give the lectures.

I liked the young brothers and sisters who came for this special workshop very much, and was sorry that not one of them was my own guest. The guests developed a very deep relationship with each other and with us. Four attended a 7-day workshop and two of them joined.

I had 16 guests altogether who could hear Principle lectures from the introduction on up to Chapter 3. Four of my guests went to a 2-day workshop in Rhegelsmühle and one attended a 7-day workshop.

It was very inspiring for me to attend the CARP workshop with our Leipzig

form the public and advertise the program.

The last two highlights were the "Forum for Religion" which I could attend with one of my best guests and two of our VIP guests from Hannover, and the CARP evening program on June 19. It was held in the Mensa of the student dormitory "Jenny Marx" in Leipzig, with around 100 students. They were entertained by the Blue Tuna band and listened attentively to Claus Dubisc's

guests and experience the great investment of energy and heart given by our CARP brothers and sisters. They impressed me very deeply, and my guests were also touched by their efforts.

During my stay in Leipzig, I was also a staff member in the first CAUSA seminar there, helping to receive guests and visiting newspapers to in-

meet at the East European frontline. We worked together in different situations with leaders and members from different countries and missions; thus we experienced other leadership and a new witnessing situation directly inspired by Father.

Reflection:

In the beginning, the decision to go east for this mobilization was not easy for me; but once I worked it out with God in prayer, with myself, and with my husband and children, then it was okay. I knew that I was "called" from the beginning. I tried to make the time intense as suggested by the internal guidance given in Seebenstein. We had prayer conditions and daily prayer walks in the "cold" Leipzig air. There was also fasting, many meetings and daily witnessing on the street.

I received many life elements from being able to meet such good, pure people, who were almost without mistrust or distant feeling. I met good-hearted people who called themselves "atheists," but who would still listen with an almost humble attitude. Even students of theology, philosophy, and medicine, with all their educational background, humbly listened—that is a very rare event in my experience in West Germany.

To be deeply involved in witnessing to people was also the best way to overcome personal difficulties such as

homesickness or sorrowful thinking about the future. Always the feeling of responsibility for the people who were waiting for us was a positive push to me and whenever I re-

From the beginning I felt good about this decision to go to East Germany, because I felt it put an even deeper meaning into our motto of "Unification of my Nation."

sponded to it, something good immediately happened. For example, my best guest was met when I returned to the street to witness after receiving some very shocking news.

Almost all of our best friends attended and were very uplifted. The Wônhwa-do Demonstration, "Eye of the Tiger," will hopefully inspire the creation of a Wônhwa-do Club in Leipzig. Monike Noss, the CARP sister who will stay in Leipzig to take care of our foundation there, will help organize it.

This experience was a really good opportunity for brothers and sisters from CARP, CAUSA and the Church to

I felt free to witness everywhere, in the post office, after church services, on buses. Maybe it was easier to witness because of a different spiritual world and the prayer support of True Parents and our family in Western Europe—especially from my own immediate family, city, and region. □

PWPA Conference on Europeanism and Ethnic Minorities

by Barbara Grabner

In mid-September the Hungarian chapter of PWPA welcomed more than forty guests (38 professors) to the conference on "Europeanism and Ethnic Minorities" in Budapest, the Hungarian capital.

The topic of the conference aroused much interest. Besides the economical and ecological disaster, resulting from 40 years of communist mismanagement, the rising tensions among the many nationalities in Eastern Europe are the most serious problem in this area.

Budapest, located in the center of the former multi-ethnic Austrian-Hungarian Empire, seemed to be well-suited as our meeting place. After World War I Hungary lost two-thirds of its territory, causing one-third of the ethnic Hungarians to live in neighboring states, creating many miserable situations.

The site of the conference was the Budapest European Institute, a former training school of the Communist Party. The building is rather new and comfortable, located near a large recreation ground.

The event was held under the auspices of Mr. Bertalan Adrasfaly, the Hungarian Minister of Culture and Education. Since the Hungarian government is still deliberating a new policy concerning its national minorities, the majority of participants came from Hungary. But there were also some professors from Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia and Romania. One Slovak guest is presently rector of the University of Bratislava, a close friend of President Havel, and one of the early members of Charta 77. Most of the participants were professors, but there were also some journalists present.

Considering the biased and emotional reporting on the issue, the organizers were concerned about keeping the "flames" down. Fortunately the participants turned out to be very moderate and warm-hearted.

On Friday, September 14, the conference was opened by an address from the Minister of Culture and Education.

An introduction to the foundation and goals of PWPA followed, given by Mr. Rudolf Dangel of PWPA-Austria.

On Saturday and Sunday the participants presented their papers. Each presentation was followed by a lively discussion. The topics ranged from "A New Policy towards Ethnic Minorities," to "Contemporary Problems of Nationalism in Czechoslovakia" to "The United States of Central Europe."

Giving the first lecture, Dr. Janos Bathory of the Hungarian Department for Minorities said that the government has a new policy regarding its minorities "but no money to realize it." One of the mistakes of the past was closing down

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the maternal language schools, but "re-opening them would cost us 4000 billion forints." Professor Mihaly Samu of Budapest's Faculty of Law reminded the audience that the "minorities cannot exist within a dictatorship but only in democracy." The Czech professor Milos Dokulil of Brno University cautioned that the current debate on national consciousness is based on collective selfishness: "There seems to be an overriding political priority to satisfy the desires of your own flock. Arguments are not drawn from facts but from a rather cloudy mythology of the past... Instead of building the common European home, people are taken by the 'opiate of nationalistic myths'."

On Saturday evening an entertainment program was presented by the Vienna-based music group "Horizonte." Many participants opened their hearts as they listened to popular tunes sung in their native tongue. Additionally, participants of the 21-day seminar being

held at that time provided an enthusiastic audience.

On Sunday the atmosphere had advanced to such a level that Mr. Janos Temesi, a freelance journalist, opened his speech with the words: "We have been here for only two days and yet feel like a big family, not wanting to fight each other."

At the end of the conference the project "Friendship Village of Hungary" was presented. This project was designed by members of our movement one year ago. The project, having already received governmental support, deals with the resettlement of Romanian refugees.

At the closing of the conference, all participants voiced their interest in attending other conferences as well. An ethnic Albanian from Kosovo's University of Pristina, Dr. Gazmed Pula, commented that "the conference atmosphere was extremely constructive and full of understanding and dialogue." This state-

ment was not just a polite compliment. Much of the success of the conference was also due to the effort of Professor Kozma of the Institute of Education who functioned as the moderator of the conference. Prof. Kozma was always very busy to serve everybody in a most charming way. He explained that the advantage of PWPA is that it is considered to be non-governmental. "In the past intellectuals suffered a lot because of their dependency on the government and the Communist Party—and they still do. At PWPA they are also not bound to their scientific discipline, allowing them to speak without restrictions." Because of this PWPA is able to attract the best specialists.

Prof. Kozma also explained that since there has been very little negative reporting on the Unification Movement in Eastern Europe in the past, professors feel little hesitation to attend events sponsored by us. □

New Hope Catches Again in Gloucester

by Karen Smith*

The winter waters were warmer and fish came in earlier this year. Sun Myung Moon was fishing for stripers and black fish in the New York area again this year back in May and June.

On July 18 it came as little surprise to us in Gloucester to hear that Father was "on his way." Yet there we were—the New Hope's curtains in at the dry cleaners, dirty windows, one engine not firing up due to ignition problems on the port engine, rods, reels, tackle, and tuna lines somewhere in storage, the freezer from the back deck pulled out and nothing in its place, no food or drinking water (to mention a few things)—and four hours to be ready to take Father fishing if necessary. Nor was Morning Garden ready. At that very time brothers were in Father's room painting. Beds were not made, gardens not clipped or welcoming to visitors. Somehow all this was a very familiar story. Blame could have been applied to many targets, but it didn't accomplish anything last year or the year before. Jokes were shared about the familiarity of this with some semblance of recognition that "they" are not really anyone else but a collection of "me"s. So Ocean Challenge classes were disrupted and people mobilized to get things ready. And it was done. Soon the New Hope bobbed courteously, coyly tugging at her dock-lines.

We ended up having a little longer than four hours. McDonalds had hosted the caravan of True Family members—children, grandchildren and relatives. By the time they arrived the sting was out of the sun and the breeze blew kindly through the trees. Still there was plenty of day left. Children urged adults to hurry to the beaches. Cars, towels, clothes and beach paraphernalia were moved, exchanged, packed and unpacked.

Others gathering on the grassy knoll next to the tower at Morning Garden were refreshed by the sea air and the view of Gloucester Harbor. The "Villa" as many of the locals refer to it, was

happy to have Father and Mother back. Various members appeared and disappeared, greeting True Parents with bows and happy hearts. Of course everyone was wanting to know the schedule. After so many years of attempting to discover Father's schedule even half an hour ahead—and failing time after time—perhaps the insistent hopeful questioning of the security and anyone nearby was testimony to the eternal optimism of Unificationists!

In between other meetings with and reports to True Parents, a few Ocean Church members were able to greet them also. There was time for a few questions and remarks about tuna prices, fishing conditions and members coming to participate in the '90 Ocean Challenge.

Meanwhile, below the knoll, the New Hope's lines and fishing gear made their way onto a pickup and from there to be stowed safely aboard.

Back at the marina, the Ocean Challenge participants went about their altered schedule, constantly wondering when they would or if they would see Father.

It always amazes me how much can be done when there is sufficient motivation. It always amazes me too, how much energy is stimulated in human minds and bodies simply by the sheer presence of one particular man. It is always obvious to our neighbors basically what is going on. No one has to utter a word. The energy and activity level speaks loudly enough.

Many days after Father's first arrival, he was stirred into fishing action by a provocative report of Chris Schultz's fish—probably the first hand-line fish caught at North West Corner for the season. Those who had business to deal with at the meetings following Father's arrival in Gloucester were happily upset



Father catches a "whopper" during tuna season in Gloucester.

at the news. Naturally any schedule that had been set for meetings was tossed to the wind. New Hope was made ready and set out to sea. She headed for an island beach for a couple of days. From there, Father went out fishing for fluke with no result other than skate and perhaps one cod. So Father went in search of clams. After almost no result one day, Father finally found a bed of very large clams. They reminded me of the pacific geoduck—large but not quite as ill-sized for their shells. And there were plenty of them. Locals were seriously surprised that such large clams could be found in the area. They thought they had all been taken. But not so. The following day, everyone had plenty of clams for dinner.

Soon Father left for New York, and we thought it was the last we would see of him for the summer. Wrong again. Before we could guess, he was heading north again; this time his destination was Provincetown. So his captain, Ken Borneman, came with Reverend Kamiyama directly to Gloucester to bring the New Hope and two Good Go's over to Provincetown.

Father's timing was impeccable. As he was heading north, so was hurricane Bertha. She didn't come near shore, but she was strong, consistent and sending big swells and heavy seas onshore. One

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commercial vessel that was unfortunately in her path had its back broken, and of its twenty crew, four lost their lives at sea. Coast Guard planes were overhead observing and helping rescue operations with their information, but they could only watch as three of the final six were rescued, the others desperate for their lives, but unable to endure the cold waters and impossible seas. Swells were fifteen to twenty feet and the tropical storm winds whipped the seas into a deathly frenzy.

The Good Go's, meanwhile, in the protection of near-shore waters and Cape Cod, were still able to fish. The swells were still quite large, but the winds were not, and so most captains and mates rocked and rolled as Mick Jagger never could. Most Ocean Challenge '90 participants will remember that day well. We could apply Father's words:

We need guts. We must stand tall and say, "No matter how much the storm comes, I will stand here and never stop". . . I like that kind of man. Any kind of woman likes that kind of man. How about you? Do you like that kind of man? Or do you just like a disco-dancing man? What kind of person are you? Are you a Reverend Moon style of man? I am a very tough man. At the same



True Parents and several True Children enjoy a swim after collecting a large number of clams.

time, I must follow the spiritual direction.

(God's Will and the Ocean, p. 278)

Father's body is getting older, but his determination to push it has not aged. Still Father went out fishing for long days. He would go to the tuna grounds, and even on August 3 after he caught a 410 pound tuna, he summoned some Good Go's and they went after fluke and stripers. Most if not all fishermen would have headed for land and time out, but Father instead picked up rod and reel and relentlessly pursued the invisible bounty of the sea.

Father finally left the Cape Cod area August 8 and now is moving on to other fishing grounds, and the spiritual tropical storm winds move with him.

While in San Francisco, Father wrote his speech for the Council of World's Religions as he fished for salmon. The two boats caught thirty-one salmon between them. Father caught eight himself and was rather angry that no one had told him salmon fishing could be so good in the San Francisco area.

At the time I write this, Father is sending his hooks, lines and sinkers into the cold depths of Alaskan waters.

At the time of Moses and Jesus, God's chosen ones went to the desert to fast, pray and prepare for the future. Now, at the time of the third Adam, True Parents go to the sea for the same purpose. It is a special place to rendezvous with God. □

IN MEMORIAM

Kazuo Yamamoto

Words given by Kazuo Yamamoto's spouse, Nancy, at his Sâng-hwa on October 2, 1990.

Here are some honest thoughts that I'd like to share with you from my experience over the last few days. First, some words about this precious person that God gave me to get to know over the past 11 years. For one thing, the time was too short. Of course, that is my opinion and it's not necessarily God's opinion. Maybe it's just that now I can look back on our time together and realize that I should have made better use of my time. If I had had some warning that Andy (Kazuo's American nickname) would be departing, that is, if I'd only known a few years earlier, then I would have been more desperate in my heart to un-

derstand him more deeply and to challenge any barrier between us. If there's any advice I could give from this short experience, concerning the relationship with the special person God has blessed *you* with, it would be to be serious while you can. We never know the future. Also I too must be more serious about my life.

This is only the third day since Andy died, and yet it feels like three weeks of emotional experiences. When the news first came, my mind refused to accept it. I was trying my best to assimilate the



shock and the pain, but at one point, I realized that by my refusal to "release" him to be free, I was, at the same time, resisting the will of God. Also perhaps because of his not wanting me to be in pain, he was being held back—unable to go on to the new experiences awaiting him in the spirit world. I realized that I must find a way to change my attitude in order to understand how God is working

through this time. This is a tremendous challenge for me, but I feel hope to accomplish this change of heart, because I feel this is what Andy would want.

While en route to the hospital, after receiving the tragic news that there had been a serious accident, we did not know the final result. There was time to think and pray. It was necessary to cross over

Congratulations! to In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim
on the birth of their new Heavenly Daughter,

信善 신선 님 Shin Sun Nim (*Faith and Goodness*)

on November 20, 1990 (*October 4, Lunar Calendar*)



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the water on three ferry boats from the end of Long Island to Waterbury, Connecticut. The trip took 6 hours. When we neared New London, Connecticut, on the final ferry, I glanced up to see a huge flock of birds ascending gracefully

up to the sky. Then I noticed an American flag, fully unfurled, blowing in the wind at the bow of our boat. I felt maybe God was gently trying to reach me and was comforting my heart with these personal symbols.

in the most practical way. Being overly complicated myself most of the time, I could always appreciate his clear and trustworthy advice. Toward or about others, he never uttered a negative word.

Biography of Kazuo Yamamoto

- 1951. 7. 24 Born to Tamaichi and Yukiko Yamamoto
- 1968. 3. 1 Graduated from Naruto High School
- 1970. 3. 1 Graduated from Kyoto Cooking School (top); went on to become well-known chef of Kyoto Grand Hotel
- 1972. 3. 1 Joined the Unification Church in Kyoto
- 1975. 1. 1 Joined the first International One World Crusade
- 1976. 4. 1 Came to America; participated in Madison Square Garden Rally, Yankee Stadium Rally, and Washington Monument Rally
- 1976. 10. 1 Started the first fish business of the Unification Movement in America
- 1982. 7. 1 Participated in the 2,075 Couples' Holy Wedding; blessed in marriage to Nancy Breyfogle
- 1987. 5. 1 Appointed as General Manager of Tuna Dept., Happy World America
- 1990. 9. 29 God called him and he ascended into heaven, 3:40 a.m.
- 1990. 10. 2 Sûng-hwa Ceremony

Who is this pure, shy, humble, sincere and simple person? I know him as an excellent fisherman, a tuna-buying expert, a cook, a sushi chef and a gardener. Although he was not college-educated, he had the most appropriate common sense for any occasion. He could solve problems

in the most practical way. Being overly complicated myself most of the time, I could always appreciate his clear and trustworthy advice. Toward or about others, he never uttered a negative word. Andy derived great pleasure from giving his heart to his work. He was very strong physically and he never complained. Maybe it is befitting that he was "called" while in the midst of working, which is what he loved best, that is, next to going fishing. He loved living in America. When I chose the photograph to be used in this ceremony, I hadn't noticed until it was blown up, that the small ribbon he's wearing is red, white and blue.

Now Andy is in the process of entering a new phase in his life. He is very much alive and our relationship continues. Thank you so very much for coming here, for your concern for us, and for your support and honor shown to him in this time of transition. God bless you. □

Hispanic Festival in New York

"The Generation of True Parents"

by Maria Lanza

Since our True Father declared the establishment of ethnic churches in early 1990, New York's regional leader, Rev. J. H. Pak, has been inspiring the Hispanic brothers and sisters to fulfill our Father's desire. After Father declared that the doors of Heaven have opened up, the response from the Hispanic community has been great here in New York.

We started the "Unification Hispanic Church" last summer and we've been very successfully holding our services at the National Headquarters Chapel every Wednesday at 6 p.m. under the leadership of Rev. Esteban Galvan and the assistance of Mr. and Mrs. Pedro Rodrigues.

Our summer and autumn activities included 2, 7, and 21-day workshops held at Camp Sunrise, in upstate New York. Our guests were very impressed by the beauty of the camp and moved by the lectures. We also started a fishing club which was welcomed by the young Hispanic people. There is no doubt that Ocean Church is a great way to reach young people's hearts.

On October 3 we held our first Hispanic Festival—"The Generation of True Parents"—at the World Mission Center, and over 300 people attended, of whom 200 were guests. The keynote speakers, Ambassador Phillip Sanchez and Dr. Thomas Ward, gave very inspiring speeches. The festival included a taste



Top: Dr. Thomas Ward addresses the Hispanic Festival audience.

Middle: Dancers from the Dominican Republic enthusiastically perform Hispanic folk dances.

Bottom: Happy participants conclude their 7-day workshop at Camp Sunrise.

of Hispanic culture and art as well; we had several dances and musical groups which were received with great enthusiasm.

This festival was a success because of the support of all the New York City brothers and sisters who are witnessing to Hispanic peo-

ple regardless of the department or ethnic group to which they belong. We are so grateful for the way God worked in New York City and we want to share our hope and inspiration with you. We hope that our entire nation will send many Hispanic people to the upcoming Blessing. We'll be praying for your success! □

Letter from the Publisher

Eastern Europe. This is extremely significant for the Korean peninsula. This century's struggle between communism and the free world culminated in the division of the Korean peninsula into North and South Korea. Now, with the Soviet Union and communism's decline, resettlement will occur on the Korean peninsula. Five years ago, no one foresaw these changes, but Father has been working for over 30 years, predicting that this time would come, and arduously preparing the foundation that he has today. Centering on these visible changes in the world, the Korean church began to hold Welcoming True Parents' Rallies throughout Korea beginning in the spring of 1990. True Parents were officially proclaimed on the national level!

Through True Parents' substantial and worldwide victorious foundation, True Parents' position is settled. Automatically the children's position, Abel and Cain, is also settled in their original order.

III. The Second Assembly of the World's Religions was held in San Francisco from August 15-21. Father's amazing efforts to bring interreligious harmony have been manifested through the Council for the World's Religions, New ERA, the Religious Youth Service, and many other projects. On this foundation, over 500 high-level representatives from all major religions gathered at this Assembly. The main theme of the conference was how to bequeath religious tradition to our youth. It is a very significant theme for our modern era. The quality of the participants and the discussions made this a unique and historical conference.

Centering on this interreligious foundation, Father announced the Inter-Religious Foundation for World Peace, which is the sung-sang level to the IFWP. Father has much anticipation for this organization, which will be formally launched next August at the World Culture and Sports Festival. Without inter-religious harmony, world peace can never be achieved.

One of the participants at the Assembly, the Grand Mufti Kuftaro of Syria, deeply respects Father. Even before the

Assembly, he visited Father in East Garden, and afterwards visited Father in Korea. Father asked him to send his core disciples to a 40-day leadership conference, centering on the Divine Principle. He joyfully accepted and sent 40 core people, including his Deputy Grand Mufti, to New York to begin the 40-day seminar on December 2. This kind of event has never before happened in the history of the Islamic religion! Soon, 40 participants from Yemen and 40 from Egypt will also attend a 40-day leadership conference. God's dispensation is asking all religions to harmonize, so Father is expecting not only Muslims, but other religions to come as well.

IV. True Father accomplished important substantial victorious conditions which overcame the Cain world and built a historical foundation amongst the religious world. Based on the national and worldwide level victories, now God's

dispensation will focus on the unification of the Adam country. True Father will concentrate on the unification of the Fatherland in Korea through various organizations and activities. This is not just the mission for Koreans in Korea, but is the responsibility of all members to accomplish.

Spiritual Support

On Children's Day Father proclaimed that the saints and sages in the spiritual world must now assist and directly support their descendents. The spiritual world, in the object position, now recognizes that by heavenly law they must support the physical world in the subject position, whereas in the past they only supported the physical world centered on their own benefit. Now, through True Parents' substantial and worldwide victorious foundation, True Parents' position is settled. Automatically the children's position, Abel and Cain, is also settled in their original order. Cosmic law is now asking Cain to absolutely obey and support Abel, not only on earth but in the spiritual world

as well. After Children's Day, spiritual selves will completely and purely assist believers in the physical world. Amazing phenomena will occur, and we can expect to gain more and more results through spiritual world's assistance.

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Dispensationally, the unification of the Adam country will continue in 1991 in preparation for the eventual unification of Korea, centered on God and True Parents.

1991 is the year of the World Culture and Sports Festival, which is the conclusion of Father's historical and worldwide foundation. Father wants to express the ideal world visibly to all people. There are two main aspects to this Festival: 1) world peace; and 2) the ideal family. The possibility of a peaceful world will be illustrated through events of inter-religious harmony, cultural harmony between nations, youth cooperation, and peaceful sports competitions. The model of the ideal family will be illustrated through the International Blessing.

In our continuing efforts to prepare for this event, we must focus to find and educate blessing candidates. On the individual level, we have to urge our relatives to attend this blessing. This is our special duty as tribal messiahs. On the national level, Father is giving us a golden opportunity. This blessing is horizontally more open in terms of conditions required to participate. Therefore if each nation can find 10,000 candidates, it can suddenly acquire 10,000 new tribal messiahs for that nation. Satan will then completely lose his foundation, and then each nation's substantial foundation will have tremendous strength and the Unification Movement will smoothly and quickly develop. All members of the world must focus on the World Culture and Sports Festival and we will gain victory and glory for Heavenly Father and True Parents. □

ERRATA

We sincerely apologize for the incorrect spelling of Jeremy Gaylard's name and date of his passing into the spiritual world in the "In Memoriam" in the last Today's World issue. The correct date is September 13, 1990. Jeremy was blessed with Helga Giele in the 118 Couples' Blessing on May 21, 1978. They have one son, Martin.

The world is different now!
Today a new tradition centered
upon the dominion of Kingship,
True Parentship and True
Sonship must begin. Now the
time has come when the right
order of heaven and earth
has been established.

Rev. Sun Myung Moon
November 17, 1990