



VICTORY FOR FREEDOM



Portrait
of a
Movement
for
Freedom

“...I am honored to dedicate myself today to the preservation of religious freedom in this country. If I can raise up a beacon warning Americans of the danger which lies ahead, then my sacrifice will serve a great purpose.

“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 the world survive and do God’s will.”

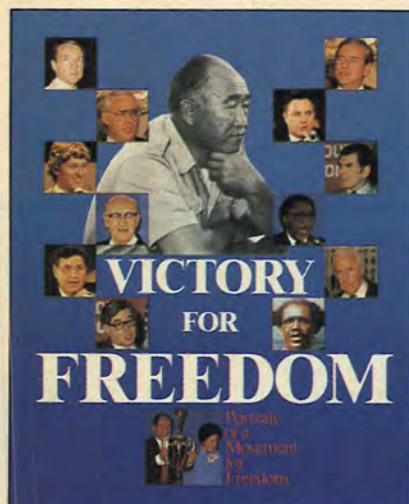
Reverend Sun Myung Moon

June 26, 1984, Testimony given before the Hatch Subcommittee



Rev. Sun Myung Moon in a reflective mood walks on the grounds of the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Conn. where he was imprisoned.

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Depicted on the cover are men who stood up for religious freedom in America during the imprisonment of Rev. Moon. From left to right: Senator Orrin Hatch, R-Utah; Dr. Jerry Falwell; Dr. Donald Sills; Dr. Everett Silven; Dr. Robert Grant; Dr. Tim LaHaye; Mr. Cleon Skousen; Dr. Joseph Lowery; Dr. Greg Dixon; former Senator Eugene McCarthy; Dr. Richard Rubenstein; Dr. Milton Reid.

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THE PRICE OF FREEDOM

GOD OR NO GOD

BIRTH OF A NEW MOVEMENT

Statement of Purpose

The Committee to Defend the U.S. Constitution was established to pursue the founding ideals of America. To that end we attempt to defend and uphold freedom in whatever way we can. We hope that this publication will further this great and noble cause.

Our forefathers originally intended that our nation be governed by Judeo-Christian values. The Declaration of Independence, the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights all reflect the religious values of the founders. The founders came from diverse theological persuasions yet banded together beyond their denominational differences to form one nation under God.

When Alexis de Tocqueville, the great French historian, visited America, he sought "her greatness in her harbors, in her factories and in her places of commerce, but I did not find it there. It was not until I went into her churches and found her pulpits aflame with the fire of righteousness that I found her greatness. America is great because she is good. When America ceases to be good, she will cease to be great," he stated.

We believe it is time for America to return to her source of greatness before it is too late.

One man who has sought to turn back the tide in America is a Korean preacher, Rev. Sun Myung Moon, who came to this country in the early 1970s. Because of his race and his outspokenness about communism he was ridiculed by the liberal media and generally misunderstood by many in the religious community. Only now are people beginning to understand what he represents.

In the following pages we describe his course in America in order to illustrate one man's attempt to sound the alarm and turn America back to God and away from tyranny. However, he is not alone. Many other religious leaders are speaking out as well. Our hope is that God and freedom-loving people all over this great country will unite together beyond race, color and creed and like our founding fathers, bring about a new birth of freedom.



Rev. Jerry Falwell and Dr. Joseph Lowery speak at a religious freedom press conference in Washington, D.C., marking Rev. Moon's release



“While the Unification Church may be the unpopular church today, next year it may be one of the rest of us standing here. . . .

“I think the president should pardon Reverend Moon. I think he was the victim of a railroad job, and I think we all in the religious community are losers because of it.”

Reverend Jerry Falwell

August 20, 1985, National Press Club

“The Moon case is particularly frightening. Not only is the issue of religious liberty involved but also the issue of racial discrimination. Governments that jail the unpopular to please the crowd will soon jail any crowd it pleases.

We call upon our friend President Reagan to name a task force to investigate the erosion of religious liberty.”

Dr. Joseph Lowery

President of Southern Christian Leadership Conference

from federal prison on Aug. 20, 1985.

As we stand for religious freedom today, we need to realize that this must include a general religious freedom from the control of the state for all religion.

Francis Schaeffer, *The Christian Manifesto*

The late Dr. Francis Schaeffer, a noted Christian philosopher and author, wrote the above words in 1981 as he began to observe growing government encroachment on religious freedom in the United States. Other religious leaders and authors became alarmed, too, as newspapers carried more and more stories of costly legal battles between church ministries and government.

In late July, 1984, when the controversial Rev. Sun Myung Moon was jailed, the religious community in America startled the nation by acting in concert on their convictions. They went to bat for the First Amendment rights of Rev. Moon, founder of the worldwide Unification Church.

Catholic, Episcopalian, Lutheran, Baptist, evangelical, pentecostal, fundamentalist, charismatic, Mormon, Jewish, Moslem and other church leaders, who before scarcely had occasion to talk to one another, let alone work side by side, surprised critics in media, government, law and some churches by combining efforts to secure Rev. Moon's right to practice his religion free from government intrusion.

They filed friend-of-the-court briefs in his behalf. They sent letters to the president and government officials. And they held large religious freedom events across the country.

Their efforts were the genesis of what has become the largest, most diverse movement to protect religious values and freedoms in history.

The reason for their outrage over what happened to Rev. Moon is simple, they say: Religious liberties hang together—if one is threatened, all are threatened.

And so they are.

More priests and preachers than ever have found themselves going head to head with judges and bureaucrats in courts and legislatures across the land over a widening array of issues ranging from zoning and licensing restrictions on church ministries to the tax laws that govern those ministries.

John Baker, general counsel of the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs said he has never seen so many church-state battles. The Christian Legal Society, which monitors church-state conflicts across the country, reported last year that there were six times more religious liberty court cases than a decade ago.

In Fairhaven, Mass., local zoning officials brought down a storm of criticism last spring when they ruled that Bible studies were home occupations and therefore prohibited under the town's property-use ordinances.

In Los Angeles, officials ruled that home occupancy regulations forbade Orthodox Jews from having prayer meetings in their homes.

A zoning administrator in Fairfax, Va., last spring proposed that the city's zoning code be rewritten to spell out what churches may and may not do with their property.

In all the strife, emotions are running strong.

Seven parents were jailed in Louisville, Neb., in Nov. 1983, for refusing to testify in a battle over state certification of teachers in a private Christian school. Earlier, the pastor, Dr. Everett Sileven, and nearly 100 supporters were arrested and dragged from the church during a worship service. The church was padlocked.

Dr. Sileven gained the sympathetic attention of the nation. Supporters displayed bumper stickers reading: "The Ayatollah Khomeini hangs Christians; Nebraska jails them."

Current church-state conflict takes many forms.

In Norfolk, Va., Dr. Milton Reid, a black Baptist activist, was jailed three times for refusing to cooperate with a white, court-appointed overseer of another faith. The overseer was empowered to mediate an internal church dispute by a circuit court judge at the request of a small group of dissident members of the church.

Dr. Reid and the majority of his congregation contend the action violates the separation of church and state by giving the state authority to determine when and how the church shall meet, who shall audit the records, and under what conditions the pastor may be terminated—all ecclesiastical, internal church governance matters.

In Texas, a bill was introduced to license the laying-on-of-hands.

And in Goleta, Calif., senior citizens were forbidden to pray before meals because the food they were served at a senior citizen's home is federally funded.



The late John Baker, general counsel for the Baptist Joint Committee on public affairs, noted an unprecedented rise in church-state legal battles.



Christians are increasingly alarmed over the extent to which the government is interfering in church affairs.



Churches have been pad-locked by state authorities.

Dr. Milton Reid, jailed in a Norfolk, Va., prison for the third time reads the scriptures for strength. He refused to let secular authorities resolve an internal dispute in his church.



Rev. Moon by his bunk at the Danbury, Ct. Federal Correctional Institution.



This message was written on the back of the above photo, and sent with books and video tapes to ministers throughout the country.

*I am honored that I could serve time in Danbury to protect religious freedom.
Sincerely in Christ
Sun Myung Moon*

But in all the First Amendment conflicts of late, the one inciting the loudest public outcry has been that of Rev. Sun Myung Moon who served a 13-month prison sentence. He was released from federal custody Aug. 20, 1985.

Religious freedom activists believe his case is one of the most pointed in the nationwide fight to preserve religious liberty, and goes well beyond symbolism into the hard-rock reality of government encroachment on the most precious freedom of all—freedom of conscience and freedom to exercise religious beliefs according to the dictates of that conscience.

More than 40 individuals and major religious bodies, representing more than 110 million Americans, felt strongly enough about Rev. Moon's case to file friend-of-the-court briefs in his behalf. And more than 400,000 individuals publicly showed their indignation over the outcome of Rev. Moon's case, sending letters and petitions to President Reagan and attending rallies, marches and church meetings across the country.

This widespread support has come for good reason. Religious people across the nation have found that it is not Christian, moral or expedient to allow any individual, group or denomination to suffer, unsupported and alone, government encroachment on their right to worship and practice their religion freely.

The principles germinated from First Amendment litigation involving unorthodox or new religious groups will have a commanding effect on the religious liberty of mainstream religions as well. Precedents set in courtrooms know no color or creed, but rather apply equally to all.

Religious leaders now realize, as Rev. Martin Niemoller learned in Germany, that once the state begins to chip away at the religious freedoms of smaller, or minority religious groups, a precedent is set that enables them to interfere with the rights of more established groups.

Rev. Niemoller stated: "When they came for the Jews, I did not cry out. When they came for the Catholics, I did not cry out. When they came for the Protestants, I cried out, but there was no one left to listen." Clashes like Rev. Moon's between government and religion center on conflicting interpretations of the First Amendment of the Constitution which states that "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion or prohibiting the free exercise thereof."

Dr. D. James Kennedy, Christian author and pastor of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., described the problem like this: "You'll notice that it is the Congress who is the subject of both of those [First Amendment] clauses: Congress shall not do this, and Congress shall not do that.

"It says nothing about what churches or church schools or clergymen or believers of any sort should do. It was simply meant to restrain the federal government from meddling with religion. It was a one-way street as all of the first 10 amendments were one-way streets. [For example], the protection of the freedom of the press was a one-way street. It kept the government from meddling with the press."

Today, however, the original intent of the First Amendment has been subverted by strict church-state "separationists" who believe the amendment should protect the state from religion instead of the other way around.

The implication of this interpretation is clear: If ours is not a secular society, it should be.

Religious and political leaders, however, became more aware of the ultimate threat posed by this increasing secular bias in courts and legislatures nationwide. They realized that when the Judeo-Christian foundation upon which the American democracy was originally built is disavowed, the nation's moral underpinnings collapse as well and America is left vulnerable. Escalating crime, immorality, and other social ills threaten demise from within. And the atheistic philosophy of communism poses an external threat to which an America without its original God-centered, Judeo-Christian base has no ethically-viable solution.

For this reason, many religious leaders who at first only joined together to fight for the preservation of religious liberty in America have now broadened their efforts to include fighting together to stem the advance of communist ideology in the world and to develop a God-centered alternative in its place.

Largely fueled by the dramatic religious freedom battle waged by Rev. Moon in America, and by his worldwide efforts against communism, an amazingly large and diverse movement for freedom has grown rapidly in the U.S. in the last few years.

The following pages survey Rev. Moon's struggle for the sake of freedom since his arrival in America in 1971 and highlight the activities and growth of the movement for freedom for which he has been such a powerful catalyst—a movement striving for a new birth of freedom under God.



Concerned Christians demonstrate in a rally for religious freedom, one of hundreds held across the country.



Rev. Moon greets well-wishers after a Capitol Hill hearing on religious liberty in America.

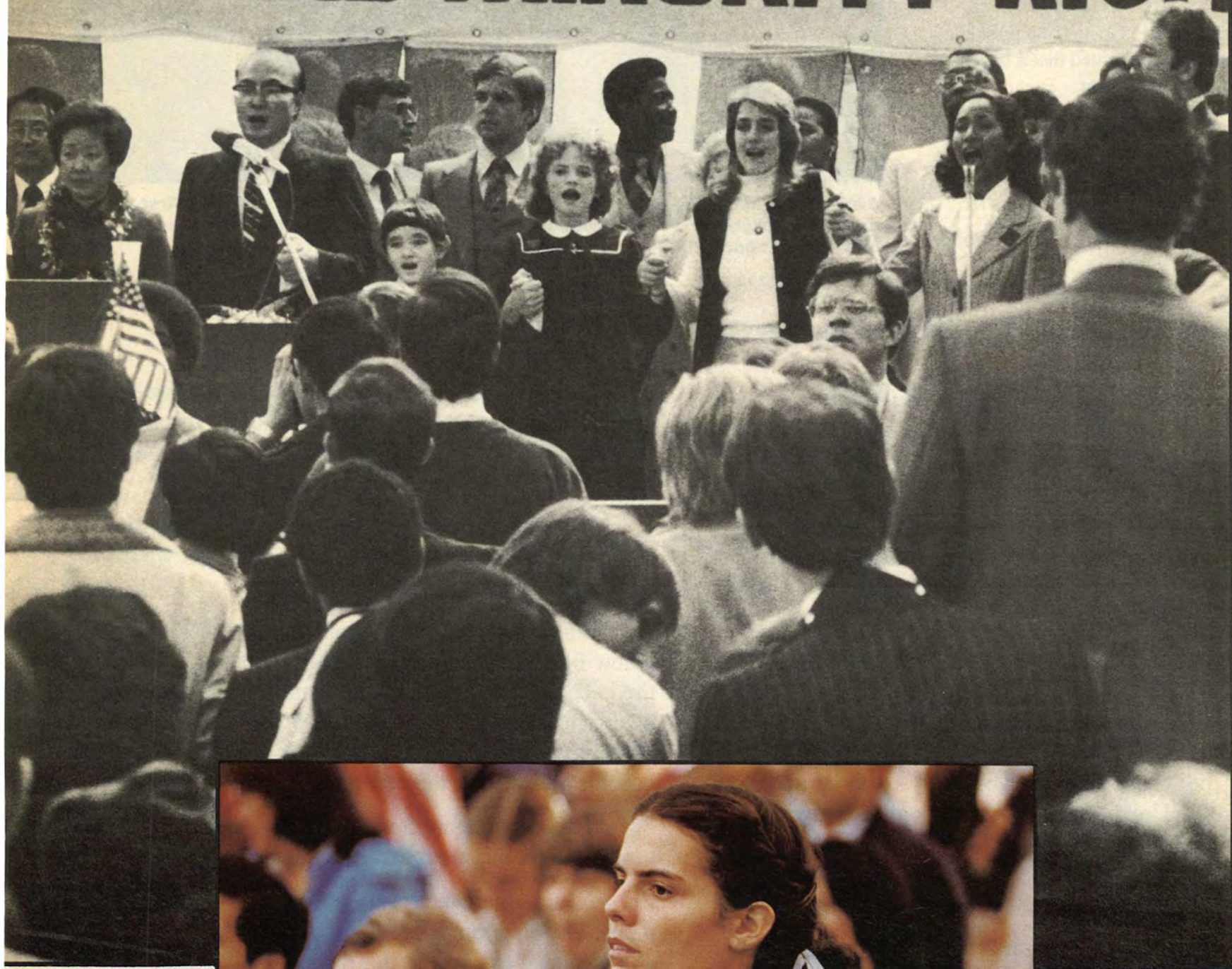
WE SHALL PROTECT RELIGIOUS LIBER



The Battle Begins

Prior to Rev. Moon's trial, a religious freedom rally was held at Foley Square, across the street from the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York. Rev. Moon spoke out against social and religious bigotry, and was joined by religious and civic leaders who decried the injustice perpetrated on him by the U.S. government.

OVERCOME IES AND MINORITY RIGH



Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife Hak Ja Han share a moment of solidarity with supporters at a rally in Manhattan's Foley Square after his arraignment on Oct. 22, 1981.

A U.S. prosecutor argued that Rev. Moon's public statements at the rally were improper. He asked that Rev. Moon's request for a bench trial be denied and that instead his case be tried before a potentially hostile jury.

Surveys conducted by an independent research company at the request of Rev. Moon's attorneys showed that at the time of the trial 45 percent of the public in New York would have convicted Rev. Moon of any crime. At the time, his unpopularity in New York ranked equal with the Ayatollah Khomeini. That was at the peak of the Iranian hostage crisis.

Judge Gerard L. Goettel, the presiding district court judge, admitted that a bench trial would have been fairer.



A member of New York's Hispanic community shows support for Rev. Moon's First Amendment rights at a rally involving people from a wide spectrum of ethnic, social and religious backgrounds.

Excerpts from a speech by Rev. Moon at Foley Square, Oct. 22, 1981

"My dear brethren and my dear friends:

"I am deeply moved and touched by your support. As soon as I heard the news in Seoul, Korea, I flew back to New York, half-way around the world, to face this historic trial. I must tell you that I am innocent, I have committed no crime. I have nothing to hide. My life has been an open book. I am not afraid of the trial. On the contrary, I welcome it because I know that through this judicial process justice will be done and the truth will prevail....

"I would not be standing here today if my skin were white and my religion were Presbyterian. I am here today only because my skin is yellow and my religion is Unification Church. The ugliest things in this beautiful country of America are religious bigotry and racism. God is color-blind. White, black and yellow are three beautiful brothers....

"President Reagan said to the nation in his famous campaign speech: 'When the basic rights [of any group are threatened], it is not only one religious group that suffers, it is the entire nation.' If these words are valid, religious persecution and racism against the Unification Church today in America are truly a shame and disgrace for the entire nation.

"My dear brethren and my dear friends, today we prepare to meet a new challenge. Let us make this day a

day of unity—a day of new commitment. Let us pledge again to fight against all evil and injustice. In this fight, we are not alone. God Almighty is with us. Millions and millions of people around the world are with us.

"The Unification Church is an oppressed minority in America. But with Almighty God on our side, we are a majority.

"This is a new day for minorities, a new beginning, a new fight. Today I am not sad or unhappy, or even tired. Today I am creating a new minority alliance for civil rights. Our zeal moves the heart of God. Let my determination and our conviction to win this struggle become a beacon to the new world.

"I thank Almighty God that He gave me the opportunity to fight this great battle, to champion this cause.

"Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy Will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever and ever."

"Amen."

Sun Myung Moon
October 22, 1981



Many legal experts and religious leaders later stated that Rev. Moon was treated unjustly and penalized for practicing his constitutionally-guaranteed right of free speech at the Foley Square rally.

They questioned the wisdom and fairness of subjecting Rev. Moon to a hostile jury when it was evident to most that a bench trial would have been more appropriate in his situation.

Thus began one of the most dramatic religious freedom battles in the history of the U.S.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon receive flowers and encouragement from those who gathered to demonstrate for religious liberties and minority rights at the outdoor rally.

Trial & Error

Much has been written about Rev. Moon's trial, but perhaps the two most significant issues raised by the trial are these:

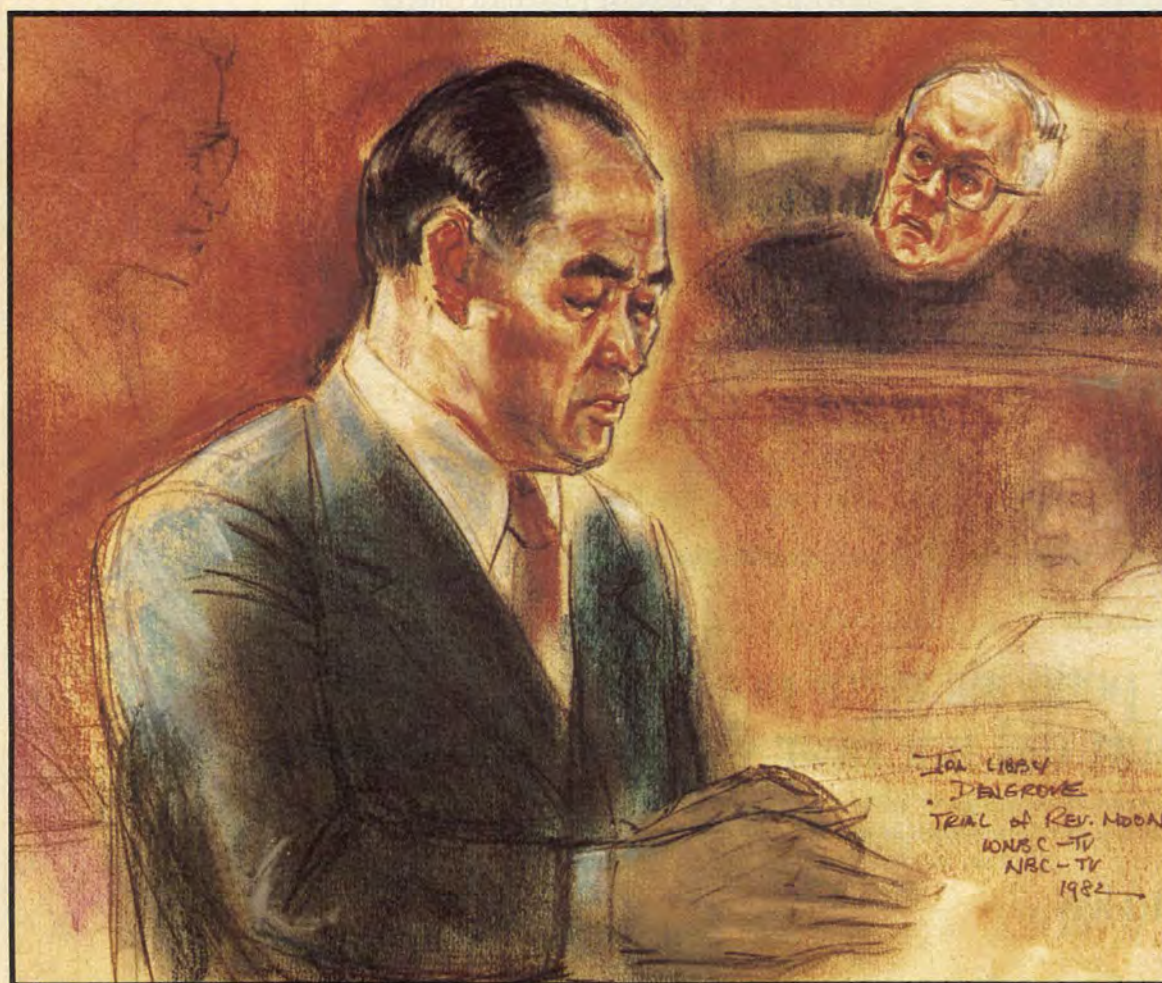
1. According to the U.S. Constitution, every accused has the right to a trial by jury. If, however, a defendant desires a bench trial (by the judge only) instead of a trial by jury, he is almost always given one. In Rev. Moon's case, the government flatly refused to allow a bench trial.

Defense attorneys had requested a bench trial for Rev. Moon after hiring professional pollsters who found that it would be impossible to find 12 jurors in the New York area who would be unbiased in his case. The government, it seems, came to the same realization and hence preferred a jury trial so as to ensure a verdict of guilty.





Jury forewoman Mary Nimmo in this artist's sketch is shown reading the verdict.



Rev. Moon, in this artist's sketch, faces Federal Judge Gerard Goettel to receive his sentence.

2. Another interesting thing about the trial is that the government succeeded in characterizing Rev. Moon—and the judge went along with it—as a business man and not the founder and leader of a worldwide church. The jury, therefore, was allowed to judge what it thought should have been done with the church monies, instead of declaring that internal financial decisions are legally and properly under the jurisdiction of a church and therefore beyond the power of a jury to decide.

In the U.S. federal court system, the second level of recourse for a defendant is the court of appeals. In a split decision (2-1) the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit upheld the U.S. District Court decision by Judge Goettel. The dissenting opinion was written by Chief Judge James Oakes. One point in his decision should be emphasized.

According to Judge Oakes, Rev. Moon was charged with failure to include roughly \$112,000 in his tax return. The money in question was interest earned on a bank account in the Chase Manhattan Bank. The prosecution throughout the trial alleged that the sum upon which the interest was earned belonged to Rev. Moon as his "personal money." At the same time, however, the prosecution offered evidence that Rev. Moon had "diverted" the money to his own use, implying that the funds belonged to the church. Ironically, since he had not been charged with diversion, he should not have been found guilty of it. Even first-year law students know that a person cannot be convicted of a crime for which he has not been charged.

Judge Oakes wrote in his dissent: "First, while it may be correct as a matter of law that a trustee who diverts trust property to his own use is taxable to the extent of the diversion, diversion was not charged in the indictment. Thus, evidence of diversion was irrelevant to the case. The diversion instruction, given over defense objection, was at variance with the theory on which the Reverend Moon was indicted and on which the entire case was tried."

In spite of this clear analysis by Judge Oakes, the Second Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed the conviction of the lower court. The injustice done in the Moon case raises the question of whether the United States is a nation ruled by constitutional law or a nation ruled by the whims of men.

THE CONSTITUTION IS GOOD FOR NOTHING

If it doesn't apply to everyone.

To uphold our Constitution, religious organizations, members of Congress, civil rights groups, individuals and legal scholars petitioned the U.S. Supreme Court on behalf of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. They did so because they knew the serious implications of his case.

Petitioners to the Supreme Court of the United States

No. 83-1242, October Term, 1983

The American Coalition of Unregistered Churches
The Religious Freedom International
The American Association of Christian Schools
The American Civil Liberties Union
The New York Civil Liberties Union
Bishop Ernest L. Unterkoefler
Clare Boothe Luce
Eugene J. McCarthy
Robert Destro
Coalition of Catholic Laymen
The Catholic League for Religious and Civil Rights
The Center for Judicial Studies
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints
The Coalition for Religious Freedom
The Institute for the Study of American Religion
Christian Voice, Inc.

The National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA
The Presbyterian Church (USA)
The American Baptist Churches in the USA
The African Methodist Episcopal Church
The National Association of Evangelicals
The Christian Legal Society
The National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee
The Southern Christian Leadership Conference
The National Conference of Black Mayors
The National Bar Association
The Honorable Mervyn Dymally
The Spartacist League
The State of Hawaii
The State of Oregon
The State of Rhode Island
United States Senator Orrin G. Hatch,
The Freeman Institute

These individuals and groups represent over 160 million Americans.

**Their petitions were not heeded.
The Supreme Court did not hear Reverend Moon's case.**

*Reverend Moon has spent the last 12 months in prison.
He paid a great price when he lost his religious freedom.
But so, too, have all of us.*

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They Should Have Heard It



by Mr. William Ball

Pennsylvania attorney William Ball of Harrisburg is widely respected for his success in defending First Amendment religious rights. Some of his cases have resulted in precedent-setting court decisions.

He believes the cutting edge of religious freedom issues in the United States today is found in three areas: The threat of government regulation and control of religious institutions, government taxation of religion, and the substitution of state power for parental rights.

In an interview with "Religious Freedom Alert" Mr. Ball made the following comments about the tax case of Reverend Moon and its implications.

"I think it's very unfortunate that the case was not heard by the Supreme Court because it left the public with impressions of the case that need not have been there. It brought about confusion.

"And it is extremely unfortunate that Reverend Moon was sent off to jail when his was a case where so many other religious groups recognized the enormous issue involved and submitted amicus curiae. It is unfortunate that it came down to the decision of two out of three judges in the U.S. Court of Appeals, that it should be left to their conclusion.

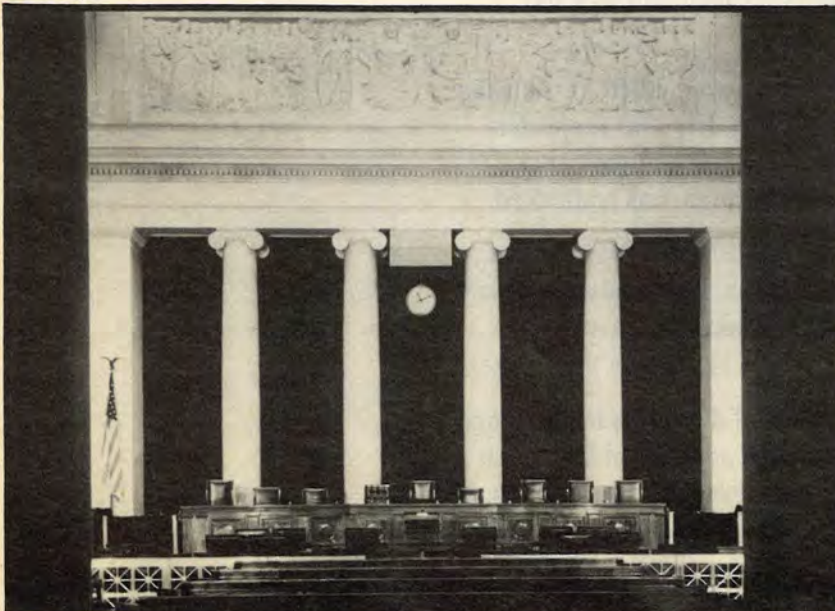
"I hope the Moon case does not mean that the government now knows how it may tax religion. I believe that if religion can be taxed, then we are at the end of religion. I think that the taxation of religion is not only directly invasive of religious liberty, but is really a capital offense against religious liberty.

"It also means that churches can be governmentally conditioned to accept positions solely on the basis of economic survival.

"And taxation, we have to remember, has a hydraulic movement. Once instituted, you can't get rid of it. It continues to increase."



A view of the U.S. Supreme Court from the outside and the inside.



More concern was shown over Rev. Moon's case than any other religious freedom case in history. Sixteen amicus curiae, or friend-of-the-court briefs, were filed in behalf of Rev. Moon by 40 individuals and major religious bodies representing more than 160 million Americans. The Supreme Court, however, slammed the door in the face of the religious community by refusing to hear the case.

Constitutional concerns reflected in some of those briefs may be summarized as follows:

1. In the Moon case, the government overrode the internal financial decisions of a church, with no regard to the church's theology.
2. The jury was allowed to impose its own secular judgment on what constitutes religious use of funds.
3. The Unification Church's view of the religious nature of its own activities was ignored.
4. The jury was told to disregard religion even though the essential defense was religious trust and the funds were donated by members of the religion to their pastor for religious purposes.
5. The government and the court converted church property into the personal property of the church leader, disregarding all testimony from the donors about their intent.
6. A jury was forced upon Rev. Moon, in spite of juror hostility which even the trial judge acknowledged.
7. Freedom of speech was stifled because Rev. Moon was denied the trial by judge he had requested, principally on the grounds that he had made a public speech critical of the prosecution's motives.
8. While the traditional role of a jury is to "protect," in Rev. Moon's case, it was turned into an instrument of persecution.



The Alarm Is Heard

On June 26, 1984, Senator Orrin G. Hatch, chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on the Constitution, held a hearing on religious liberty cases, including Rev. Moon's. There were several well-known cases discussed at the hearing and, in most instances, the principals involved in those cases testified.

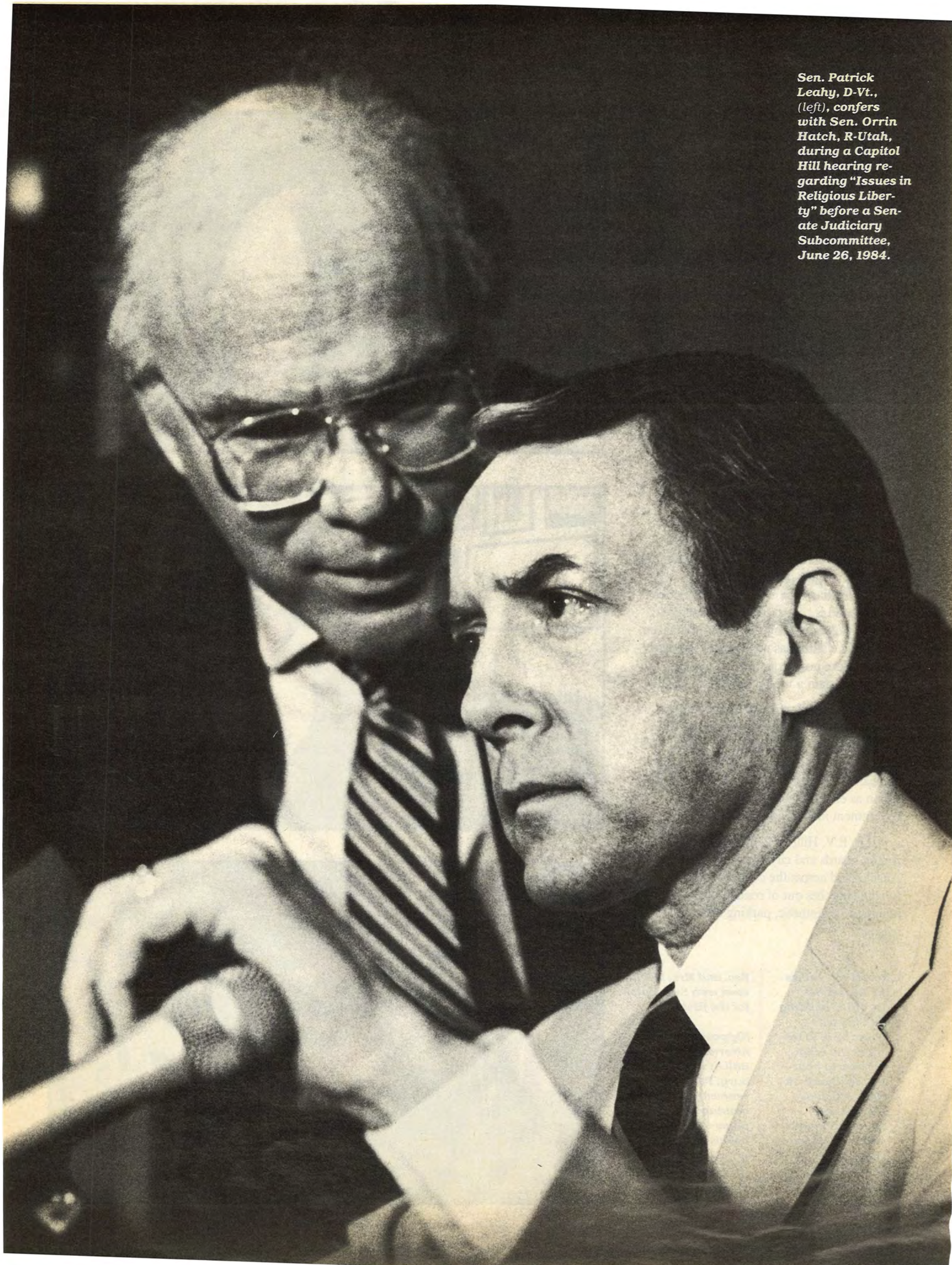
Dr. Everett Sileven, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Neb., testified about an 8-year battle with that state over his church school which cost them \$1.5 million. The Nebraska government forcibly closed down Faith Christian School, even though students there had test scores with higher averages than the scores of students in public schools. The issue in the case was that the school's teachers were not certified by the state although they held master's and doctoral degrees.

Seven parents of children in the school were jailed for refusing to testify about the school. Dr. Sileven and nearly 100 supporters were physically dragged from the church by law enforcement officials during a worship service, and the church was padlocked.

Dr. Milton Reid, a black activist preacher from Norfolk, Va., also testified. He was driven out of his church, New Calvary Baptist, by government authorities and fined more than \$1,000 a day for refusing to turn over the membership lists of his church to a judge.

The case arose when a small number of dissidents in his congregation asked local authorities to intervene in an internal dispute in the church. A district court judge then appointed a white layman of another faith to "oversee" the black church. As a result of the turmoil, Dr. Reid was eventually forced out of his church against the wishes of the majority of his parishoners.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., (left), confers with Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, during a Capitol Hill hearing regarding "Issues in Religious Liberty" before a Senate Judiciary Subcommittee, June 26, 1984.



Rev. Moon, then only 24 days away from beginning an 18-month prison sentence, also testified. He spoke about America, his mission in this country, and religious freedom. He told the nearly 600 people gathered at the hearing that, "the greatest confrontation in the world today is not the United States versus the Soviet Union, capitalism versus socialism or even democracy versus communism, it is faith in God versus the denial of God."

At the end of his testimony, Rev. Moon requested that Sen. Hatch look into allegations that his case may have been treated unfairly by the Justice Department. Months later, Sen. Hatch revealed his findings in a letter to Rev. Moon's attorney, Edward Bennett Williams. Those findings shed new light on Rev. Moon's case and raised grave concern over the question of government interference into the affairs of religion. See page 92 for Sen. Hatch's letter to Edward Bennett Williams.

Dr. D. James Kennedy, a Christian scholar and Florida pastor, testified about the erosion of religious liberties in America. The Judeo-Christian base upon which America was founded is being ripped away and replaced by a philosophy of secular humanism, he said. The latter has no absolute standards and therefore no adequate foundation upon which to sustain a moral and ethical society.

William Ball, regarded as one of the foremost constitutional lawyers in the country, spoke about the alarming proliferation of religious freedom cases in recent years and emphasized the cases of Dr. Sileven and Rev. Moon as examples of unconstitutional government intrusion into religion.

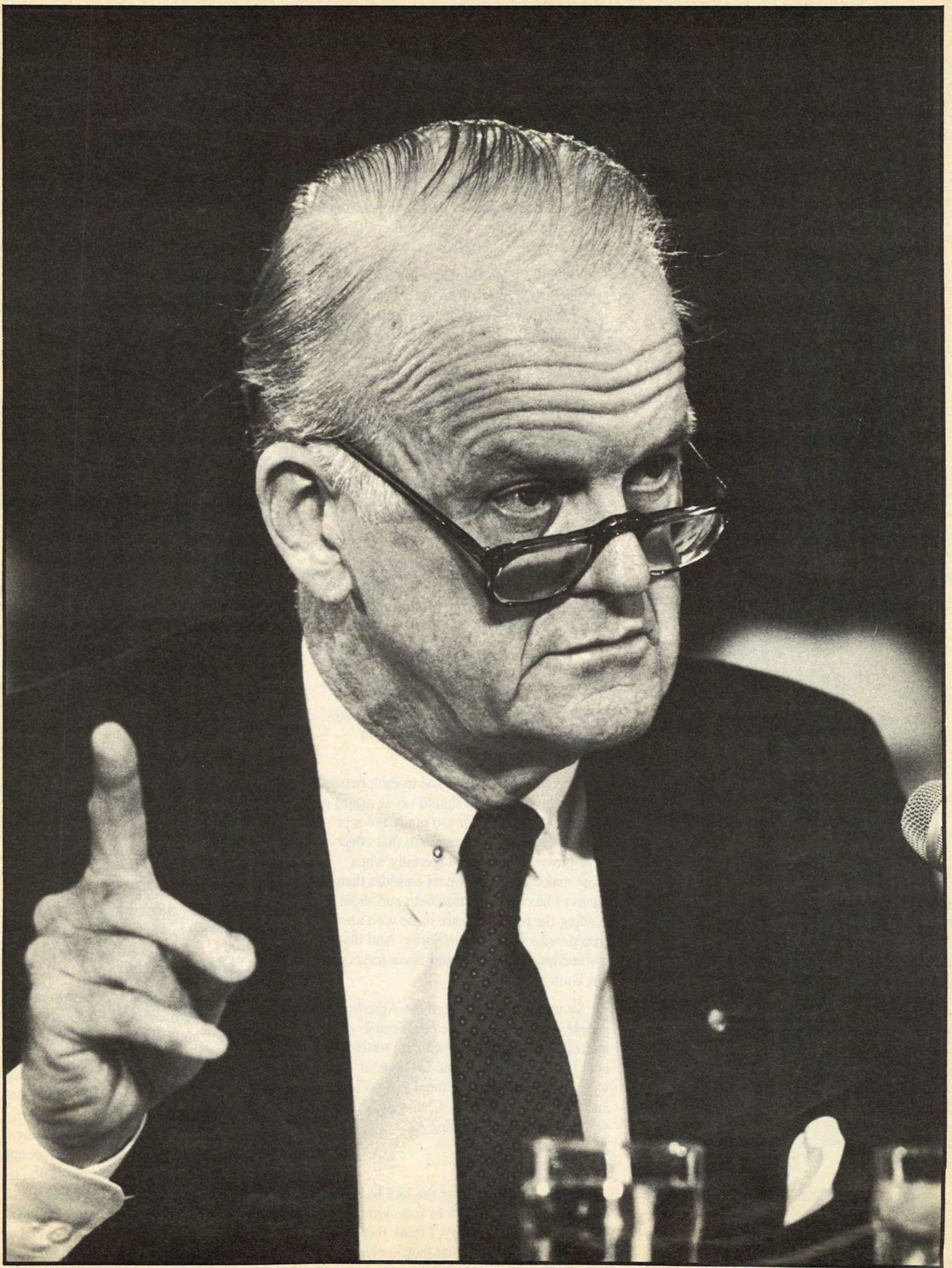
Dr. E.V. Hill, of California, told of zoning boards and city councils in Los Angeles and across the country that are forcing churches out of residential communities for aesthetic, parking and other reasons.

Rev. Moon enters the Russel Senate office building with his wife where he is to testify at the religious liberty hearing together with other religious leaders and constitutional experts concerned about growing church-state conflicts across the country.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon meet with Sen. Hatch for the first time.

(Opposite page) Attorney William Ball of Harrisburg, Penn., renowned for his outstanding defense of religious believers in First Amendment cases throughout the country, testifies at the hearing.







**Hon.
Patrick
J. Leahy**



**Dr.
Everett
Silven**



**Dr.
Greg
Dixon**



**Dr.
D. James
Kennedy**



**Dr.
Herbert W.
Titus**



**Dr.
Edward V.
Hill**



**Rev.
Paul Weaver**



**Prof.
Laurence
H. Tribe**



**Rev.
Charles
Bergstrom**

William B. Ball

A number of lower court decisions lately have sanctioned governmental overkill in religious liberty cases by ignoring the requirement that government may restrict religious liberty not in the name of a public interest but solely in the name of a compelling governmental interest—that is a supreme interest, a supreme societal interest. And those same courts have also ignored the requirement that government is to be put upon its proof that such a supreme interest exists.

Finally, adequate judicial review is greatly needed in religious liberty cases. I am perplexed that when so many credible and major religious bodies asked the Supreme Court to review, simply to review, Reverend Moon's case, that review was denied.

These religious bodies deem the case momentous in terms of their freedoms, irrespective of whether Reverend Moon was correct or incorrect in his challenge to governmental action. It seems to me quite unfortunate that the case was not heard.

Hon. Patrick J. Leahy

I do commend you, Mr. Chairman, for choosing to devote a hearing of this subcommittee to the important subject of religious freedom.

As one who belongs himself to a minority religion, I do not think that the importance of such a hearing can be overstated. You certainly do the subcommittee and you certainly do the whole Senate a service in holding this hearing.

Freedom to worship God in each person's own way is a right we should never regard as permanently secure, for too many times in mankind's history guarantees to that effect have proven overstated; especially when those making the guarantees consider themselves to have the one true faith and those needing the guarantees are those who are considered to be in the majority. And that is something that we should never forget in this country.

So we in the Senate and the American people are going to be the beneficiaries of the interest and zeal of those who are testifying here today. I know I speak for Senator Hatch when I say you have the thanks of both of us and I reiterate again, Mr. Chairman, I thank you for holding this hearing.

Dr. Everett Silven

I too would agree that the IRS has become a law unto itself. In fact, without trying to be inflammatory, I think there are many people who feel that they are really the gestapo-like agency of our government.

Reverend Moon's case, the Bob Jones case, simply lay the foundation for which the IRS will continually come down upon churches.

...Nebraska has been the horror story of our nation for a long time.

...In 1981 our church in Louisville was padlocked for the first time. In 1982, I was arrested four times, spent 120 days in the Cass County jail.

On October 18, 1982, there were almost 100 praying ministers who were not even a part of the case at all, who were carried out, physically removed by 18 armed officers and the church padlocked for the second time.

...The judge vindictively sentenced me to eight months in jail, stating right over the bench that he would like to have given me two years in the state penitentiary.

He stated, as well as Judge Case, that they were not bound by the Constitution in this case. That is in the record. They do not believe that the Constitution applies. And this is one of the problems that we are facing.

Dr. Greg Dixon

"I am confident that the Scripture is true when it says, 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.' But I am afraid that as our nation has turned away from God, turned away from the Word of God, turned away from the great moral moorings of this nation, we are beginning to lose our liberties because the Spirit of God is leaving America just as the prophet of old stood one day and saw the glory of God depart from Israel.

"I trust that this will never happen to you and me in our generation, and that we will keep the light of freedom burning in this nation and do whatever we possibly can to make sure [freedom] continues. We must, as individuals, face these great issues. We must confess our sins, we must repent, and we must turn back to the God of our fathers."

Dr. D. James Kennedy

Every nation in the history of this world and every government has been based on some theistic and/or antitheistic foundation. Egypt, Iran, Saudi Arabia based on Islam; India upon Hinduism; Israel upon Judaism; China formerly upon Buddhism. It is incontrovertible historically that America was founded upon Christian theism. But today, we see another religion which is encroaching upon that foundation, and whenever you see a mass of cold air come in contact with a mass of warm air, there inevitably will be a storm front and there will be thunder clouds and lightning bolts. We have heard the roar of judicial thunder, we have seen the striking

of executive thunderbolts, and we have heard from some who have received those bolts today. But that is what is taking place in America today, and that is essentially that the original foundations of this country, Christian, theism, are being replaced by the tenets of a new religion, secular humanism.

Dr. Herbert W. Titus

Ladies and gentlemen, as Dr. Kennedy has so eloquently pointed out, we are at war over religious freedom in America, and it is a war between two faiths. On one side of the battle are those who believe that our constitutional guarantees of religious freedom are God-given, fixed and governed by the words and intent of our forefathers who wrote the Constitution of the United States and of the 50 states.

On the other side are those who believe that our religious freedoms are "man" invented, evolving and authoritatively defined by the judges who sit on the highest courts of the land.

Dr. Edward V. Hill

The first thing I want to say is that I am sorry Senator de Concini, I believe, left. I wanted to assure him that this court system that I appreciate and this court of law once upon a time ruled that a person of my color was not even a person. And then finally they agreed that we were a percent of a human being and then, many years later, they decided we were a human being that needed to be segregated. So, it is not the holy cow. It is not as holy as one might think. It is improving but it has a long way to go.

Rev. Paul Weaver

For 35 years I spent my life in parsonages. My dad was a pastor. Now I have been one for 14 years. I have watched the change in attitude toward religion, the relationship between government and the church breakdown. In the fifties, I saw a friendly relationship, neutralized perhaps in the sixties and seventies, becoming in many ways an adversary relationship in the eighties, which is to my dismay.

We are law-abiding citizens. We love this country as much as anyone. I find myself on a July 4 now standing and watching the parsonage of our little town and wondering how long our freedoms will hold out. Whereas, as a young child, I stood there with great hope for the future in these matters.

Prof. Laurence H. Tribe

I am honored by this subcommittee's invitation that I appear to express my views here this morning on the federal constitu-



"...The jailings of ministers are especially disturbing to me. Here we are putting men of cloth, as it were, behind bars right here in the 20th century. It is more than disturbing to me. It is alarming. This is not the Soviet Union, this is not Poland, this is not Afghanistan, this is the United States of America."

tional underpinnings of religious liberty in America and on what I quite frankly perceive to be an escalating disregard by government both for religious freedom and for the separation of church and state without which such freedom, and the open society that such freedom sustains, cannot long endure.

Rev. Charles Bergstrom

Lutherans have a deep sense of understanding relationships of church and state and we call that "institutional separation and functional interaction." We say that because we believe that government is also godly; it is not separated from religion or God; it is a part of God's great work. That understanding is based upon our scriptural interpretation.

So we cannot oversimplify these controversial cases. Each of them has to be looked at in its given situation. The church cannot use the government to evangelize or to gain converts nor can government do the things as indicated already that may be wrong in defining the church's ministry.

The mainline churches have had problems, not only my particular denomination, but others also, on an issue related to the term "integrated auxiliary." This is an IRS issue, in which they have tried to define the

ministry of the church by excluding some of our agencies and schools.

Hon. Orrin G. Hatch

The jailings of ministers are especially disturbing to me. Here we are putting men of cloth, as it were, behind bars right here in the 20th century. It is more than disturbing to me. It is alarming. This is not the Soviet Union, this is not Poland, this is not Afghanistan, this is the United States of America.

I am concerned because this is the greatest country in the world, it is the greatest country providing the greatest measure of religious freedom in the world today and I am concerned about putting ministers in jail because of their religious beliefs and tenets or if they are not religious beliefs and tenets, because of courts that will not allow religion to be considered as part of its instructions to the jury.



Rev. Moon in his testimony before the Subcommittee on the Constitution said he hoped his own impending imprisonment could contribute to the cause of religious freedom in America.



Rev. Sun Myung Moon

Honorable Chairman, distinguished members of the Senate, ladies and gentlemen, I would like to express my heartfelt appreciation for inviting me to speak at this Senate hearing on religious freedom. I want to also express my sincere gratitude, Mr. Chairman, for your support in favor of my appeal to the Supreme Court. Your noble deed to uphold the principle of constitutional rights of individuals will be long admired by millions of Americans.

Since the Supreme Court refused to review my case, there has been a very strong protest by many members of the religious community. More than a thousand clergymen, Jewish, Christian and Islamic, have pledged to commit one week of their lives in prison with me in the name of religious freedom. It moves me deeply. I salute these champions of religious freedom.

I feel this occasion is very historic. I am not just speaking to the U.S. Congress. I am speaking to history and before God.

God loves America. America's greatness

does not lie in her vast resources, nor in her tremendous prosperity. It lies in the very spirit upon which this nation was founded. That is the spirit of one nation under God, with liberty and justice for all. However, God's will is not just one nation under God, but one world under God.

...Without religious freedom, however, God cannot fulfill His ideal. The Pilgrim fathers understood that if you do not have religious freedom, you have no freedom at all. They risked their very lives to secure freedom of worship.



Dan Rather



Rev. Joseph Lowery



Daniel Schorr



Rev. Sun Myung Moon



Barbara Walters

THEY'RE ALL EQUAL

When It Comes to the First Amendment

These people are all protected regardless of their views.

The First Amendment guarantees our freedom of religion, freedom of speech, freedom of assembly and freedom of press.

If one is threatened, all are threatened.

That's why hundreds of newspapers, magazines and periodicals came to Reverend Moon's defense when he was convicted and sentenced.

"The tax fraud conviction of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon is an invasion of the religious freedom of the founder and leader of the Unification Church and his followers...Under these circumstances, the prosecution of Moon is an intrusion by the government into an area forbidden to it by the First Amendment...The Supreme Court should reverse Moon's conviction and reaffirm the principle that the First Amendment makes no distinction between popular and unpopular religions or orthodox and unorthodox faiths."

*Editorial
Los Angeles Times
March 2, 1984*

"First Amendment principles of religious freedom are involved, as well as procedural questions on whether Moon's original trial before a New York jury was fair...The conviction of their leader, Rev. Moon, represents a brick knocked out of the wall of separation between church and state. Every church, and every leader of one, will be more at the mercy of the state if Moon's conviction is allowed to stand."

*Colman McCarthy
The Washington Post
February 5, 1984*

"We who love liberty should also view with grave concern the use of government to punish or suppress persons and groups whose religious views we think are wrong-headed. The recent failure of the U.S. Supreme Court to fulfill its responsibilities in the Rev. Moon case comes to mind. There is not a single charge against 'the Moonies'...today which was not long ago levied against Quakers, Mormons, Roman Catholic orders, Jews, and even Methodists."

*Dr. Franklin H. Littell
National Institute on the Holocaust
Jewish Times
July 26, 1984*

"It is almost unheard of for the government to insist that a jury be impaneled against a defendant's motion. In the Moon case, the government acted from pure vindictiveness...It is not necessary to like this Korean guru to say, as I must, that he got a bum rap. It is small wonder that other churches are alarmed."

*James J. Kilpatrick
Syndicated Columnist
November 4, 1983*

"...the administration throws a glove in the face of an incredibly broad coalition of religious organizations while urging the Supreme Court to deny review to a defendant who, by almost any standard of justice and fair play, is being railroaded for his unorthodox religious beliefs. As if this were not stupid enough, consider this final irony: Mr. Moon having learned about Communism in a North Korean prison cell, is an ardent anti-Communist and supporter of Ronald Reagan. Few administrations in modern times have succeeded in contriving novel and dubious legal theories to hustle their friends off to jail while outraging friends and opponents alike. Nice piece of work."

*John McClaughry
The New York Times
May 20, 1984*

"Instead of accommodating religion, government seems bent on limiting its influence in American life. Where religion is concerned, the government wants to be in control. That is the lesson as the jailhouse door slams shut on Sun Myung Moon."

*James Manney
National Catholic Register
June 17, 1984*

"Last week the Rev. Joseph Lowery...came to the aid of the Rev. Sun Myung Moon...Liberals and conservatives ought to come together to raise questions about due process in situations involving freedom of religion...For this reason, we need responsible leaders who will rise above prejudice and support people with whom they may disagree on many issues. If even the possibility of a violation of rights exists in these cases, the clergymen are being wise and courageous in overlooking philosophical differences in order to uphold basic principles."

*Editorial
The Atlanta Journal
December 30, 1983*

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*Ministers and reporters, black and white, men and women,
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Now, that freedom of worship is in danger. A dark spirit of atheism and religious intolerance is found in America today, and this time there is not another "New World" to receive us as refugees. We have no choice but to restore America as the land of religious freedom. If not, this nation will perish and the world will perish.

...I believe that God's hope is for freedom on the earth, and the greatest threat to freedom today is totalitarianism, particularly in the form of communism, which systematically opposes freedom of religion. Communism has killed more than 150 million people. Many of these were religious people. I myself suffered nearly to the point of death in a communist prison camp. Communism is the worst inhumanity in the world today.

Freedom has been retreating for the past decade. In 1975, freedom retreated from Southeast Asia. Millions of people perished. Nation after nation in Africa and Latin America has been communized. One and half billion people have fallen under communist tyranny. Now Central America, the backyard of the United States, is the frontline of battle. I know that the enemies of freedom will not stop until they achieve their final goal: The conquest of this very nation, the United States of America.

...In the last 12 years, I have done everything I could for America. I have had just one goal in mind: To strengthen the moral fiber of America and enlarge her capacity to fulfill God's will.

...In spite of these difficulties, I am honored to dedicate myself today to the preservation of religious freedom in this country. If I can raise up a beacon warning Americans of the danger which lies ahead, then my sacrifice will serve a great purpose.

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 the world survive and do God's will.

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

Rev. Moon and Mrs. Moon thank Sen. Hatch for the opportunity to testify before the Subcommittee.

(Left to right) Sen. Hatch, Dr. Sileven, Rev. Moon and Sen. Leahy pose for the camera after the hearing.

Why Rever



1936

On a mountaintop at the age of 16 Rev. Moon receives his mission in life from Jesus Christ, as shown in this painting by a Unification Church member.



1949

The labor camp at Hungnam, North Korea, where Rev. Moon was imprisoned by communist authorities, was virtual "death camp" where inmates were given starvation rations while driven to meet impossible work quotas.



Rev. Moon's work crew at the Hungnam labor camp had to fill straw sacks with fertilizer and load the heavy sacks onto a truck. Although the abrasive straw combined with the toxic chemicals sometimes lacerated his hands to the bone, Rev. Moon's team consistently exceeded its quota.

1950

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, Rev. Moon owed the government \$7,300 in back taxes for the three-year period between 1972 and 1974. Justice Department guidelines state that criminal prosecution will not be brought if the amount due is \$2,500 or less per year. Since the amount Rev. Moon owed was less than the minimum amount on which to prosecute, it is clear that the charges of tax evasion were just an excuse to prosecute rather than a legitimate offense committed by Rev. Moon and one worthy of prosecution.

In light of these facts, many wonder why he was prosecuted. An answer to that question requires some background information on Rev. Moon in his native Korea, why he came to this country, and what happened that fostered so much hostility in the press.

Rev. Moon, while deep in prayer, at the age of 16, had a spiritual experience with Jesus Christ that transformed his life. He was instructed and inspired by Jesus to unite Christianity in preparation for the second coming of Christ and the coming of the Kingdom of God on earth.

In 1946 Rev. Moon felt called to preach the Gospel in North Korea, which was then

end Moon?



1950

After being liberated from the prison camp in 1950 by victorious U.N. troops, Rev. Moon trekked southward along with thousands of other refugees. For much of the way he carried on his back one of his followers who had a broken leg.

1955

Rev. Moon speaks to his early followers on a Korean hillside in the late 1950s.



under Russian Communist occupation. He was soon imprisoned and tortured for daring to preach about God.

After a beating with iron rods, he was presumed dead and his body was thrown out of the prison. Disciples found him and brought him back to the church where he miraculously recovered.

After being nursed back to health, Rev. Moon began preaching again in areas controlled by the Communists. He was arrested again and sentenced to a "death" camp in Hungnam, North Korea. Prisoners were fed one cup of rice and one cup of water each day and most starved to death in six months. In order to make certain death was inevitable, Communist officials forced the prisoners to perform hard manual labor for long hours every day.

In spite of these conditions, Rev. Moon gave away half his rice ration to fellow prisoners for the first several months, used half his water to bathe, and managed to survive there for more than two and a half years.

He was freed in October 1950 when United Nations forces liberated the camp.

Naturally, such events would tend to shape any person's life, and they certainly shaped Rev. Moon's. He did not have to learn from a textbook that atheistic communism is evil and oppressive. As he saw people enslaved, tortured and killed for the sake of the communist revolution, he determined to reveal to the world the true nature and intentions of the international communist movement. In Rev. Moon's words, communism is "the greatest enemy to God and mankind."



Rev. Moon's first church in South Korea was this hut made out of U.S. army ration boxes on a refugee-crowded hillside in Pusan.

1951



Rev. Moon greets his followers after being released from a Seoul prison where he had spent three months on charges that turned out to be spurious.

1955



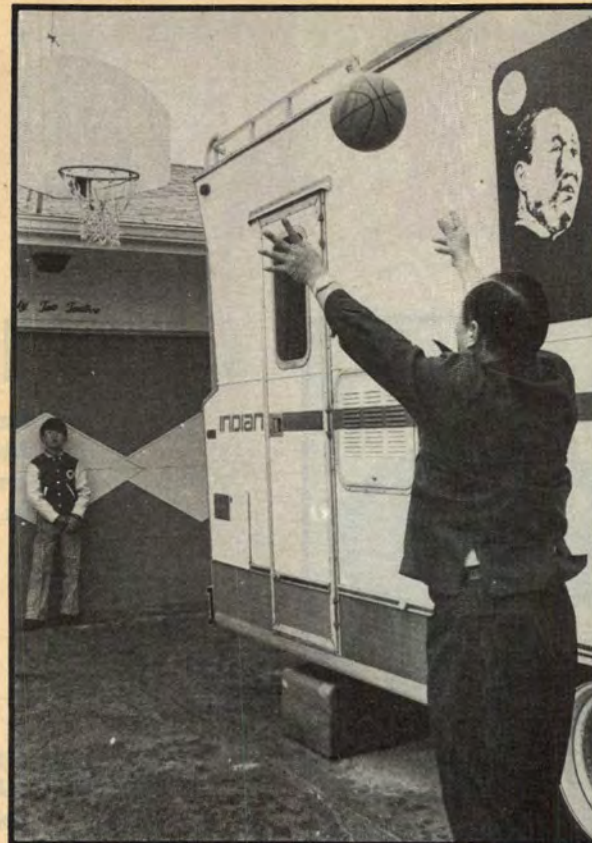
1972 Rev. Moon embraces his son Hyo Jin in a light moment during his busy schedule.

It is not surprising then to find that throughout Rev. Moon's ministry, he has consistently spoken about communism.

In one of his earliest speeches, entitled "God's Hope for America," given in Washington, D.C., on October 21, 1973, Rev. Moon said that the world today is, "divided into two major camps and a global struggle faces us. The communists say, 'There is no God.' And the democratic world or free world says, 'God exists.'"

"It is America's position," Rev. Moon said, "to say to the communists, 'What are you talking about? God exists. God dwells right here, with us.'"

"Is America taking this position? No! Today's America is quickly turning self-centered and away from God. She doesn't seem to care about the rest of the world."



Rev. Moon takes time out to play ball with Hyo Jin.



Rev. Moon speaks to U.S. senators, representatives and congressional staffers in the Caucus Room of the Cannon House office building, Washington, D.C.

1975

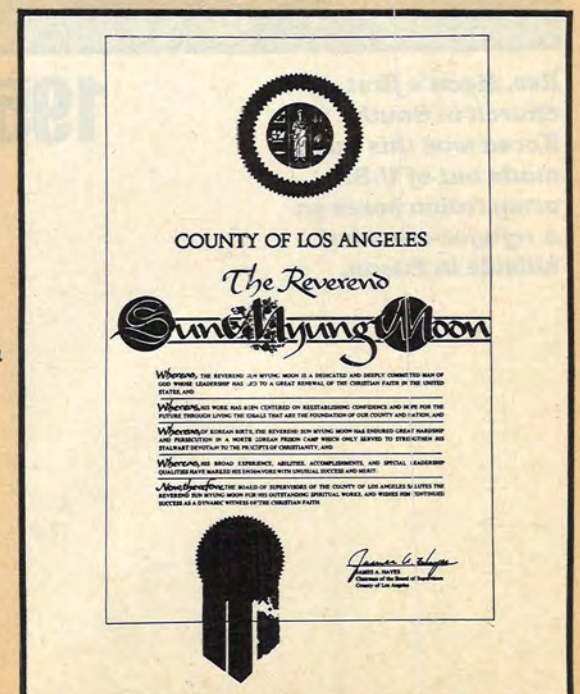


While on a speaking tour across America, Rev. Moon discusses theology with a fellow Christian.

1973

1974

This proclamation by the city of Los Angeles honoring Rev. Moon is one of over 200 proclamations and keys to cities that were given to Rev. Moon from city leaders on his nationwide speaking tours.





Rev. Moon addresses an overflow crowd of 25,000 at Madison Square Garden in New York City.

1976

Hundreds of thousands of people gather on the grounds of the Washington Monument to hear Rev. Moon speak at a rally marking America's bicentennial.



Unification Church member Doug Alexander joins his parents at a meeting of the church's Parents' Association.

1976

1974

Rev. Moon prayed for President Nixon and America when he met the President at the White House.



1974

Rev. Moon speaks to supporters and church members at a "Forgive, Love, Unite" rally on Capitol Hill at the height of the Watergate crisis. Members of the church were ending a three-day prayer and fast vigil on behalf of members of the administration and Congress. Rev. Moon stated at the rally that America must repent and seek God's guidance during the Watergate crisis because millions of lives would be lost to communist tyranny in Southeast Asia if the scandal weakened U.S. resolve to stand for freedom there.

In a speech in Madison Square Garden in 1974, in a bicentennial speech in Washington, D.C., and in many other speeches, Rev. Moon said he feels called to awaken Americans to the danger of communism and to prepare the U.S. to lead the fight against godless forces.

Interestingly enough, from the time he arrived in the United States in 1971, until late 1974, Rev. Moon made speeches in all 50 states and was honored by civic leaders with keys to the city and proclamations from more than 200 U.S. cities. At that time, the American press paid little attention to this Korean evangelist.

But all that changed in 1974 when Rev. Moon began urging Americans, by means of rallies and newspaper ads, to support a beleaguered U.S. president, Richard M. Nixon. Rev. Moon entreated Americans to "forgive, love and unite," not for the sake of the president personally, but for the sake of the office of the presidency in order to prevent further disunity in America during the Vietnam crisis.

He stated that if America continued to attack its own leader, the president of the United States, the focus to defeat communist expansion in Southeast Asia would dissolve and thousands, if not millions, of lives would be lost. History proved him correct.

At the time, the liberal establishment press habitually crushed any Nixon supporter. Rev. Moon, therefore, became a perfect target for a press hostile to things conservative because he was both religious and anti-communist.

JUSTICE?

You be the judge

Case #1

GERALDINE FERRARO

(Former Congresswoman/Vice Presidential Candidate)

- Charged with violating FEC regulations and failure to pay \$29,709 in back taxes.
- Claimed it was an error made by her lawyer and accountant.
- **PENALTY**
 - No criminal proceedings
 - Ordered to pay \$53,459 in back taxes, including interest
 - No prison sentence

Case #2

GEORGE BUSH

(Vice President of the United States)

- Charged with failure to pay \$129,000 in back taxes on sale of his Texas home, \$15,000 in taxes on campaign funds, plus \$54,000 in interest.
- Claimed he was singled out by the IRS for unfair treatment.
- **PENALTY**
 - No criminal proceedings
 - Ordered to pay \$198,000 in back taxes including interest
 - No prison sentence

Case #3

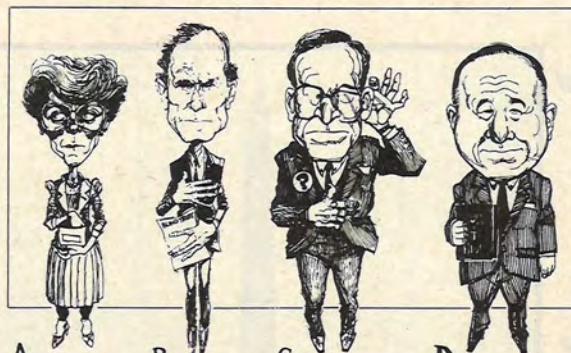
E. F. HUTTON & CO.

(Major brokerage house)

- Charged with defrauding banks of over \$8,000,000.
- Pleaded guilty.
- **PENALTY**
 - No criminal proceedings against any individual
 - Fined \$2,000,000
 - No prison sentences

Justice Dept.
Entrance Exam:

Q. WHICH ONE DO WE
THROW THE BOOK AT?



A. GERALDINE FERRARO
OWES \$53,459
IN BACK TAXES

B. GEORGE BUSH
OWES \$198,000
IN BACK TAXES

C. E.F. HUTTON & CO.
DEFRAUDS BANKS
OF \$8 MILLION

D. REV. SUN MYUNG MOON
OWES \$7,300 IN
BACK TAXES

If you chose "D," the Religious Guy, CONGRATULATIONS! you've made the team!

Case #4

SUN MYUNG MOON

(Founder of the Unification Church)

- Charged with failure to pay taxes on interest income from church funds and stock held in a church business which, according to the Justice Dept.'s own estimate, would have totaled \$7,300 plus interest.
- Pleaded not guilty.
- Claimed money in question belonged to Unification Church and that he held it in trust as Catholic Bishops and many Baptist ministers do for their congregations.
- Criminally indicted (even though three Justice Dept. career attorneys claimed, independently of each other, that there was no case).
- Denied bench trial even though the trial judge admitted that a non-jury trial would probably have been fairer.
- **PENALTY**
 - Criminal proceedings
 - Fined \$25,000
 - Sentenced to 18 months in a federal prison
(no civil recourse was ever given to Reverend Moon, even though this was his first tax return as a non-English-speaking immigrant to the U.S.).

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six years to finally bring
Reverend Moon to "justice."*

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(Left) Clergymen speak out in support of Rev. Moon and the Unification Church at a press conference held in New York's Waldorf-Astoria hotel in 1975. (Right) Members of the Unification Church demonstrate on Capitol Hill at the height of the Vietnam War to urge legislators to stand firm in defense of freedom in South-East Asia.



1974

1975

(Right) Sen. Robert Dole, R-Kan., conducts a hearing on new religious movements in 1976. Many mainstream religious bodies labeled the hearing an unwarranted and unconstitutional intrusion by government into the affairs of religion.

(Below) FLF President Neil Salonen explains the fallacies of communism.

(Bottom) Rep. Donald Fraser, D-Min., failed in his attempt to implicate the Unification Church as a tool of the Korean CIA in his probe of the "Koreagate" scandal.



1976

1977



More antagonistic press was generated later over the issue of brainwashing. In the 1950s, newspapers were filled with stories about the Red Chinese system of "brainwashing" American prisoners of war during their internment in North Korea during the Korean War. Since Rev. Moon is oriental, it was easy for the press to then allege that another oriental, this time a Korean, was practicing the same technique.

Respected psychiatric researchers today have abandoned the term "brainwashing," claiming that the phenomenon is non-existent in this context. Nobody, they say, has produced evidence of a "washed brain." Moreover, the experience of switching from one church to another, or from no church to a church, has been considered for centuries to be the "conversion" experience. The secular media establishment has failed to understand this. What they have understood is that "brainwashing" stories sell papers, conversion stories do not.

During the height of this media smear

campaign against Rev. Moon and his church, Sen. Robert Dole from Kansas was persuaded to conduct a hearing on the Unification Church. The "hearings," held in Feb. 1976 and Feb. 1979, turned out to be nothing more than another opportunity for critics to vilify Rev. Moon and the Unification Church.

As a result of the hearing, Sen. Dole, then ranking minority member of the powerful Finance Committee, sent a letter to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), recommending that the IRS audit Rev. Moon and the Unification Church.

An investigation was held later by Rep. Donald Fraser, a liberal congressman from Minnesota, on Korean-American relations in which the representative tried to slander Rev. Moon and discredit the activities of his church in America.

The report published at the end of the probe was unable to provide any substantial evidence to support the spurious allegations made against Rev. Moon. In the end, the negative press generated by the affair served only to fan the flames of the IRS investigation of Rev. Moon's church, already in progress.

Nearly five years after the IRS began its investigation, an indictment was returned to the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York against Rev. Moon. He was charged with failure to pay the proper amount of tax for a period between 1972 and 1974 and conspiracy to avoid taxes.

In retrospect, it is clear that Rev. Moon never would have been selectively targeted by a hostile press or opportunistic politicians if he had not taken unpopular stands on the issues of the day. Had he done nothing, said nothing and just gone with the flow, he probably would never have spent even one day in prison.



“I am willing to suffer any indignity”

Rev. Moon entered the Federal Correctional Institution of Danbury, Conn., July 21, 1984, and publicly thanked God for allowing him to be used as a rallying point for the restoration of religious freedom in America.

Three days later, in a message read by his daughter In Jin in Washington, D.C. at a religious liberty pageant, Rev. Moon said he was grateful to be in an American prison if he could serve God by being there. And he said that he would “love America more than ever” rather than resent it for convicting him of a crime he did not commit.

Rev. Moon, like most of the other inmates, shared a cell and did the daily work assigned to him. He received visits from family and friends and was allowed to make calls from a pay phone near his cell.



Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his "bunkmate" Takeru Kamiyama take a work break on the grounds of the federal prison in Danbury, Conn.

His work assignment was in the prison cafeteria where he set up salt and pepper shakers and napkin holders on the tables, served meals and scrubbed floors. He did his chores without complaint and won several awards for being an exemplary inmate. His attitude and actions at Danbury evidenced the sincerity with which he offered up his prison term to God, so that it could be used for God's purposes.

Many inmates, initially hostile to Rev. Moon, later came to respect and admire him for his diligent work, consistent Bible study



and prayer life, and the compassion with which he treated fellow inmates. On several occasions, Danbury prisoners who were interviewed by newspapers and magazines spoke admiringly of Rev. Moon.

He continually surprised critics and deeply moved many by his lack of resentment toward the American judicial system which had unjustly imprisoned him.

Meanwhile, ministers in every state organized into religious freedom groups to regain First Amendment liberties in America. And a growing movement to counter communism with a God-centered solution, CAUSA Ministerial Alliance (CMA), also gained in strength and fervor.



During visiting hours friends and family visit inmates in the courtyard of the Danbury federal prison.



Rev. Moon and Mr. Kamiyama stroll together towards one of the factories where prisoners work at the Danbury prison.

(Opposite page)

Rev. Moon says farewell to friends and family as he enters the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury, Conn. July 20, 1984.

Rev. Moon shakes hands with Japanese journalist and author Kiyoshi Nasu who later wrote a book on Rev. Moon and his imprisonment in the U.S.



Rev. Moon shows visiting guests his work area in the prison cafeteria.



Rev. Moon stands next to his bunk in the small cubicle where he slept during his 13 months imprisonment. With him are Mr. Kamiyama and Dr. Bo Hi Pak, Rev. Moon's chief assistant and translator.





"I have had just one goal for this nation: to strengthen the moral fiber of America and to enlarge her capacity to fulfill God's will.

I will continue to pray and work 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.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

July 20, 1984, from Danbury prison

Letters and Testimonies from Prison

Feedback
Hustler
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I am both an avid reader of Hustler and an inmate at Danbury Prison Camp. I was rather amused by the article on my fellow inmate Reverend Moon. It seems to me and also to a lot of my fellow inmates that if the article was meant to portray the Reverend in a bad light, it missed the mark by a mile.

Other than the rather thin claims of Miss Turner and the obvious effort at hysterical sleaze reporting by Jim Forrest, you show that Moon stands for everything that we in this country say we hope to convey to our children, namely, no pre-marital sex, no drugs, anti-communism, love of wife and devotion to family.

I also wonder why Moon is the only religious "bad guy," when I see nuns in the streets and subways begging (before I came in) and can't go to mass without them passing a collection plate. I also see Reverend Falwell, Oral Roberts, Jimmy Swaggert, Robert Schuller, etc., and all the other religious "Hustlers" raking in millions, driving in limos, flying in their private jets and living high off the hog.

And unless I am sadly mistaken or forgotten my history, I thought that that was what this country was all about. Freedom of speech, religious freedom, freedom to worship any God in any way we chose. Larry Flynt, of all people, should certainly know at this point about oppression and the infliction of certain men's wills and laws over other "free" people.

Lastly, let me say this. I work side by side with the "Rev" in the kitchen and have seen him do all that has been asked of him, smiling and without complaint, (I wish I could say the same of all the other inmates here) including washing toilets and mopping floors. He never puts on any airs and is just one of the guys. I have my visits on the same days as the Reverend and see him to be a devoted husband and a loved and loving father. Maybe this country wouldn't be in the sad shape it is in if we had more men like Reverend Moon around.

Justin Ignizio
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Federal Prison Camp
Pembroke Station
Danbury, Ct.

Mark Batton

Even though people didn't like Reverend Moon initially, they respected him for what they thought he had accomplished materially. In the beginning many people avoided him; they were afraid that if they were seen with him or attended religious activities together with him that the other inmates would think that they had become Moonies. They worry too much about what other people think. After I had spent some time with Reverend Moon, some of the other inmates told me: "You never read the Bible before you came here! He must have brainwashed you." They also insinuated that I was now attending religious activities just so that I could get out of prison sooner.

It's strange, but people always look for the worst in any situation. For example, there was one inmate who was a devout Christian. The others knew this, and always tried to find fault with him. He usually carried a small Bible in his back pocket, and wherever he went the inmates would deride him, saying, "Come on, that's a pack of cigarettes, isn't it? People always seem to look for bad things and then glamorize them; by doing so, good things get lost."

No matter how he was treated by the inmates, Reverend Moon only did good things, so the inmates came to develop a real respect for him. I believe that Reverend Moon's intention and the intentions of those around him are good. Also, there was always a mystique, an aura of mysteriousness around him.

As I said before, I wondered initially about his ethics, but I found out that he is a very sincere man. He never gave me any indication of being insincere, and only gave me sound advice. If there was ever any question on my part, I would come to see him and find out the truth.

Ed Farmer

I was fortunate. I only had to be in Danbury for three months. I knew I was going, and I knew Reverend Moon was there—they had it in the paper every other day. I was curious. You can't help but be curious about someone who is known all over the world. As it turned out, I was in the cubicle right next to Reverend Moon's, five feet away.

Reverend Moon has a very good sense of humor. It's hard for me to think of a person as being mean or brainwashing people with the sense of humor he has. He truly loves people. I mean, he likes being with them. He likes being kidded—he likes being teased. I never saw a mean act on his part.

He never asked for special treatment. He mopped floors and cleaned tables, and he helped other people when he was finished with his job.

I used to play pool with him. He would react just as everyone else does when they win; he loved winning. He would react just as everyone else does when they lose; no one likes losing. I am a very poor pool player, and he used to beat me all the time. Even at that, he would encourage me, saying,

"Someday, better!" Kami used to laugh. He was trying to say, someday I would be better at it.

I have a weight problem; Reverend Moon used to sit and keep count of the laps when I ran around the track. He'd sit there and hold up his fingers—once around, twice around. I enjoyed it very much.

When you'd be down in spirit, he'd come along, pat you on the back, and smile and laugh. It would just give you such a warm feeling. It's hard to pick out a specific act because the man himself is the way he is all the time. He doesn't put on a show for anyone. He doesn't put on a face today, or put on generosity or kindness today—and then not tomorrow. Reverend Moon is Reverend Moon—a very steady, on-going force.

Prison is a very easy place to spot a phony, because you are together 24 hours a day. No matter how good an actor a man is, his mask must slip sometime in that 24 hours. And if he's not acting and he's not a phony, that shows up quickly also.

I didn't like having to go to prison, but just having the chance to meet, talk, and be with him made it worth it. I have no regrets. His being there made the time easier and it was a very good experience. It's unfortunate that we had to go through that to meet, but I wouldn't change it.

The prison has a system where you're allowed so many dollars to spend on commissary a month. Now, Reverend Moon doesn't bother with a lot of that stuff; he doesn't bother with candy. But there are people there that have no money; they are literally broke.



Reverend Moon used to buy his commissary, and give it all away to people who didn't have money and couldn't buy anything. He would give cookies to this one, and candy to that one, fruit to this one and juice to that one.

Reverend Moon was generous and kind to everyone, not just to me. He was willing to sit down and discuss his religion and compare it. We sat down with the Bible, and we were taught. Now, he's the head of a church, and doesn't have to talk to anyone, but he sat down and explained where we agreed and where we dis-

agreed, where the similarities were and where the differences were—for hours on end.

The prison has a rule against him promoting his religion. That wasn't the case: we came to know him because we wanted to know. After having met him and joked with him and worked with him—witnessing his generosity and the things he did to help people—we suddenly saw that this man is exactly what he says he is, and that the movement he is running is exactly what the members say it is. There is nothing hidden behind it; there is nothing secret about it.

It is a very simple thing and the foundation of it is love. And he is a fabulous man.

I think his religion is wherever he is. I think that man could be happy wherever he went. He carries his religion with him. He doesn't need a book. Everyone feels it. It's very evident.

Reverend Moon has never complained about what the government did to him. He has never accused the government of a witch-hunt, mainly I think because he refuses to dignify it.

I find it almost impossible to believe the stories that they spread

about him after having met him. That man would not do those things; it's impossible. My own personal belief is that it was a witch-hunt.

Some people in the prison are really hard-nosed, really skeptical. You know, it's funny, but he has even won them over! Bill Sheppard, who is the biggest skeptic in the world—you have never seen a more hard-nosed person in this life than him—he came to love Reverend Moon.

Bill Sheppard

At around 6:00 p.m. Reverend Moon was sitting in his cube reading the Bible. I was standing in the phone line outside the cube waiting to call his wife for him. Just then, down the hall came Tony, who had just returned from a 24-hour Christmas furlough. He had a big smile on his face when he came over to me. We hugged each other; we each said, "Merry Christmas."

Tony went on to tell us about meeting many people at a gathering in New York; that everyone loved Reverend Moon, missed him and prayed for him. Tony said he had been at Kami's home and what a beautiful family he had...a wonderful wife and lovable children.

Reverend Moon was listening and smiling. Tony was describing different things from different days, which confused me as to when something had happened and where. Reverend Moon didn't mind. Tony's heart was filled with love and it showed.

As Tony continued to talk with Reverend Moon, I went to call Reverend Moon's home. I waited for some time as the lines were busy. When I finally got through I was connected to Mrs. Moon, who said, "Hello, Bill Sheppard!" I found myself choked up with emotion and said, "Merry Christmas, Mrs. Moon, and thank you for being so kind to my wife, Carol, and my daughter, Lauren."

Mrs. Moon said, "It was just a small thing, Bill." I said, "It was a wonderful thing to us." I began to cry thinking of what a wonderful Christmas it had turned out to be.

After the phone call, Reverend Moon, Tony and I talked of the experience Tony had. I felt I had been there and I'm sure Reverend Moon did, too. It was a wonderful Christmas present.

Dear Pastor,

My sincere Christian greetings to you from Danbury, Conn. This may be the first time you've ever received a letter from a minister in jail.

As you may be aware, I was incarcerated here last July 20 for allegedly trying to deprive the U.S. government of less than \$7,300 in taxes.

I can assure you that nothing could be further from the truth. The Unification Church has brought millions of dollars into the United States from other countries for charitable projects. We have no reason to deprive the IRS of such a small sum of money -- not for any reason.

Writing you from prison like this reminds me of the great Apostle Paul, who wrote much of the New Testament while in prison for his faith and was often misunderstood. I have felt the presence of God in a mighty way while here. And I now understand more deeply the words that Paul wrote in Phil. 4:12-13:

"I know both how to be made low, and I know how to abound: Everything and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."

You see, Pastor, after my encounter with Jesus Christ on a mountain in Korea when I was a teenager, I had to face nearly three years in a communist death camp -- a ghastly place where few escaped with their lives. As a minister, I was able to lead many dying Koreans to realize the compassionate heart of God and Jesus and to be a comfort to those suffering people. My faith in Christ sustained me through the horrible ordeal until I was rescued by United Nations soldiers...and that faith sustains me today. I know the time will come when God will totally exonerate me, and I have tried to be a model prisoner while serving out my sentence in this prison.

But until that day of exoneration comes, I ask that you pray with me, and that you speak out for and defend religious freedom for all God-loving people in America. If God-denying secular forces are given free reign, all religions will have their blood-bought freedoms eroded away. And the vacuum of faithlessness and immorality that will ensue will ultimately lead to communism.

It always has and always will.

So, as one who has survived through the experience of living under the ruthless, godless system called communism, I feel I have been given a mandate by our Creator to help strengthen religious faith in America, so that ultimately America can rescue the hundreds of millions of innocent men, women and children who are enslaved by the Marxist-Leninist atheistic system of communism.

I am eternally grateful to the many religious groups and others who filed amicus briefs with the courts on my behalf... Whether you agree with us or not on every single point of doctrine really doesn't matter. What really matters is that we try to respect one another's positions and that we work together in cooperation to build a God-centered America.

Yours in Christ,

Sun Myung Moon

Excerpts from a letter Rev. Moon sent to ministers from his prison in Danbury, Conn.

GOD'S WILL AND THE WORLD

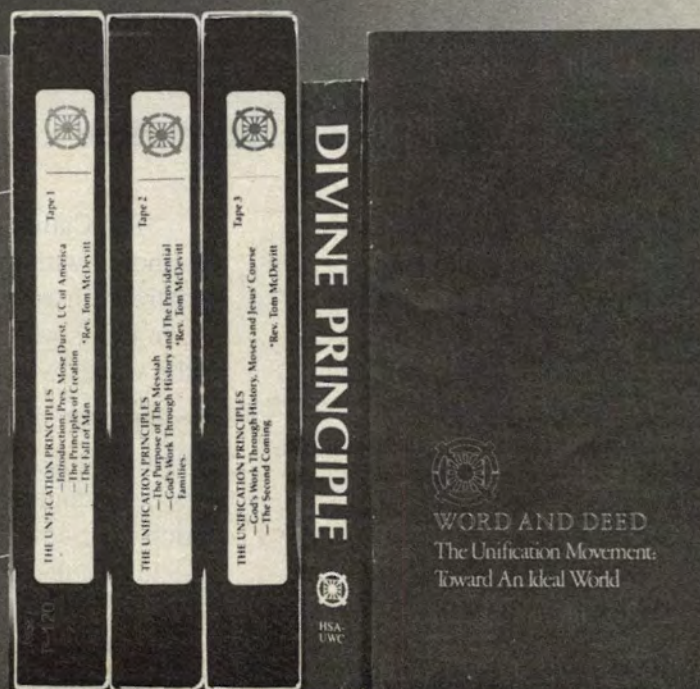
SUN MYUNG MOON

Rev. Moon also sent to clergymen a series of his sermons. In these sermons, he stresses that Christianity should be a vanguard in America to uphold Judeo-Christian values and oppose atheistic communism.

While in prison Rev. Moon directed his church to send books and video-tapes explaining the church's beliefs and works to ministers all over America. He said he wanted U.S. ministers to see for themselves what he stands for and the message he has been preaching.

Reverend Moon's
Message from Prison

God's Warning to the World



Honored in Prison



Over 500 people filled the United Nations Delegates' Dining Room on November 15, 1984, where Rev. Moon and Mr. Bo Hi Pak were each awarded the honorary degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from the Catholic University of La Plata in Argentina. Mrs. Moon accepted the award on behalf of her husband.

Dr. José Alberto Bonifacio, dean of the faculty of social sciences at the university, explained the significance of the honorary doctorate and why it was awarded in these two cases.

"The Catholic University of La Plata has honored with the title Doctor Honoris Causa extraordinary personages in their respective fields who have decisively supported the values which we uphold.

"Therefore, in this ceremony, Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Mr. Bo Hi Pak are being recognized. It is appropriate to mention their accomplishments in a variety of fields. In the field of media and communications, they have established newspapers and other periodicals, as well as organizations which contribute to the development of the media and of people. Most especially, they have shown great concern in the service and

proper representation of the nations of Latin America.

"In the academic field, it is proper to recognize the persons honored today in their support of the acquisition of greater understanding of the possibility of the unity of the sciences by means of the International Conference for the Unity of the Sciences, as well as the Professors World Peace Academy. In this respect, these organizations allow scholars and academics the opportunity to dedicate their time, energy, creativity, and knowledge to formulate vital solutions toward peace.

"In another area, the humanitarian vision of Reverend Moon and Mr. Pak are clearly shown in their realization of the need to give immediate help to populations struck by catastrophes, particularly in Latin America.

"In light of these achievements and others, we have resolved to award the Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa to the Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Mr. Bo Hi Pak."

Mrs. Moon's acceptance speech

On behalf of my husband, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, it is a great honor for me to accept this Degree of Doctor Honoris Causa from the distinguished Catholic University of La Plata.

As the wife of Reverend Moon, I join with my children and the members of the Unification Movement throughout the world in saluting the courageous stand which you and your university are taking in recognizing and honoring my husband at this difficult time. It deeply touches my heart. I cannot truly express the profound appreciation which I feel on this occasion.

My husband is today in the United States federal prison in Danbury, Conn. He is in prison because he loves God rather than his own freedom. He is in prison because he loves humanity rather than his own comfort. He is in prison because he is a man of principle rather than a man of popularity. And he is in prison because he lives for history rather than for the present moment. When we look at history, we see that men of God and men of principle have often walked the path of suffering. My husband is following that tradition.

The Catholic University of La Plata has recognized the value of his life, his vision and his work, and that is why you are honoring him today. My heart is deeply grieved that he cannot be here to receive this honor in person, but it is more meaningful in history, after all, that you have honored him in this way during his confinement.

Rev. Moon receives word of his honorary degree in a telephone call from the pay phone located in the prison dormitory.

Mrs. Moon receives the degree of Doctor of Honoris Causa on behalf of her husband and delivers an acceptance speech.

Dr. Nicolas Argentato, the rector of the Catholic University of La Plata, Argentina, said in his speech at the degree-granting ceremony that the degree of Doctor Honoris Causa is the highest academic award the university can offer.





Freedom Rallies Move America

This nation was founded by men of many nations and backgrounds. It was founded on the principle that all men are created equal, and that the rights of every man are diminished when the rights of one man are threatened.

John F. Kennedy,

In a powerful rekindling of the original founding spirit of America, hundreds of thousands of Americans of all faiths have joined together in the last 18 months, rallying to defend the free exercise of religion.

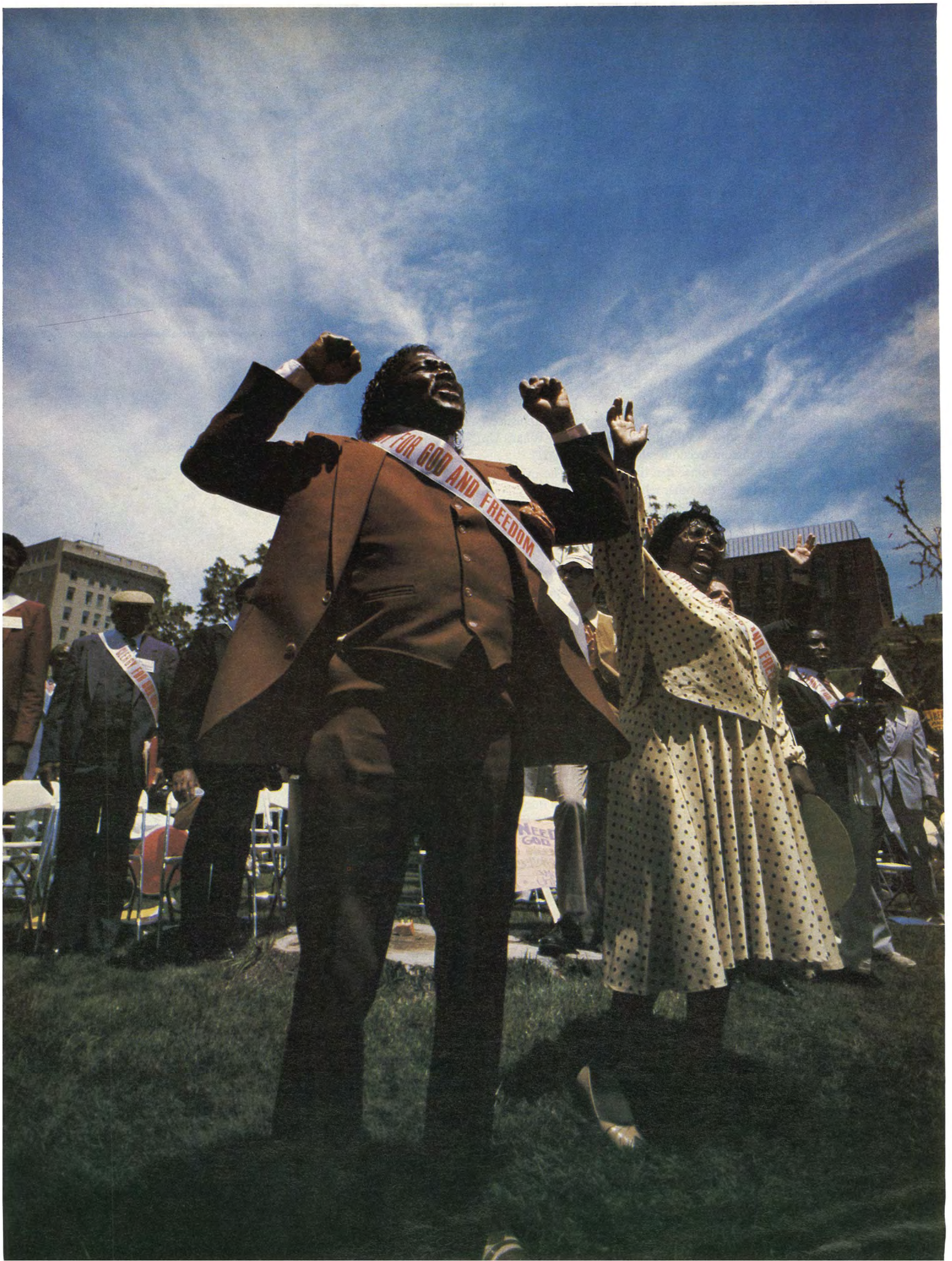
Only during the civil rights protests of the 1960s has the world heard the American religious community utter such a loud and unified voice of indignation over an issue.

As Lynn Buzzard, author and former executive director of the Christian Legal Society, said at a religious freedom convention in Dallas last year, "When the National Council of Churches, the American Civil Liberties Union, civil rights organizations and fundamentalist churches agree on something, something is happening."

That "something" has happened in cities large and small across the United States where clergy have organized nearly 2,000 religious freedom rallies, pageants, marches, prayer breakfasts, workshops and lectures. The events issued from an initial meeting in Washington, D.C., May 30, 1984, where 500 religious leaders met to share their concerns about growing government encroachment on churches and church ministries.

Armed with unswerving belief in the righteousness of their cause, and comforted in the knowledge that they are not alone in their individual battles for religious freedom, these religious leaders took their concerns home to their congregations and communities and began building a grassroots movement to restore First Amendment liberties in America.

The following pages illustrate the fruit of their labor and the birth of a contemporary movement for freedom that some observers predict will rival the strength and fervor of the civil rights movement and serve as an equally powerful catalyst for change in America.



The Washington Kickoff

In a remarkable display of unity on an issue, more than 500 religious leaders representing 60 denominations, met in Washington, D.C. May 30, 1984, to denounce the conviction of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and the refusal of the Supreme Court to hear his appeal. This rally was the first of nearly 2,000 similar religious freedom rallies and events across the country since that time.

The ministers also protested other religious freedom abuses including the jailing of fundamentalist pastor Dr. Everett Sileven in Nebraska and the padlocking of his church.

"I don't believe, in the history of America, we have ever had such a religiously diverse group as we have in this room today," Dr. Tim LaHaye, president of Family Life Seminars and one of the organizers of the event said.

Acknowledging that those gathered might "vigorously disagree" on other things religious and political, LaHaye voiced their thread of common concern: "We have seen secularist forces within the government moving steadily and relentlessly in an intruding way upon [our] religious freedoms.... If something is not

done, and if some ears do not hear the voice of our protests, I fear that in ten years, the religious freedoms we have today will be all but gone."

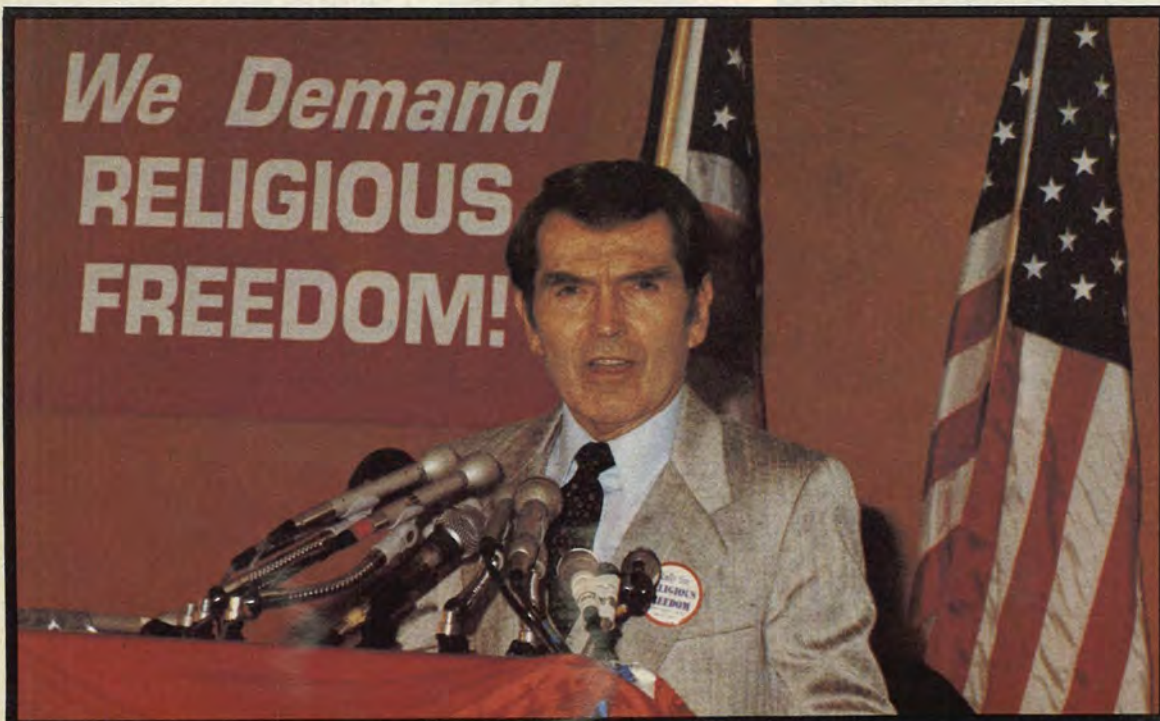
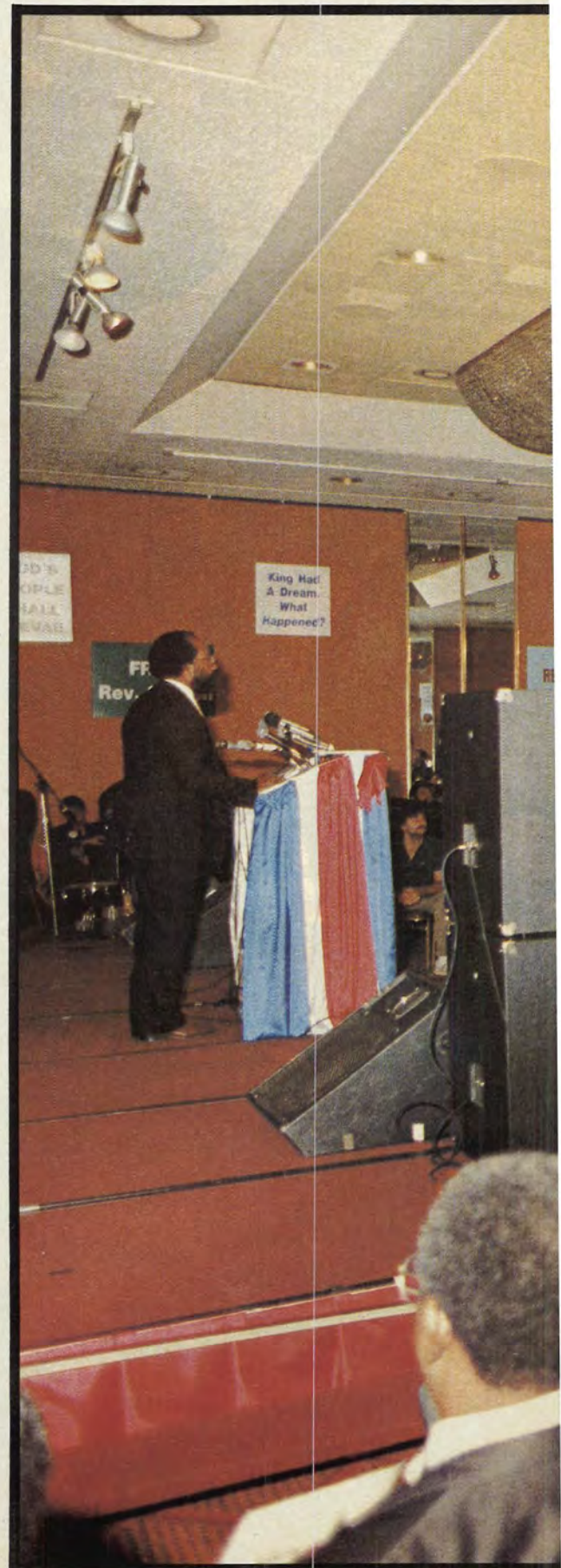
Signs on the walls read: "U.S. Department of Injustice," "Taxing the Collection Plate—What's Up?" and "Government vs. God?"

The event was organized by the co-chairmen of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom, Dr. Tim LaHaye and Dr. Joseph Lowery. Dr. Lowery is chairman of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference (SCLC) and a close associate of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Perhaps the federal government foolishly thought that because Rev. Moon is a controversial figure, no one would care if he were convicted and imprisoned. I suggest to you that our turnout here today clearly shows that the government has made an egregious error of judgment in that way," Dr. Robert Grant, chairman of Christian Voice, said.

Other speakers included: Jeremiah Gutman, president of the New York Civil Liberties Union; Rabbi David Ben-Ami,

(Above, left to right) Rabbi David Ben-Ami, Dr. Richard Rubenstein, Dr. Joseph Lowery, and Rev. Bob Grant denounce Rev. Moon's conviction at a Washington rally (right). Dr. Tim LaHaye challenges the audience to stand up for religious liberty.







Members of Rev. Moon's family participate in a religious freedom rally. They include (left to right) In Jin, Hyo Jin, Jin Whi Hong, and In Jin's husband, Jin Sung Pak.

chairman of the American Forum of Jewish-Christian Cooperation; former congressman George Hansen; and Dr. Richard Rubenstein, a Harvard-educated historian of religion and distinguished professor of religion at Florida State University.

But the clergymen did not just meet for mutual stimulation or preachments to the choir. The rally ended with Dr. LaHaye urging participants to send a "dramatic message" to the government by signing a Religious Liberty Proclamation and indicating on the back of it their willingness to spend one week in jail with Rev. Moon. Nearly everyone did so.

"Friends, I believe what has happened with Rev. Moon is a long succession of events. It has happened to others, and it is time for us to do something within the framework of the law besides just meeting and having a rally to stimulate one another," Dr. LaHaye said.

"I think it's time we sent a message to our government, with all due respect to those in authority over us, that we believe religious rights have been intruded upon, and that what is happening to Rev. Moon is going to happen to us."

The documents signed by participants heralded religious liberty as the characteristic distinguishing American pluralistic society from all others and denounced the religious bigotry evidenced by the Moon and Sileven cases.

Further, it enjoined the religious community of America to "mobilize" using every ethical and legal method available to resist any encroachment by government on religious freedom.

In the months after the May 30 rally, the clergy made good on their pledges to action

by organizing more than 2,000 religious freedom rallies, prayer breakfasts, lectures, and pageants across the country.

"The government's persecution of Rev. Moon is one of the most flagrant abuses of the First Amendment I have ever seen," Dr. Grant said. "Now the federal government has set a precedent whereby it can dictate how a church should be organized, and how it should administer its internal financial affairs. By so doing, the government is reserving unto itself the right to dictate what is a "proper" versus an "improper" religious belief and function of a ministry."

Dr. Joseph Lowery also underscored the diversity of the group: "God moves in mysterious ways, bringing the religious community to protect liberties endangered," he said.

"A white religious leader from Nebraska, a yellow religious leader from Korea, brings the Judeo-Christian and Moslem community together around religious liberty, helping us to understand that we are inextricably tied together," he said.

"None is secure until all of us are secure."

Dr. Greg Dixon, pastor of Indianapolis Baptist Temple, spoke in the stead of Dr. Everett Sileven who was serving an 8-month sentence in Cass County Jail in Plattsmouth, Nebraska, for refusing to use state certified teachers in his private Christian school.

Dr. Dixon, who was present when Dr. Sileven and supporters were jailed in Nebraska, said, "I learned some things in Nebraska. First of all, I learned that the suit of tyranny does not wear well on Americans yet.... And then I learned in Nebraska that if we're not willing to die together for our faith, somewhere—alone—we will die by ourselves."

Common Suffering Fellowship



Pledges made by ministers at the May 30 rally to spend one week in prison with Rev. Moon proved impossible to implement literally. Instead, the ministers attended five-day "Common Suffering Fellowship" (CSF) seminars in Washington, D.C.

Out of a desire to share symbolically in Rev. Moon's suffering, more than 900 clergy eventually attended CSF.

They heard lectures by ministers of different faiths, attorneys, political strategists, and professors on historical perspectives of religious freedom, the current legal and constitutional context for the religious liberty struggle, Rev. Sileven's and Rev. Moon's cases, and the status of religion under communism.

The seminars were convened by several prominent ministers from different states, including Dr. O. St. Clair Franklin, a Methodist minister from Baltimore.

Some ministers shared their own difficulties with civil authorities, grateful to have the ear of sympathetic colleagues and to realize they are not alone in their struggle. Group discussions were held throughout the week on the impact and meaning of shared suffering.

After a presentation on Christian activism, ministers visited Capitol Hill, many of them for the first time, and later demonstrated at the White House. A candlelight prayer vigil at the Lincoln Memorial concluded Common Suffering Fellowships held each week for a year.



An overflow crowd of several thousand people wait to enter Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C. to attend "A Pageant for Religious Freedom"

The Pageant for Religious Freedom

Nearly 6,000 ministers met in Washington, D.C., July 25, 1984, for an elaborate religious freedom convention which included a "Pageant for Religious Freedom" and afterwards, a candlelight prayer vigil across from the White House.

After the workshops, a "Let Freedom Ring" pageant directed by Francisco de Araujo was presented in a jammed DAR Constitution Hall. With a chorus, orchestra, narrator and actors, the pageant celebrated poignant moments in America's historical struggle for freedom.

Speeches were given by Dr. Tim LaHaye, Sen. Orrin Hatch, Dr. Joseph Lowery and other prominent religious leaders following the musical theater piece. The pageant closed to the music of gospel great, Andre Crouch.

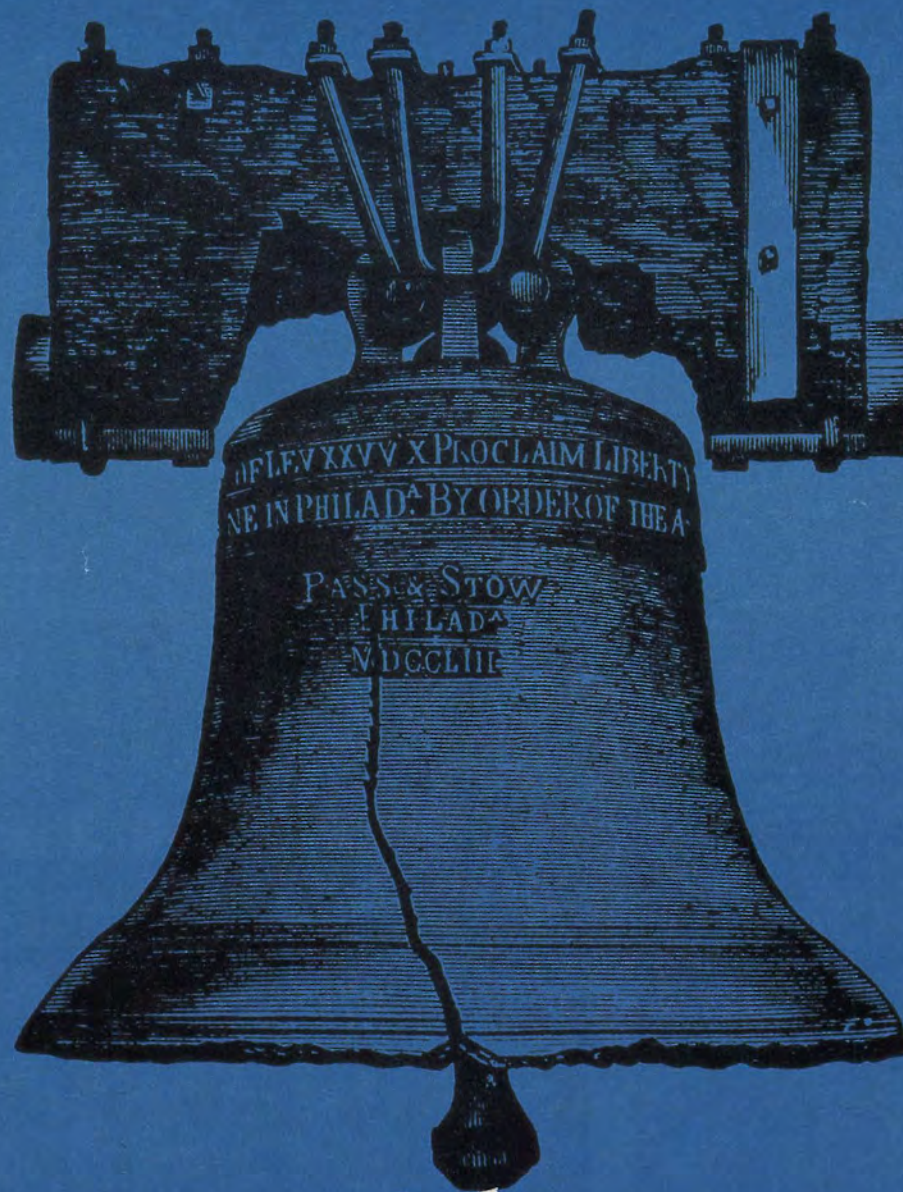
When the pageant ended, the ministers marched by candlelight to Lafayette Park in front of the White House where they sang, spoke and prayed.



An actor portrays one of the Pilgrim Fathers at the Constitution Hall Pageant.

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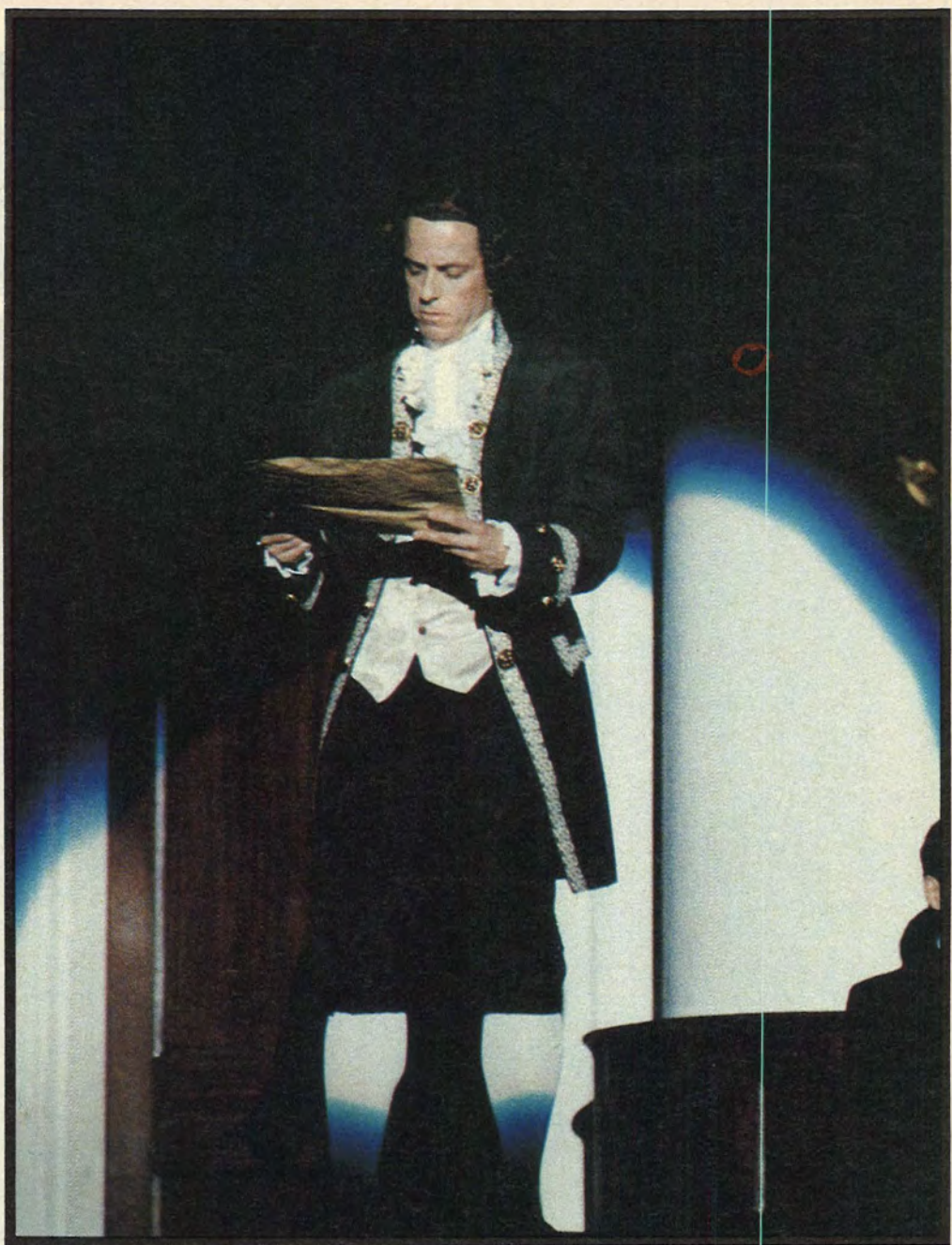
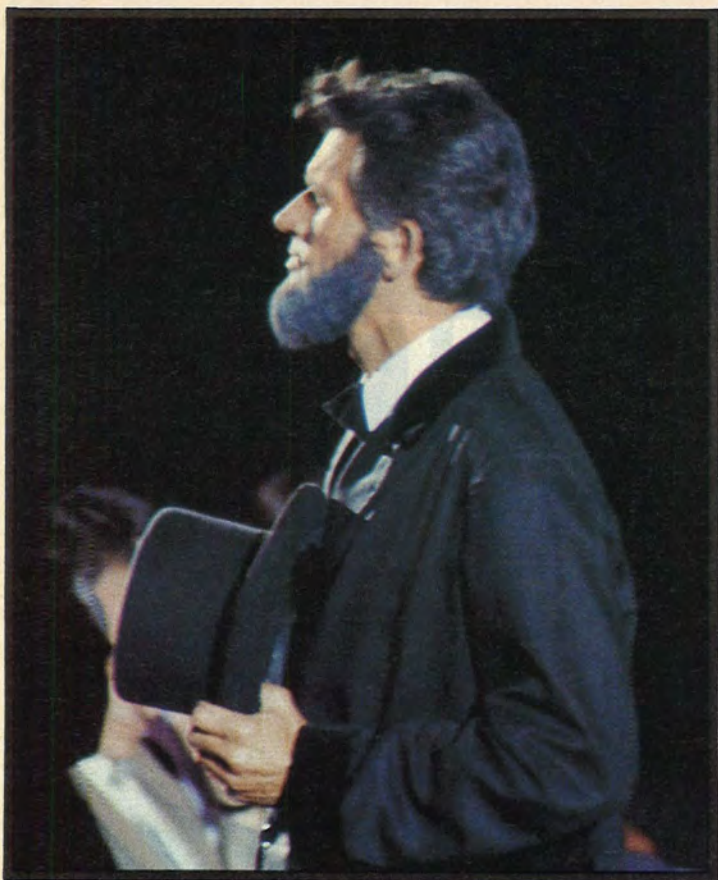
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(Clockwise from right) Choir and orchestra serve as background for the drama that unfolded on stage. The words of William Penn, founder of the state of Pennsylvania and a pioneer in religious tolerance, ring out at the Pageant in this actor's rendition.

An actress in the Pageant for Religious Freedom dramatically depicts the terrible devastation of the Civil War as seen through the eyes of a southern lady.

An actor portrays Benjamin Franklin at the Pageant for Religious Freedom at Constitution Hall in Washington, D.C., in a dramatization of the history of religious freedom in America.

Abraham Lincoln, as portrayed by an actor, calls for national unity in the midst of the Civil War as part of the Pageant for Religious Freedom.

The principles of religious freedom are enshrined in the Declaration of Independence and the First Amendment, as depicted in the actor's portrayal of Thomas Jefferson.





IN JIN MOON

"My father is now 64 years old. He is guilty of no crime, yet tonight as we speak, he may have just finished washing dishes in the prison cafeteria or scrubbing the floor.

"Last Monday, when I visited him in the prison, I saw my father for the first time in prison clothes and I cried. But my father told me not to weep for him, and not to be angry at the government that jailed him. He told me, as he has told millions of members of our church throughout the world, to turn our anger and grief into powerful action to make this country truly free again.

"For the sake of my father, and for the sake of other persecuted people here in America and throughout the world, I promised my father that I would take up this fight...

"If America loses religious freedom, I know there is no other country on the face of this earth which can bring it back."



DR. RALPH ABERNATHY

"I am pleased to join my colleagues, my friends, and my brothers and sisters this evening to speak a word on behalf of religious freedom.

"I want to make it powerfully clear to you this evening that freedom is not free. We must fight for the freedom of all mankind. We must fight for the religious freedom of all people. And we must realize the abridgment of one group's religious freedom is an abridgment of all our freedoms.

"It is true that at this critical point in our nation, somebody in very, very high places is seeking to turn back the clock of history and destroy our earned freedom. But we must not let them turn the clock back.

"We must stand together, black and white, brown and yellow, rich and poor... and know that out of one nation God created all people to dwell upon the face of this earth, and none of us will be free until all of us are free."



SEN. ORRIN HATCH

"America is great. She still is the greatest country on the face of the earth, I firmly believe that. But I fear when it comes to the protection of her own First Amendment rights of religious freedom, that sometimes on occasion she isn't very good any more.

"She isn't very good, for example, when she jails ministers and parents of school children in Nebraska because they have refused to subvert their seriously-held religious beliefs to arbitrary state regulations that are so burdensome that they make the Internal Revenue Code look simple.

"America may not be so good when she makes it possible for two million unborn infants each year lose their lives. She isn't very good when she won't let her children in public schools say voluntary prayers to their Creator. And she certainly isn't very good when she flagrantly disregards the constitutional rights of Reverend Sun Myung Moon and throws him in a federal prison in Danbury, Connecticut..."



"If our foreign visitor of the last century, Mr. Alexis de Tocqueville were still alive and traveling around America in search of her magic today, this is where I would bring him if I had the chance—to see all of you, from all political parties and all religions and all races and nationalities. I'd bring him here to see us all together, championing the great cause of religious freedom."

"I'm proud of America, and I would be proud to show all of you to Mr. de Tocqueville. I'd just try to keep him away from Danbury, Connecticut; I wouldn't really like him to see the head of a worldwide church, a Korean national, cleaning up the kitchen of a United States federal prison."



DR. RICHARD RUBENSTEIN

"Reverend Moon is being persecuted because he is an Asian who has succeeded far beyond the expectations that anybody had when he said that God called him to America for his mission in 1971. If Reverend Moon had preached in California solely to Japanese and Koreans, they would have left him alone. It's because he believed in America, and was determined to preach to Americans, that this happened."

"I can tell you as an historian of religion—and I know that Sun Myung Moon understands this—that nothing so waters the religious spirit as oppression and persecution. And a man who could stand a communist prison for three years and then take a disciple and carry him on his back almost 600 miles to safety in Pusan in the south is a man who understands that suffering is what makes religion great."



DR. TIM LAHAYE

"Dear friends, if we have the same percentage of religious freedom attacks in the next 15 years that we have had in the past 15 years, we will no longer have religious freedom in America."

"Personally, I blame the secular humanist philosophy that has permeated this land for the last 75 years. It has not only secularized our once great American school system, it has all but destroyed it. And in a large sense, the problem or the responsibility is our own."

"They have laid down the gauntlet, in print and in their public pronouncements, that they are going to turn America into a secular humanist nation by the year 2000. And be sure of this—if we sit back and do nothing, they will achieve their goal, and we will have long lost all of our religious freedoms...."

"Many of us are criticized by some of our colleagues and friends for participation in an ecumenical meeting like this, if you'd call it that. But I'll tell you this, I would rather be criticized for speaking out than for remaining silent...."





SUN MYUNG MOON—

written message delivered by his daughter

"I am now in America, and I am now in an American prison. In my 12 years of living in this country, I have never felt as close to God as I do now. I love America more than ever. If His will is being served by my imprisonment, then I am here in gratitude.

"When I serve my fellow prisoners their food, or scrape their plates after dinner, or scrub the kitchen floor, I am doing it for my Heavenly Father. I am serving His children, and I am serving America and the world. I am therefore doing my chores with joy.

"I came to America in 1971 at God's command. God told me that America is His final hope, His precious jewel that He prepared for the final battle against atheistic communism in the Last Days. Truth and love must prevail. However, America needs help. America is turning away from God, and God cannot afford to lose America.

"God told me to go to America to wake people from their spiritual sleep before atheistic communism takes over the world. You know that with such a mandate, I did not come to this country to win a popularity contest. I spoke out, and I took a stand. I gave America every ounce of my soul. In the process, I became unpopular and have been persecuted. Now I have ended up in a U.S. prison. This is no surprise to me, for I almost knew that such a cross would come.

"I thank God that my situation and that of Pastor Sileven and many others has become a rallying point for religious freedom in the United States. America's religious communities must be united to preserve religious freedom. Our efforts alone, and efforts like this pageant, will ensure the survival of America."



DR. JOSEPH LOWERY

Out faith in a God who is, and in what God is, and our love for what our country can become, demands that we sound the alarm tonight and let freedom ring. We cannot remain silent, for if the community of faith remains silent, we give greater force to the voices of oppression. We must speak out, as Jesus said, for if we don't the rocks will cry out. We must cry out, we must not let the Internal Revenue overturn eternal values—let freedom ring! We must not let the courts of man reverse the rulings of the Judge of the Universe—let freedom ring!

We have witnessed with great pain and sorrow, the fact that our women and children have had to flee under the cover of darkness to escape persecution—not in the Soviet Union, but in Nebraska; their only crime being the exercise of their faith. We have witnessed with consternation the jailing and imprisonment of preachers and ministers for exercising their faith. Jail however can become a chamber, it can become a bridal chamber, where we marry truth and give birth to a movement—to let freedom ring. Paul and Silas went to jail and converted the jailer! Martin Luther King went to jail and wrote a letter from the Birmingham Jail. Three Hebrew children went to jail and then went to the fiery furnace and came out unhurt. We don't mind going to jail! Those Hebrew boys raised the banner of truth. Their names were Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego!

We shall form coalitions to wage a crusade for freedom, knowing full well that if we lose our religious freedom, all other ground is sinking sand—let freedom ring! We shall unite in prayer, we shall unite in witness—let freedom ring! Our diversity will be our strength—let freedom ring! Our unity will be our power—let freedom ring! And our faith will be our salvation—let freedom ring!



DR. ROBERT GRANT

"I appreciate the form of government that we have been blessed with, a constitutional form of government, but I am reminded of the fact that all of government is flawed because it is made up of men, and the Apostle Paul said so well that, 'All have sinned and come short of the glory of God.' Any government that has men involved in it is going to be flawed....

"Perhaps the [root of the current religious liberty] problem in America is this vast bureaucracy, this entrenched force of hundreds and thousands of people who are really beholden to no one, who are not elected to their positions, who have not been voted in, and cannot be voted out. Perhaps *that* is our problem.

"They have the law, the Constitution... and with a lust for power, they arbitrarily misuse that power and select this or that organization or institution and arbitrarily single them out and then abuse the powers they have taken unto themselves."



DR. GREG DIXON

"I am confident that the Scripture is true when it says, 'Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty.' But I am afraid that as our nation has turned away from God, turned away from the Word of God, turned away from the great moral moorings of this nation, we are beginning to lose our liberties because the Spirit of God is leaving America just as the prophet of old stood one day and saw the glory of God depart from Israel.

"I trust that this will never happen to you and I in our generation, and that we will keep the light of freedom burning in this nation and do whatever we possibly can to make sure [freedom] continues. We must, as individuals, face these great issues. We must confess our sins, we must repent, and we must turn back to the God of our fathers."



PAUL COBB

"We have come here today because we love God, we love America, and we love how diverse we are as human beings. We know the value of religion because religion has taught us about the depths of God's love. We know the value of freedom because freedom allows us to be different and diverse in the expression of that love.

"Government, in the form of the state, is established by free human beings to ensure their freedom. Periodically, government agencies forget that their purpose is to serve people, rather than to seek to intimidate or to harass or to destroy those whom they are meant to serve.

"As religion is the source of human freedom and dignity, religious people must constantly remind the state, which forgets all too often, that no abuse of religion can be tolerated. After all, religious freedom is not something for a government to tolerate, it is something for the government to celebrate....

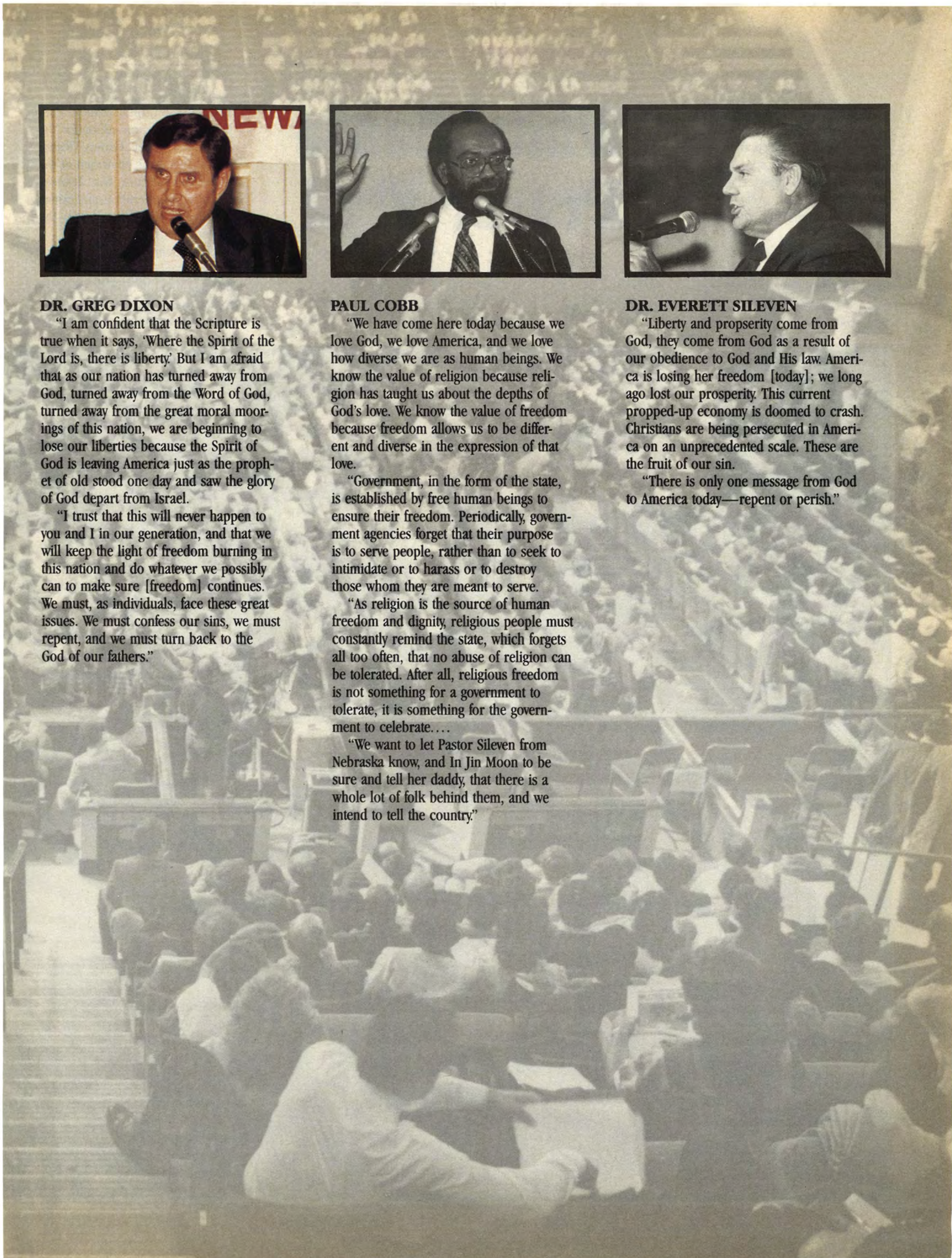
"We want to let Pastor Sileven from Nebraska know, and In Jin Moon to be sure and tell her daddy, that there is a whole lot of folk behind them, and we intend to tell the country."



DR. EVERETT SILEVEN

"Liberty and prosperity come from God, they come from God as a result of our obedience to God and His law. America is losing her freedom [today]; we long ago lost our prosperity. This current propped-up economy is doomed to crash. Christians are being persecuted in America on an unprecedented scale. These are the fruit of our sin.

"There is only one message from God to America today—repent or perish."



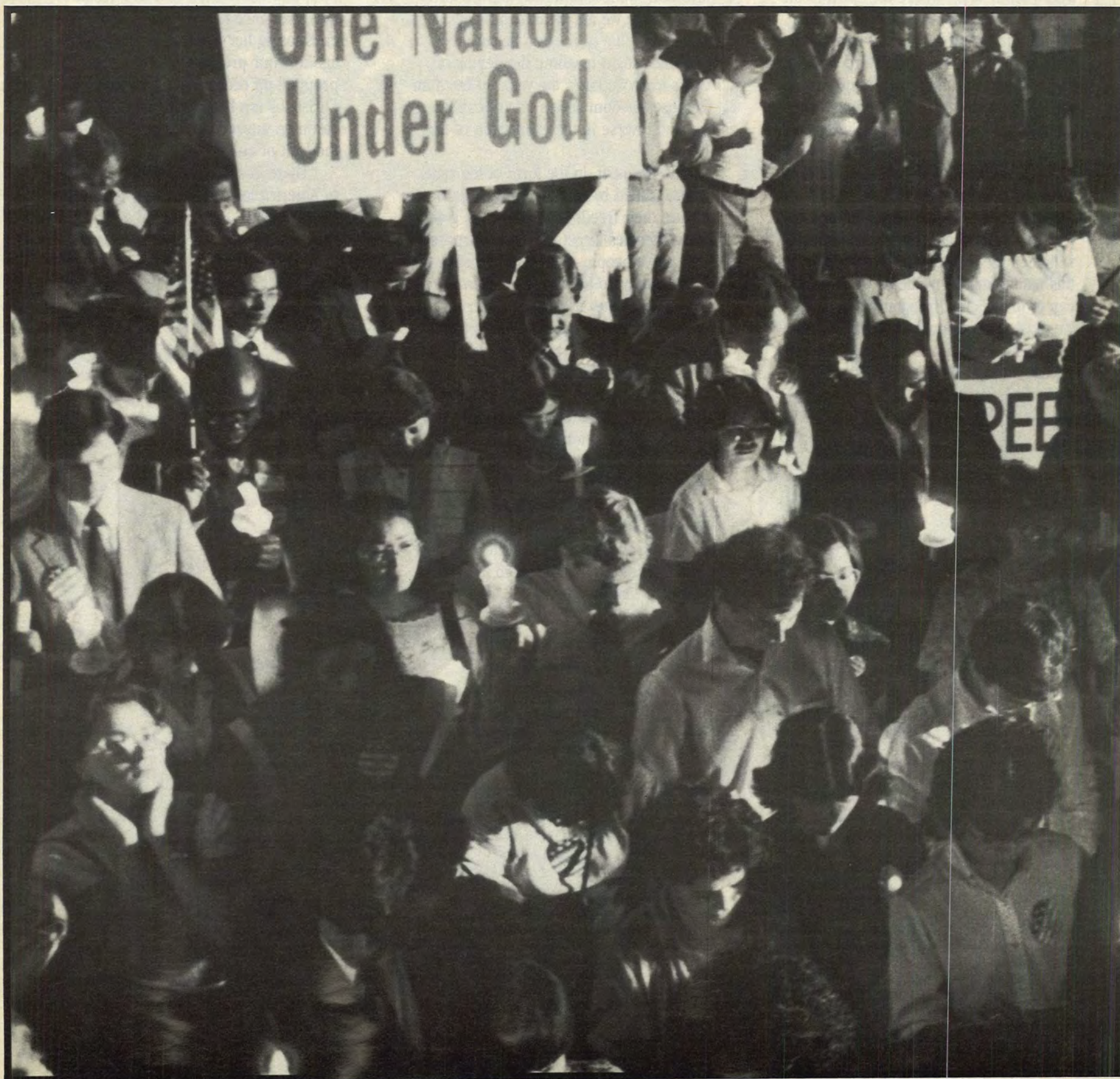
After the music and drama of the pageant, Washington witnessed the overwhelming spectacle of 6,000 ministers marching down the dark streets to the White House carrying candles and placards.

They sang and moved in time with the old civil rights song, "We Shall Not Be Moved," until they reached a raised platform in Lafayette Park. Dr. Joseph Lowery, Dr.

White House Prayer Vigil

Robert Grant, In Jin Moon, Paul Cobb, the religion editor for the Post Newspaper Group, Rabbi David Ben-Ami, chairman of the American Forum for Jewish-Christian Cooperation, and others spoke and prayed well into the morning.

Earlier in the evening an actor portraying John F. Kennedy had enjoined them: "We dare not forget today that we are heirs of that first revolution...the torch has





been passed to a new generation of Americans."

In prayer by candlelight they heeded President Kennedy's words as one speaker concluded, "Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship, support any friend, oppose any foe to assure the survival and the success of liberty."



New York Rallies for Freedom

On Aug. 28, 1984, nearly 4,000 rallied in lower Manhattan to protest government intervention in the affairs of churches. The Battery Park rally featured jazz great Dizzy Gillespie, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Dr. Greg Dixon and In Jin Moon.

Radio talk-show host Barry Farber, who served as master of ceremonies, told the protesters he had been asked why he, a conservative, was associating with an event that included "left-wingers" and that was calling for the release of imprisoned ministers, including Rev. Moon.

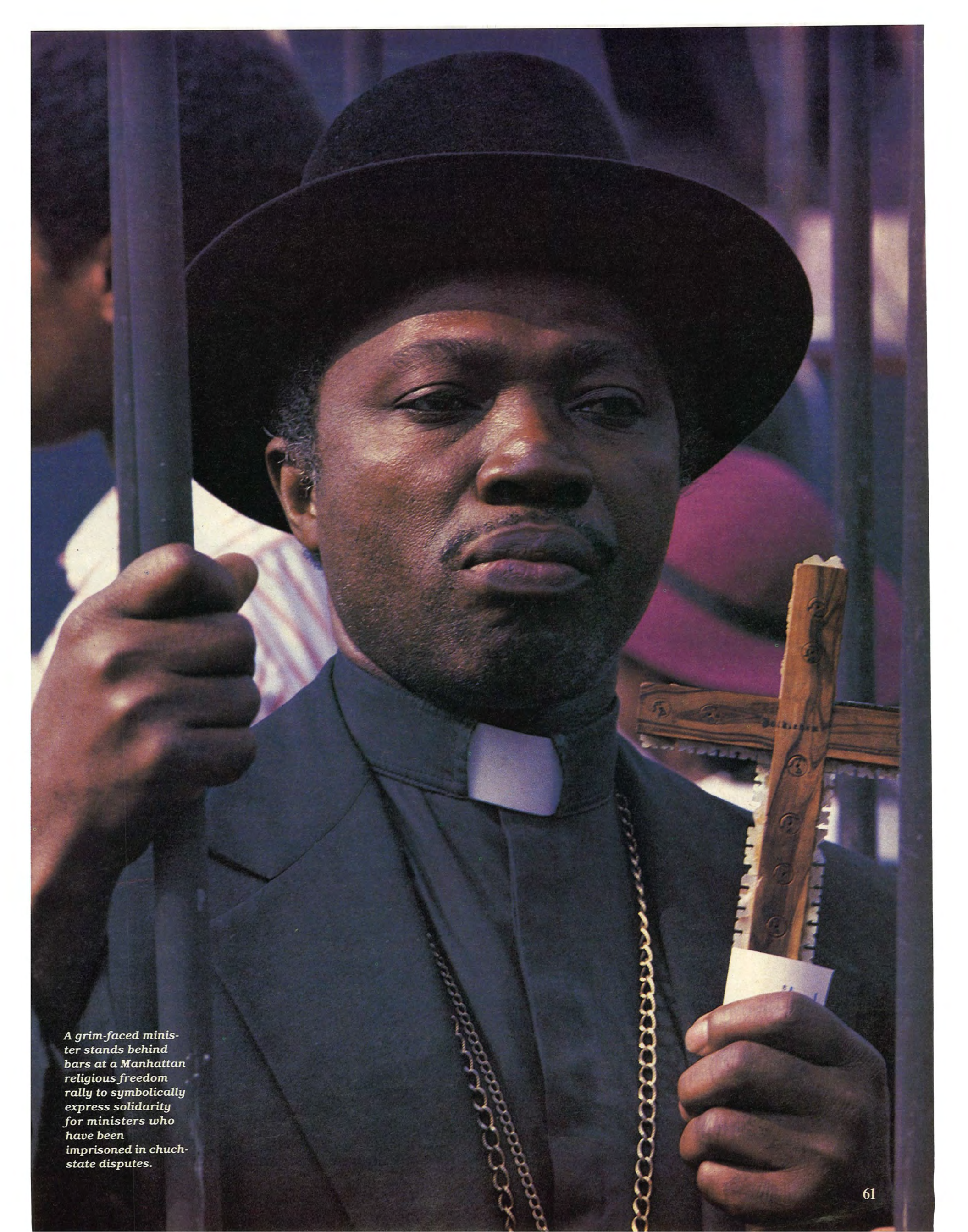
"This particular bird [the religious liberty cause] is too important for just one wing," he retorted.

Dr. Joseph Lowery told the crowd, "All of us are threatened by government's assault on religion. We are frightened. We have learned from painful experience that when a government refuses to protect the rights of minorities, they will soon move to an outright denial of rights."

Dr. Greg Dixon said he saw the controversy over religious rights as not just an isolated event, but as part of a larger "war" between "theism and atheism."



A line of ministers marches behind a banner down a Manhattan street to show their determination to defend religious freedom.

A close-up photograph of a Black man with a somber expression, wearing a black fedora and a black clerical suit with a white collar. He is standing behind vertical metal bars, with his right hand gripping one of them. He holds a wooden cross in his left hand, which has a small white card attached to it. A thick gold chain hangs around his neck. The background is blurred, showing other people and a purple object.

A grim-faced minister stands behind bars at a Manhattan religious freedom rally to symbolically express solidarity for ministers who have been imprisoned in church-state disputes.

Rev. Moon's daughter In Jin gives an impassioned speech at a New York rally.

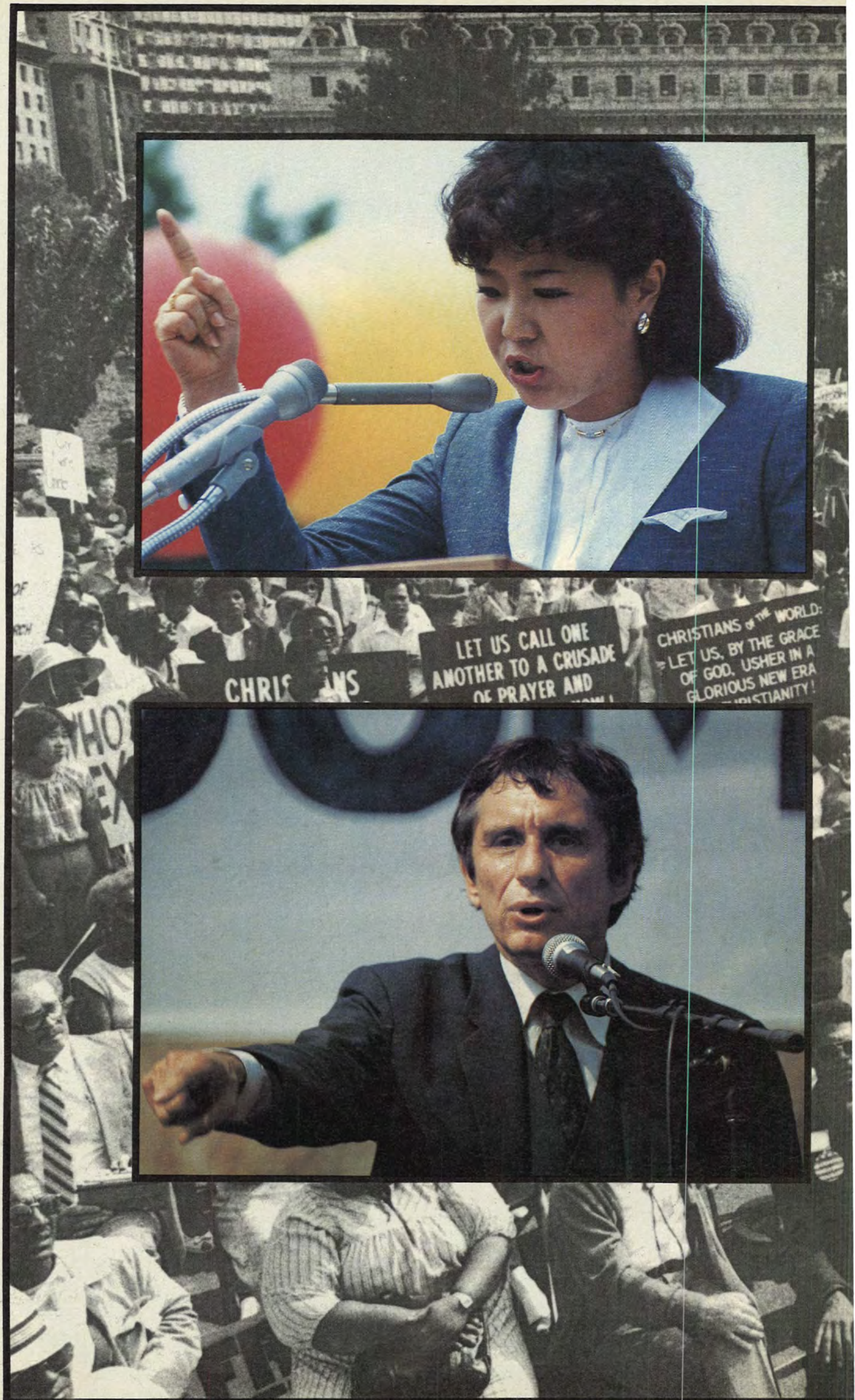
Hundreds of people from a variety of religious, ethnic and racial backgrounds crowd a Manhattan park in support of religious freedom.

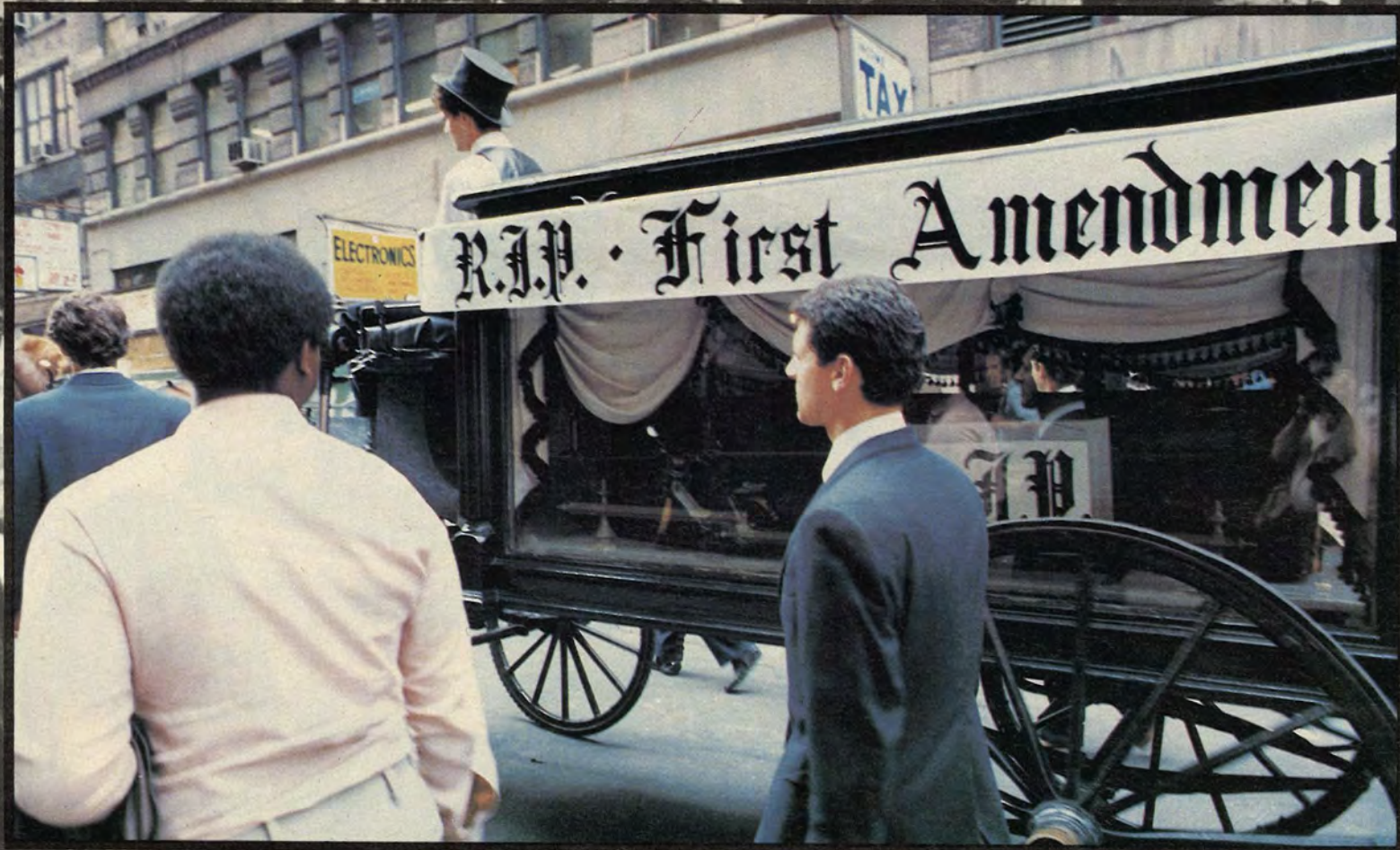
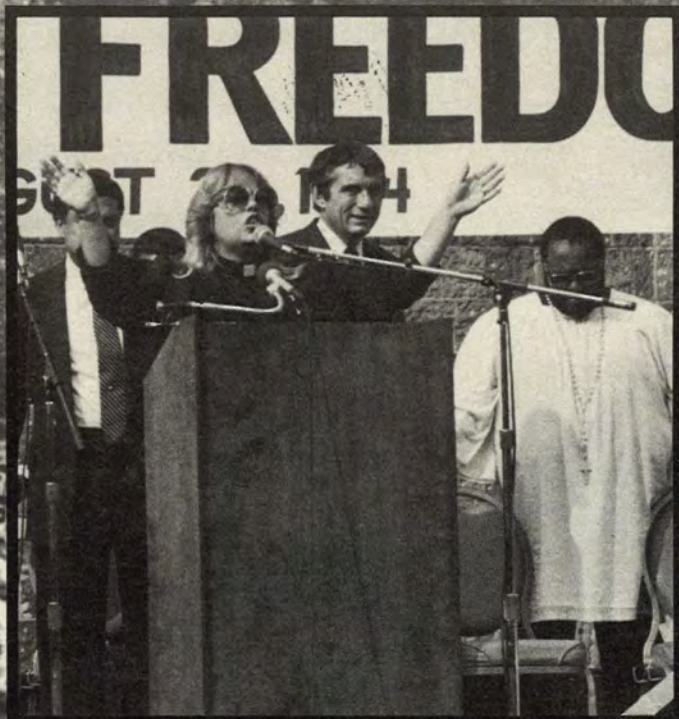
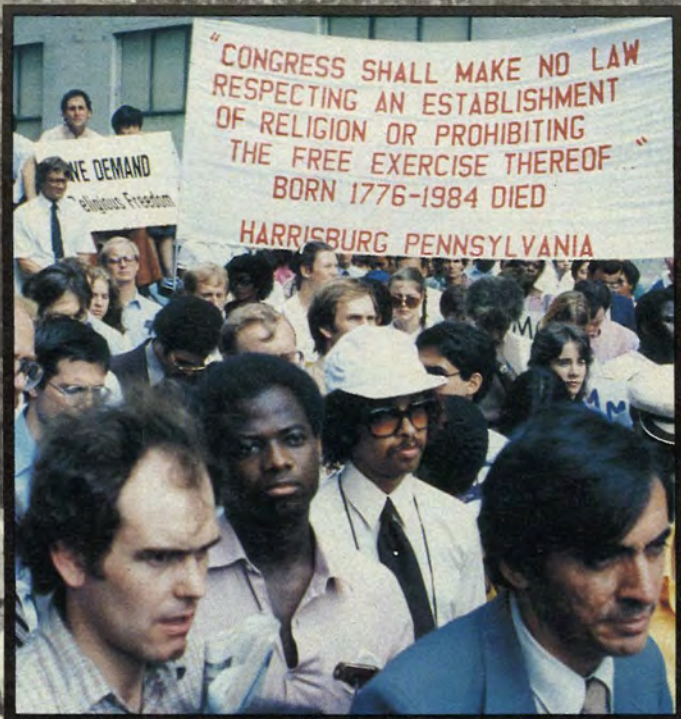
Rev. Millie Rios of the Bronx gives a spirited benediction at the March for Religious Freedom at Battery Park.

Talk show host, columnist and former New York City mayoral candidate Barry Farber fires up a Manhattan rally.

Religious freedom demonstrators appear solemn under a banner marking the death of religious freedom in America.

After speeches and music, the crowd marched to City Hall carrying a mock jail cell with ministers in it and signs that read, "We are for God," "Christians United for Religious Freedom," and "Religious Liberty: Cornerstone of American Freedom." Thousands of New Yorkers on their lunch hour lined the streets to watch.









A brass band helps keep spirits high as religious freedom demonstrators march in Manhattan.



A woman parade marshal at a New York City Rally for Religious Freedom shows her faith in America.

Renowned jazz trumpet virtuoso Dizzy Gillespie plays at a rally in Manhattan.

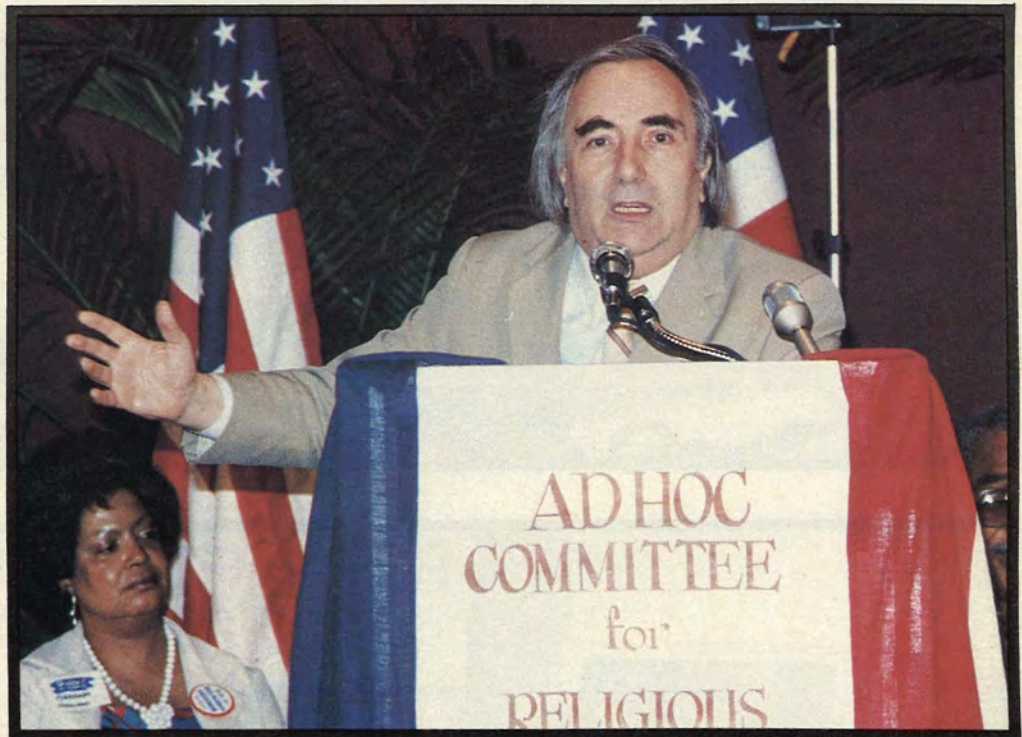
A Rally for Religious Freedom held in New York City attracts a full crowd of ministers and concerned citizens.



Eugene McCarthy Campaigns for Freedom



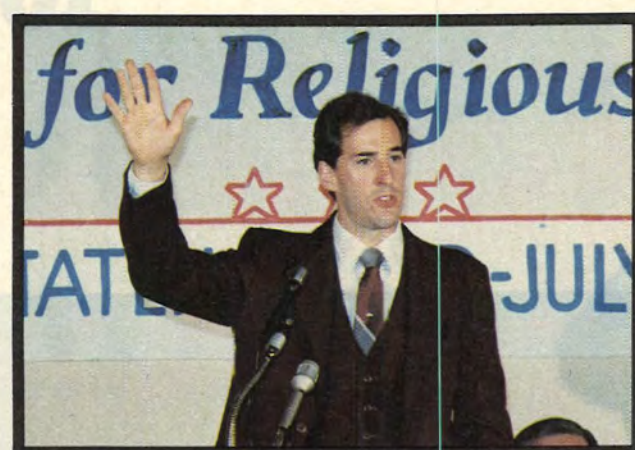
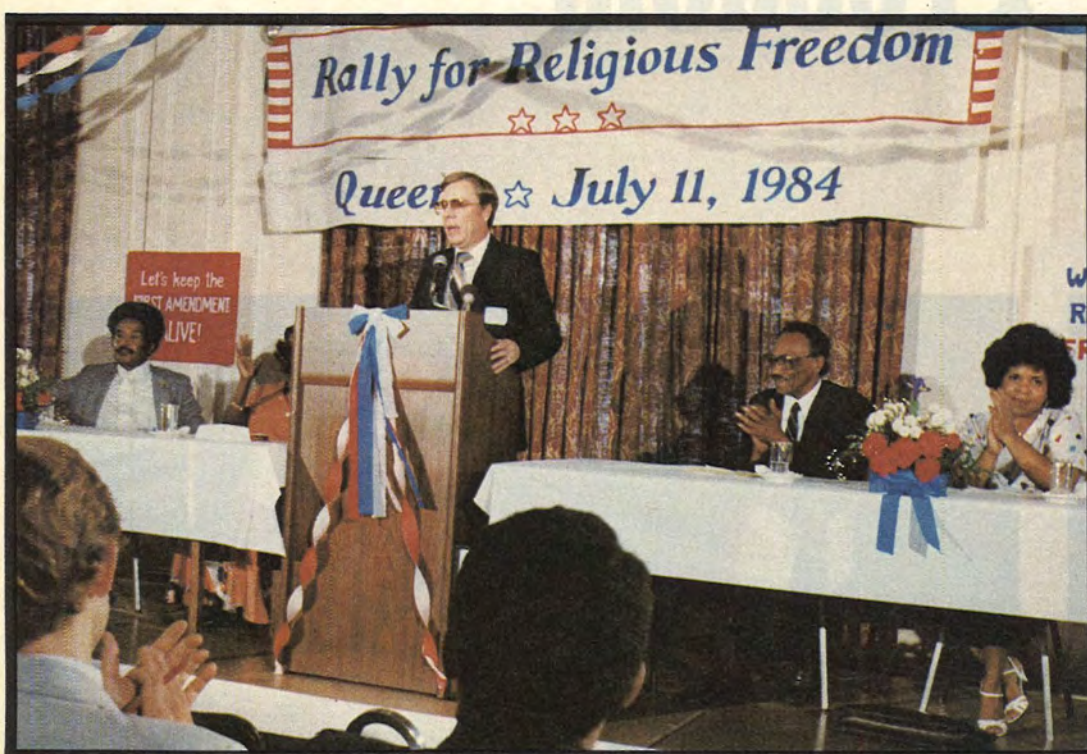
(Above) Former presidential candidate Eugene McCarthy adds his considerable prestige to a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom in New York City.



(Top right) Soviet emigre, author and columnist Lev Navrozov lends his wit and wisdom to a New York City meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom.



East Coast Joins In



Author and syndicated columnist Don Boys addresses a Rally for Religious Freedom in the borough of Queens, New York.

Rev. Martin Pinion of the Cosmopolitan Baptist Church in Staten Island makes a point at a Staten Island rally for religious freedom.



Dr. Mose Durst, president of the Unification Church of America, speaks at a rally in the New York area.

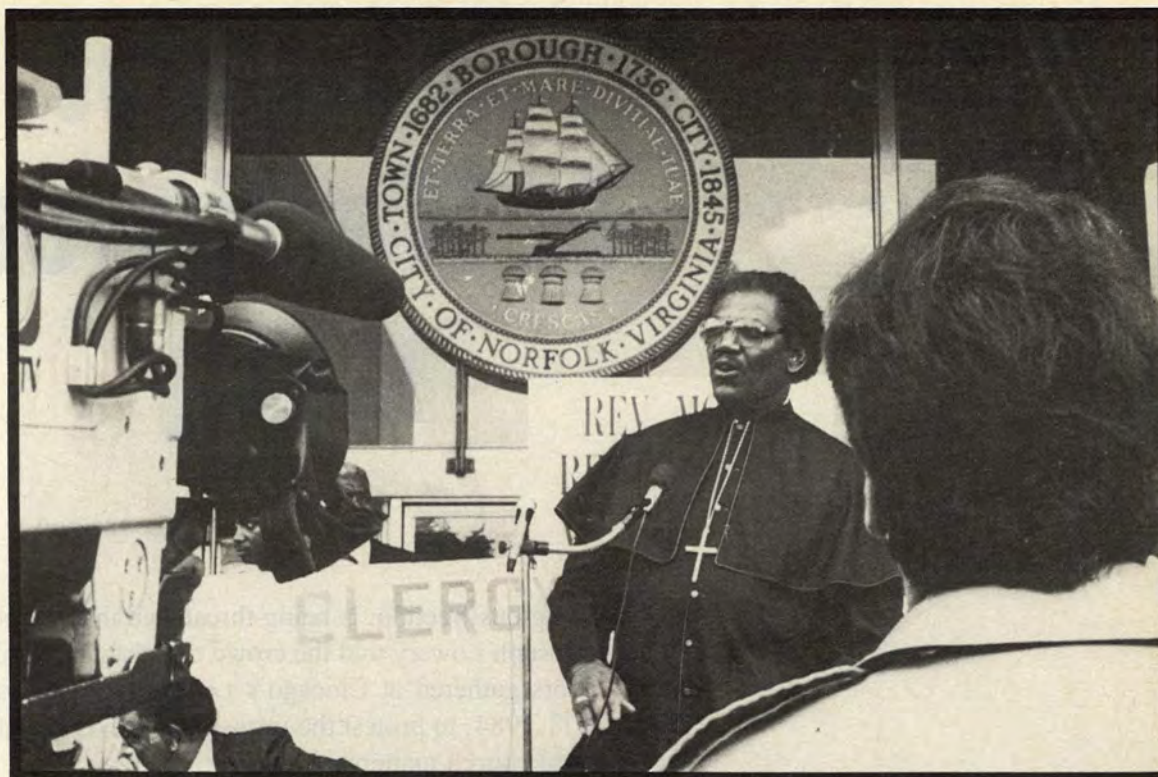
BOSTON RALLY

In Boston, Aug. 28, 1984, former Sen. Eugene McCarthy joined about 400 ministers, lawyers, housewives, students and politicians in a religious freedom rally to protest a variety of church-state conflicts, including the jailings of Rev. Moon, and Dr. Everett Sileven.

Mr. McCarthy said Rev. Moon's imprisonment on tax evasion charges violated the constitutional guarantee of religious freedom. "I feel you have to guard [religious freedom] closely."

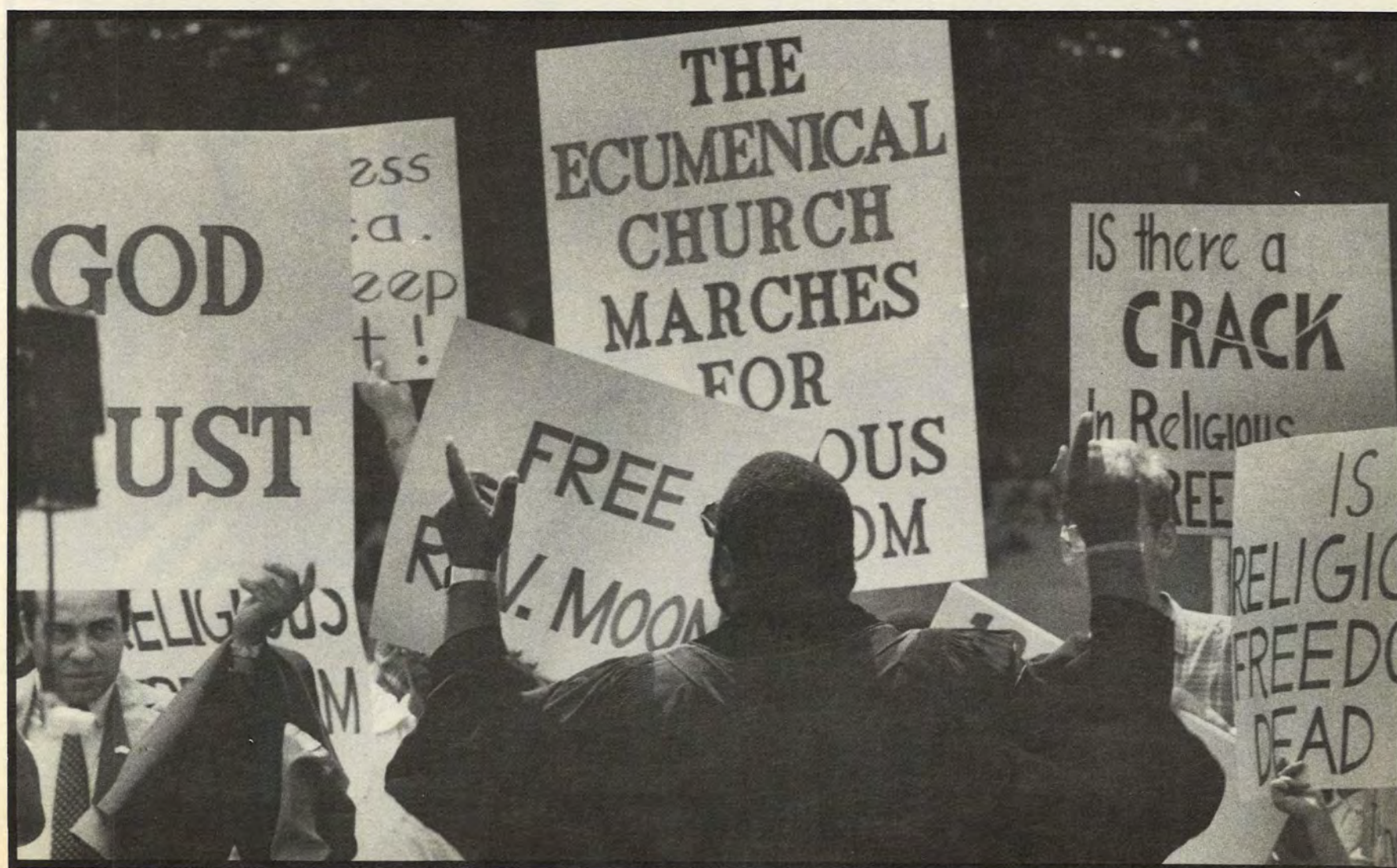
"For the first time," he continued, "in a significant way, the IRS has moved in on religion. It can now determine what is a true religion. It has been gaining more and more authority over every aspect of life in this country. The IRS is a force not subject to any kind of significant political or personal or social control," Mr. McCarthy said.

In what "The Boston Globe" termed "the most forceful address of the two-hour rally," Jin Moon, a daughter of Rev. Moon, urged those present "to ignite a spiritual awakening in this most crucial hour of human history."



Rev. Milton Reid addresses demonstrators and the press at a religious freedom rally in Norfolk, Va. Rev. Reid was repeatedly jailed in a heated church-state dispute with Norfolk authorities.

Rev. Thomas Porter addresses placard-waving protestors during a rally at Philadelphia's City Hall.



Midwest & Northwest Rally

Religious freedom is being threatened in this country," Dr. Joseph Lowery told the crowd of nearly 2,000 demonstrators gathered at Chicago's Loop Federal Plaza on Sept. 18, 1984, to protest the intrusion of government into internal church matters.

Fundamentalist preacher Dr. Greg Dixon of Indianapolis, Dr. Everett Sileven, and Rev. Virgil Black of Aurora, Ill., also spoke. Rev. Black used the example of having bought a home in Aurora in 1983 in which he held church services until city officials told him he needed a special permit to continue holding worship services there.

"I contend that the government is overstepping its bounds and changing the laws to suppress religious freedom," Rev. Black said. "We just want to stand on the First Amendment of the Constitution."

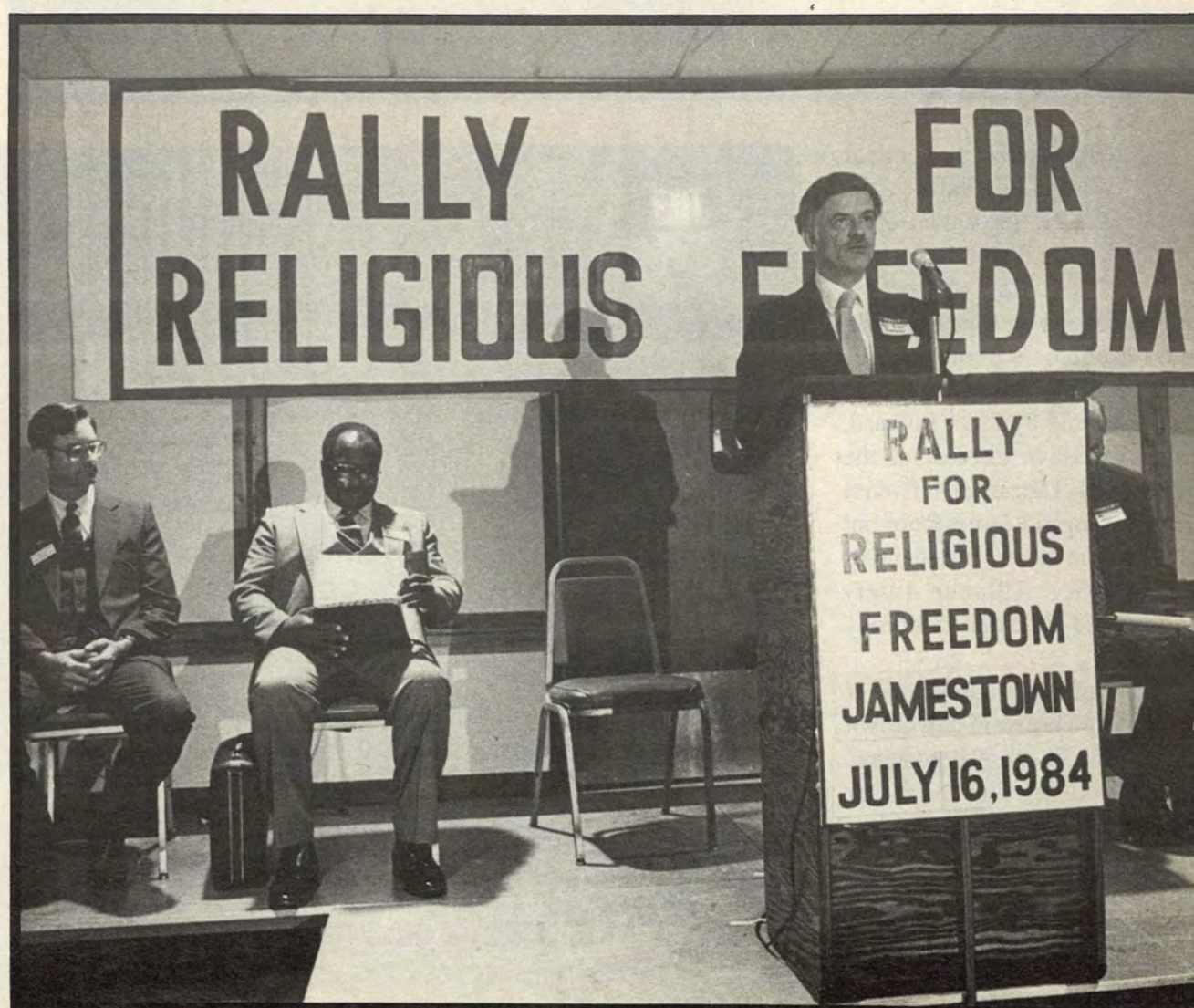




Tax protestor M.J. "Red" Beckman tells a Rally for Religious Freedom in Bozeman, Mt., that Rev. Moon's conviction set a dangerous precedent that frightens religious leaders across the nation. At the same rally, Rev. Michael Schrader, a fundamentalist minister, said "Even if we have to go to jail as Rev. Moon went to jail, a lot of people are going to stand up and preach the truth."

Rev. Graef Gannon, pastor of the First Reformed Presbyterian Church in Bismarck, N.D., speaks at a Rally for Religious Freedom in Jamestown, N.D. Seated (from left) are Dr. Ronald Tottingham, president of South Dakota PSALM (People Serious About Liberty and Morality); Rev. James Anderson, director of the Milwaukee, Wis., Bible Research Institute; and Rev. John Hammack, pastor of Calvary Temple Church in Duluth, Minn.

Dr. Everett Sileven, a Nebraska Baptist minister who was jailed in a dispute with the state, speaks at a religious freedom rally at the Federal Plaza in Chicago.



Dallas For Freedom



At a religious freedom conference in Dallas, Evangelist James Robison calls members of the clergy to come forward to repent and pray for guidance in leading America to accomplish the will of God.

Over 1000 people gathered at Majestic Theatre in downtown Dallas to attend a Pageant for Religious Freedom.

Prior to the convention, Dr. Greg Dixon, president of the Coalition for Religious Freedom at that time, testified at the Republican Platform Committee Hearings in an attempt to persuade the GOP to include a religious liberty plank in their platform.

A religious freedom seminar was held in Dallas, Aug. 20-21, 1984, and drew more than 800 pastors. Two days of speeches and workshops on topics ranging from "Church Schools vs. the State" to "Churches and the IRS" were presented by Lynn Buzzard, former executive director of the Christian Legal Society; Dr. Everett Sileven; evangelist James Robison; Dr. Osborne Scott, president of the Minority Alliance International, and Philadelphia attorney Earl Trent.

The conference culminated at the Majestic Theater in downtown Dallas with a "Let Freedom Ring" pageant modeled after the earlier one in Washington, D.C. Following the pageant, ministers marched to the Republican National Convention site where they sang, spoke and prayed outside as convention delegates were leaving.



Freedom Spirit Ignites West Coast

About 450 people cheered, applauded, sang and prayed for religious freedom at the Center of Hope Church in Oakland, Calif., August 30, 1984.

The rally, sponsored by the

National Crusade for Religious Freedom (NCR), brought together civic and religious leaders, including Oakland Mayor Lionel Wilson, Alameda County Supervisor John George, Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of NCRL and



Dr. Donald Sills, a conservative Southern California minister and leader of the Voice of Americanism.

Dr. Lowery said the rally was organized to "support freedom of churches and ministers, which is now threatened by taxation." He cited Rev. Moon's incarceration as a "prominent example of religious persecution."

Dr. Sills said ministers at the rally also wanted freedom for fundamentalist Christians to run their religious schools and communities in their own way, without government interference.



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The East Oakland, Calif. Church of God in Christ held a Religious Freedom Rally attended by several hundred concerned citizens.

(Top) Mayor Lionel Wilson, Mayor of Oakland speaks to the religious freedom gathering (middle). In Jin Moon, daughter of Rev. Moon, speaks forcefully for religious freedom at the religious freedom revival, "Let Freedom Ring" in Oakland Calif. (Bottom) Religious leaders join hands to symbolize their unity at the revival in Oakland.



Dr. Don Sills (Below) president of the coalition for Religious Freedom speaks at a rally on the steps (Right) of the Los Angeles City Hall.

(Below) clergy and members of the Los Angeles religious community attend a Pageant for Religious Freedom at the civic center in Pasadena Calif.



Rally at the White House

While many speak of a great revival of religion in America, more than 2,000 ministers—Protestant, Roman Catholic, black and white—rallied in front of the White House on June 25, 1985, linking cuffed wrists and waving placards in protest of a paradoxical diminution of religious liberty in the courts and legislatures of the land.

The protest, sponsored by the Coalition for Religious Freedom and the University Alliance for Religious Liberty, included members of the academic community, Catholic priests, members of "mainline" Protestant denominations, many fundamentalist Christians and others.



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Holding a banner that reads, "Free the Ministers," thousands of clergymen and concerned citizens march around the White House on June 25 to protest the jailing of ministers.

A demonstrator handcuffed in solidarity with Rev. Moon and other jailed ministers holds up a placard during the Rally for Justice and Religious Freedom in front of the White House on June 25, 1985.

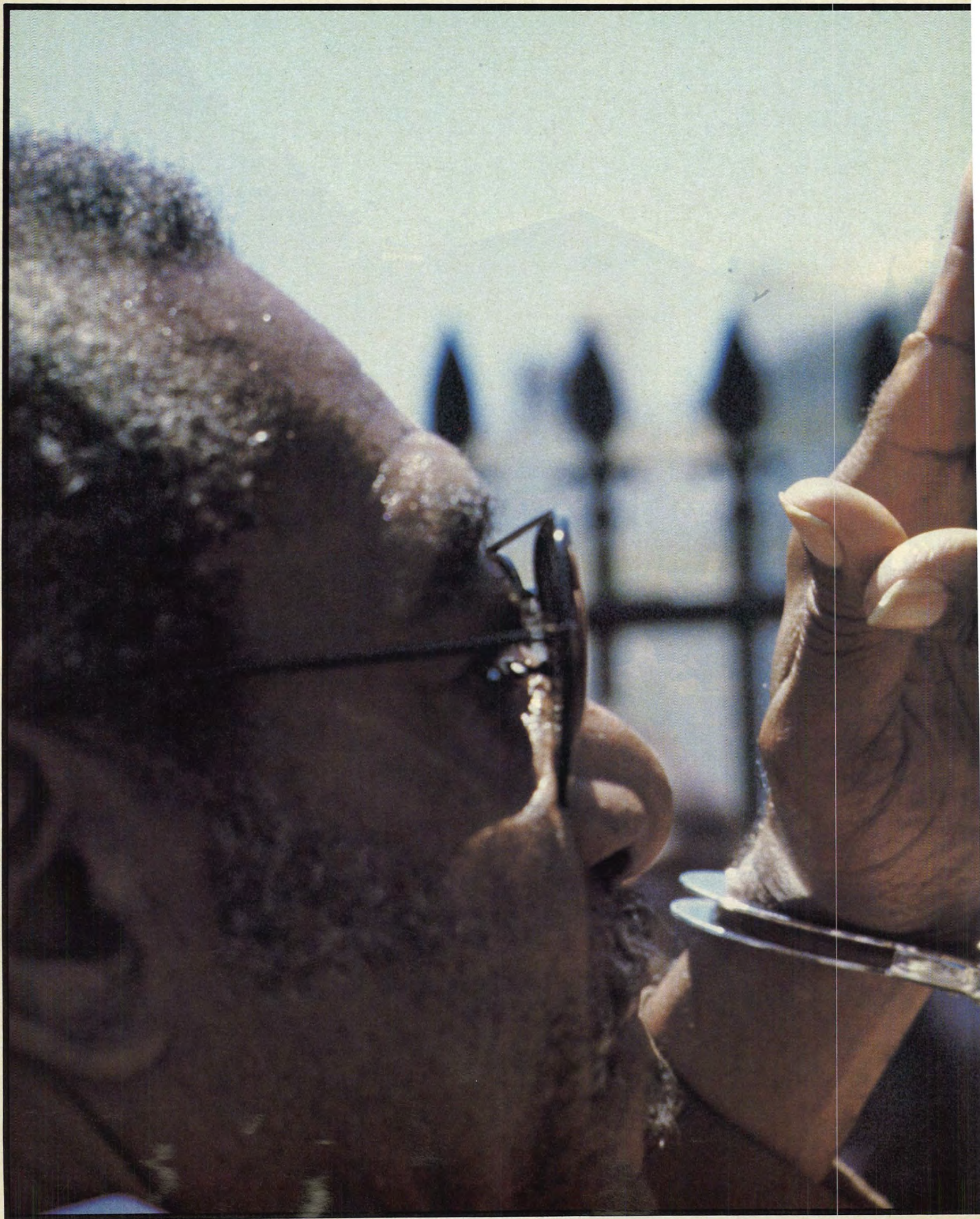
MORE
PRAYER
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Clergymen from all over America (in white sashes) demonstrate for religious freedom in front of the White House. Many are handcuffed to protest the jailing of religious leaders.









"Whether it be the Internal Revenue Service harassment of churches, pastors and parents being jailed for acts of religious conscience, zoning laws restricting church ministries, or the elderly being denied the right to say grace before eating federally-funded meals, there is no question that these problems are many, inexcusable and need attention now," Dr. Donald N. Sills, president of the Coalition, said.

"The undercutting of religious liberty in America in the last eight years is no myth," Dr. Robert Grant, chairman of American Christian Cause, said. "But what we are experiencing today is the full bloom of seeds sown under previous administrations," he added.

Dr. Grant said most of the abuses on a federal level are "directly traceable to the Internal Revenue Service."

A chief focus of the protest was the jailing of Rev. Moon, who finished a 13-month jail term in a halfway house in Brooklyn, N.Y. While speakers urged clemency for Rev. Moon, others carried a banner identifying a "List of Famous Jails: Egypt, Babylon, Carthage, Birmingham, Louisville, Neb., and Danbury, Conn."

After the rally, a delegation of ministers, including Rev. Sills, Dr. Grant, Dr. Reid and Dr. Robert McCurry of Calvary Temple Baptist Church in East Point, Ga., met with Carl Anderson, an aide to President Reagan, and Carolyn Sundseth, another White House aide, to discuss possible steps to alleviate First Amendment violations.

RALLY ACROSS AMERICA

Pictured on the map are examples of the hundreds of rallies that took place all over America in 1984 and 1985.



Coalition for Religious Freedom
June 13, 1984



Ad Hoc Committee for Religious Freedom
Sept 18, 1984

- Seattle, WA
- Portland, OR
Rally for Religious Freedom July 19, 1984

Sacramento, CA

• Oakland, CA

Los Angeles, CA

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Rally for Religious Freedom
July 10, 1984



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Rally for Religious Freedom
June 11, 1984
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—Pastor Martin Niemöller

**When They Came for
Reverend Moon
These People Cried Out**



Rev. Wycliffe Jangdharrie is arrested by U.S. Park Rangers while demonstrating last July against Rev. Moon's imprisonment during a religious freedom rally at Independence Hall.

Thousands of ministers pledged to spend one week in jail to protest the imprisonment of Rev. Sun Myung Moon. Here is a partial list of those who committed to pay the price for religious freedom.

"The price of Freedom is eternal vigilance."

—Thomas Jefferson

WHO'S NEXT?



Rev. Moon at Danbury, Ct. Prison

Some say the IRS and the Justice Department singled out Rev. Sun Myung Moon for prosecution because he seemed an easy target. But they made a serious mistake.

For rarely have so many people of such divergent points of view from coast to coast, north and south joined forces to decry the injustice committed.

"We're now moving to where we'll have to say that the religion of the people is the religion of the Internal Revenue Service... This is at least a part of the issue involved in the prosecution and the potential sentencing of Dr. Moon."
The Honorable Eugene J. McCarthy
Former U.S. Senator

AD HOC COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM RALLY
BOSTON, MA JUNE 11, 1984

"We will not tolerate another minister in America to go to jail, or another church padlocked, or another ministry destroyed because of state tyranny for religious faith."
Rev. Greg Dixon
Indianapolis Baptist Temple

"COALITION IN DALLAS SEEKS ACTION ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY"
NEW YORK TRIBUNE, AUG. 22, 1984

"The government is determined to make a martyr of Mr. Moon and to ride roughshod over constitutional rights in the process."
Rev. Dean Kelley
Executive Director of Religious and Civil Liberty National Council of Churches

"MOON'S ATTORNEY PREDICTS 'HISTORIC BATTLE'."
THE WASHINGTON POST, SEPT. 15, 1983

"The net result of the government's action in Reverend Moon's case can only be to have a chilling effect on the level of social activism of congregations everywhere."
The Honorable Johnny L. Ford
*Mayor, Tuskegee, Alabama
President of World Conference of Mayors*

PRESS RELEASE ISSUED ON DEC. 12, 1983

"His confinement is our confinement. My friends, if something is not done and if some ears do not hear the voice of our protest, I fear that in 10 years, the religious freedoms we have today will all be gone."
Rev. Tim LaHaye
Chairman of the American Coalition for Traditional Values

"300 CLERGY PROTEST REV. MOON JAIL TERM" (AP)
THE WASHINGTON TIMES, MAY 31, 1984

"... Who amongst us will be the next to face religious persecution? Should I pause at taking a controversial political stand which happens to conflict with the personal viewpoint of some IRS agent, or some Justice Department persecutor or prosecutor?... Reverend Moon's conviction would suggest that the answer is an emphatic 'No!'"
Rev. Bob Grant
Chairman/Christian Voice

COALITION FOR RELIGIOUS FREEDOM
RALLY WASHINGTON D.C.
MAY 30, 1984

"He (Rev. Moon) will also be the first person in this country in at least a quarter century to be sent to jail for an alleged tax violation where the appellate judges could not even agree among themselves, as to the tax standards applicable."
Dr. Laurence Tribe
*Professor of Law
Harvard Law School*

SENATE SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE CONSTITUTION OVERSIGHT HEARINGS
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"I'm perplexed when so many credible and major religious bodies asked the Supreme Court to review, simply to review, Dr. Moon's case, that review was denied."
William Ball, Esq.
*Constitutional Lawyer
Harrisburg, PA*

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"An overwhelming majority of Constitutional lawyers who have studied the case find serious Constitutional problems. An overwhelming majority of people who examined the facts in that case are shocked that the government prosecuted such a case."
Lynn Buzzard, Esq.
*Executive Director
Christian Legal Society*

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CHICAGO, IL, JUNE 9, 1984

"We treat people differently because of the color of their skin, or because of the language they speak. We deny equality upon these irrational and vicious bases, and now, as exemplified by the Moon case, the government is denying the equal treatment of the law which it affords to all others in similar positions."
Jeremiah Gutman, Esq.
Pres. N.Y. Civil Liberties Union

FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
IN WASH., D.C.
JANUARY 1984

"... It is in this spirit that we add our voices to the growing chorus of those who deplore the actions that the government has taken against Rev. Moon. As Dr. King said so often, 'injustice anywhere threatens justice everywhere.'"
Dr. Joseph Lowery
*President
Southern Christian Leadership Conference*

"PERSECUTING REV. MOON," SOUTH HOLLAND-PORTER ECONOMIST
CHICAGO, IL, MAY 23, 1985

"... We have the right to expect that we will have an unbiased treatment of the case—which, in fact, Rev. Moon in my opinion did not get... I think that's why we're all here today, even though we don't agree theologically. We're saying that government has gotten on the back of religion."
Rev. Jerry Falwell
Founder of the Moral Majority

THE PHIL DONAHUE SHOW
CHICAGO, MAY 16, 1984

"Rev. Moon's case is just one of many. In 1974, there were only 45 cases of government intrusion in Church affairs. Now there are more than 7,000 cases. We demand an end to these abuses."
Rev. Donald Sills
President of Coalition for Religious Freedom

"MOON VICTIM OF GOV'T CONSPIRACY: SENATE COMMITTEE REVIEW EXPOSES FACTS," BY PAUL COBB, OAKLAND POST, JULY 3, 1985

"I feel that the case of the Rev. Moon has been unfairly decided and I believe that when the facts are known that he will be vindicated."
Bishop D. Ward Nichols
Senior Bishop, African Methodist Episcopal Church

PRESS RELEASE ISSUED ON DEC. 12, 1983

"This is a case which involves, ultimately, I believe, a facet of the tendency to impose a state religion. The state is saying that only those religions which are within the parameters of approved doctrine and approved practice will be allowed to exist."
Dr. Charles Rice
University of Notre Dame Law School

FIRST ANNUAL CONFERENCE ON RELIGIOUS LIBERTY IN WASHINGTON, D.C., JAN. 1984

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When he went to prison our religious
freedom went with him.*

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Reverend Moon Leaves Danbury

Rev. Moon embraced family members and welcomed clergymen upon leaving the federal prison in Danbury Conn., on July 4, 1985. He was transferred to a half-way house in Brooklyn. Following his departure, 13 min-

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Rev. Moon embraces one of 13 ministers who, along with family and friends, came to welcome him upon his release from Danbury federal prison in Connecticut on July 4, 1985. From there Rev. Moon went to a halfway house in Brooklyn to serve out the remainder of his term.

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Rev. Moon—bound for Brooklyn

Moon's independence day But first, a stay at a halfway house

By CHARLES W. BELL
Religion Editor

The Rev. Sun Myung Moon, the Korean evangelist who founded the Unification Church, will be released from federal prison in Danbury, Conn., tomorrow after serving 12 months of an 18-month sentence for tax evasion.

"Mr. Moon is being transferred to a halfway house, a short transitional period before his final release in August," said prison administrator Jeff Garbow.

Moon will live in the Phoenix House rehabilitation center in Prospect Heights, Brooklyn, Garbow said. He said Moon would remain there 45 days in a federal work-release program that allows inmates to work during the day but requires them to spend nights at the center.

"THERE IS no special reason for releasing him to Phoenix House,"

Garbow said. "It is one of our contract facilities." He also said Phoenix House officials would decide when Moon is no longer required to spend nights and weekends there.

Moon is free to carry out church activities during the day, Garbow said.

"He has never stopped carrying out his mission for world unification," said the church's Joy Garratt. "He considers the whole (prison) experience a religious offering."

She said she did not know if there were any plans by church members to celebrate Moon's release. Garbow said that under normal procedures, Moon could leave prison any time after 8 a.m.

During his time at the minimum-security prison, officials said, Moon washed dishes, mopped floors and worked at other menial tasks, at his request. He lived in the prison's unlocked, lowest-security housing with trustee status.

ON VISITING days, church officials, including President Mose

Durst, met Moon for consultations. Durst said Moon ran the church from behind bars.

The 66-year-old evangelist, who founded his movement in South Korea in 1954, was convicted in 1982 and sentenced to prison for failing to report \$162,000 in interest earnings. He also was fined \$25,000. He argued that the funds belonged to the church, which has its world headquarters in New York, and that he was only holding them for church use.

He remained free until his appeals were exhausted, including one to the U.S. Supreme Court, which in May 1984 refused to hear his case. He entered prison last July 20.

With his official release from federal custody scheduled for Aug. 20, Moon will have served 13 months of his original term, including the time at Phoenix House.

"It's ironic that the Rev. Moon is going free on Independence Day," said Garratt. "I think it's symbolic, too."

Senate Investigation Vindicates Rev. Moon

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Dear Ed:

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ment's case could be proven, was a mere \$7,300 for a three year period. I have been advised that the Justice Department's own guidelines state that criminal tax cases will not be brought if the alleged tax deficiency is less than \$2,500 per year.

- Even if the government's tax theory were correct, it would mean Reverend Moon failed to take advantage of a charitable tax deduction of approximately \$700,000. One of the Justice Department's initial reviewing attorneys properly observed that it would be "inconsistent to attempt to try an evasion charge in the face of the \$700,000 deduction."
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- Reverend Moon had no previous history of criminal conduct. Despite how people may feel about his religious beliefs, he is universally recognized as a humanitarian and is dedicated to a serious fight against communism and in favor of democratic ideals. He constantly praises America and what she stands for, even after his trial.
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In my opinion, Reverend Moon's is an extremely important religious freedom case. In a very real way, it has sent a message of how present-day America deals with unpopular religions seeking sanctuary on our shores. Sadly, the message is not a good one. The procedures leading up to Reverend Moon's indictment do not have the characteristics of fairness or impartiality. And once at trial, the jurors, at the very least, should have been strongly admonished not to substitute their own lay views for those of the Unification Church on matters religious in na-

ture. Surely, the free exercise clause offers at least that much protection. But it was ignored in this case.

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The more I study this case, the more concerned I become. I am concerned about the precedent we are setting for the constitutional standard to be observed in future trials and, most of all, I am concerned about the preservation of our first amendment rights of religious liberty.

As you well know, I am not alone in my feelings. There is wide support for Reverend Moon by a broad coalition of liberals and conservatives alike. It is indeed a unique case where so many who disagree with another's theology come so strongly to his defense in our common cause of religious freedom.

I hope this gives you some additional insight into this case. I will gladly discuss these details further with you, or, if you wish, to provide you with a more detailed summary of my research.

Sincerely,

Orrin G. Hatch
United States Senator

MOON VICTIM OF GOV'T CONSPIRACY

Senate Committee Review Exposes Facts

By
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Rev. Sun Myung Moon, founder of the Unification Church, who has been in federal prison in Danbury, Ct. for the past eleven months, may have been the victim of a government conspiracy.

Senator Orrin G. Hatch, Chairman, Senate Subcommittee on the Constitution, revealed in a letter he wrote to a prominent Washington attorney, Edward Bennett Williams, astounding facts surrounding Rev. Moon's indictment. In this letter he said:

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This shows very clearly that it was not only selective prosecution, but also that Rev. Moon was targeted and railroaded by the Justice Department for political reasons. The government was out to get Rev. Moon with no holds barred.

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Another shocking revelation in Sen. Hatch's letter, this one involving a reason why three tiers of career attorneys recommended against the indictment, was expressed this way:

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\$2,500 per year." (That would be \$7,500 for the three years in question.)

This shows that in order to "get" Rev. Moon, the Justice Department violated its own internal guidelines. This truly demonstrates that the government was absolutely determined to send this man of the cloth to jail at any cost.

Supposition and Innuendo

Another finding by Sen. Hatch is this:

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The attorney in question was the prosecutor of Rev. Moon, Mr. Martin Flumenbaum, who was the subject of an article in *The American Lawyer* (November 1982). The article recites that Mr. Flumenbaum went to Washington to argue for authorization on the Moon indictment. He perceived that the Department would not sanction prosecution of Rev.

Rev. Moon went to jail for allegedly failing to pay taxes of \$7,300 on interest accrued on money owned by the church, not by himself. The Justice Department wanted a "sure kill" and got it the only way they could, by violating their own guidelines.

On the other hand, when Vice President Bush found himself owing the government \$198,000 and Geraldine Ferraro \$53,459 plus interest in back taxes, the Justice Department kindly treated it as an "oversight". They were simply asked to pay back the taxes they had overlooked without any penalty.

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Moon's appeal. The National Council of Churches, the National Association of Evangelicals, the Mormons, Presbyterian Church USA, African Methodist Episcopal Church, the Episcopal Church, and a coalition of Catholic laymen all joined in Moon's defense. Additionally, Friends of the Court briefs were submitted by the American Civil Liberties Union, National Conference of Black Mayors, the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Congressman Mervyn Dymally, former Senator Eugene McCarthy, and the States of Oregon, Hawaii, and Rhode Island.

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As of June 20, 1985, Rev. Moon already has served 11 months of an 18 month sentence. He has served a longer federal prison sentence for such a charge than any religious leader in the history of the United States. For his good behavior and for being a model prisoner, Rev. Moon is scheduled

to be released from prison August 20, 1985.

All Are Threatened

Just as Sen. Hubert H. Humphrey led the fight for civil rights in the sixties, Sen. Orrin G. Hatch is leading the fight for religious rights in the eighties. If one is threatened, all are threatened. If our constitution is only good for the popular and the powerful, it is good for nothing. The First Amendment guarantee must work for Billy Graham as well as Sun Myung Moon. All Americans owe Sen. Hatch a debt of gratitude for his efforts in keeping this country "the land of the free and the home of the brave."

Racial and Religious Intolerance

The twin issues of religious intolerance and racism emerged when Rev. Moon was arraigned at the Federal District Court after voluntarily returning to America from Korea to face indictment. Rev. Moon said, "I would not be here today if my skin were white and my religion were Presbyterian. I am here only because my skin is yellow and my religion is

Unification Church. The ugliest things in this beautiful country of America are religious bigotry and racism."

Rallying Point

The rallying of diverse religious leaders around constitutional issues was accomplished through Rev. Moon's conviction and jailing. Never before had so many diverse denominations agreed to share the same pulpit.

Rev. Robert Grant, Chairman of the Christian Voice, said, "Perhaps the federal government foolishly thought that because Rev. Moon is a controversial figure, that no one would care if he were convicted and imprisoned." When the issues of the sanctity of church records or the intrusion by government into church-defined ministries is at stake, all the former doctrinal hair splitting goes out the window.

Why was Rev. Moon "targeted" by the government? The answer is simple: the government acted in a racially and religiously prejudiced way. Now, large numbers of Black churches, presently demonstrating over South African apartheid, are looking over their shoulders in fear of an IRS audit that might be triggered over their demands of divestiture of denominational funds.

Unless protective legislation is enacted, electronic evangelists who raise hundreds of millions of dollars over the airwaves will avoid controversial issues or will exercise a self-imposed prior restraint in an attempt to outguess the Gospel according to the IRS.

A Pardon: Signal to the Nation

Ironically, many of the 7,000 churches on the government's pending litigation agenda have begun mutual support networks as a direct result of witnessing for Religious Freedom issues emanating from Rev. Moon's case. Many of the church organizations disagree with some tenets of Unificationist theology, but they profoundly support Rev. Moon's constitutional right to define and determine the use of his church funds.

President Reagan should grant Rev. Sun Myung Moon a pardon to demonstrate that the growing trend of government interference into the affairs of churches has ended.

A presidential pardon would send a signal to the nation that First Amendment rights for churches are going to be guaranteed by the government. A pardon would mean that this administration has demonstrated by deeds, as well as words, its concern for religious freedom.

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I am concerned about the preservation of our first amendment rights of religious liberty.

As you well know, I am not alone in my feelings. There is wide support for Rev. Moon by a broad coalition of liberals and conservatives alike. It is indeed a unique case where so many who disagree with another's theology come so strongly to his defense in our common cause of religious freedom.

Proud to Know Him



We are members of the international academic community. Though from universities in many countries, we are united in the cause of world peace.

We are privileged to know a man who has a deeply held belief that God has called him to a life of devotion and action.

He is the **Reverend Sun Myung Moon**, founder and spiritual leader of the Unification Church movement.

The Rev. Moon is a good and caring man. He does more than talk about the world's problems. He acts.

We have seen his devotion to the values of brotherhood, equality, family values, and a God-centered world. Our association with him and the organizations which he has founded has clearly demonstrated to us that he is a man of integrity and vision: dedicated to improving man's humanity to man.

We are aware that no political, economic, or ideological system has fully solved the problems that confront humanity. But the world is a better place because of the Rev. Moon's work. It needs more people like him—people that not only propose solutions, but also inspire others to work for a world of peace and justice.

We are proud to know the Rev. Moon. We will continue to work with him toward the realization of a world centered on love and transcendent values.



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THE PRICE OF FREEDOM



On August 20, 1985, at 12:01 a.m. Rev. Moon was officially released from prison. The religious community unabashedly opened its arms and welcomed Rev. Moon in the nation's capital, Washington, D.C.

August 20, at 2:00 p.m., Rev. Jerry Falwell held a press conference at the National Press Club to mark the day. He was joined by Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, Dr. Bob Grant, chairman of Christian Voice and twenty-five other religious leaders.

Dr. Falwell noted that they were gathered on Aug. 20 because it was the day Rev. Moon was being released from prison. All those present spoke forcefully for the sake of religious freedom in America. They concluded by asking President Reagan to pardon Rev. Moon.

Following the press conference many of the participants joined Rev. Moon at a private reception to welcome him home from prison.

The same evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. one thousand seven hundred clergymen from across the nation welcomed Rev. Moon at a God and Freedom Banquet.



Rev. Moon at
Danbury Federal
Prison.



Clockwise from left: Rev. Moon's last few hours in Phoenix House, the half-way house in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he spent the last days of his prison term, were spent packing and paying respects to his fellow inmates. Mrs. Moon helps him pack books and clothes.

Rev. Moon signs a newly-published book on his life for his children. They are, left to right, Julia, In Jin and Hyo Jin.

Rev. Moon says goodbye to his two Phoenix House roommates.



12:01 AM TUESDAY
AUGUST 20TH, 1985
PHOENIX HOUSE, NY



In the following pages you will find a chronicle of the aforementioned events of August 20. What took place that day was not just a welcome for Rev. Moon but the beginning of a new religious movement in America—a movement for religious freedom and for the moral values that all religious people uphold.

The sleeping giant of the religious community in America is awake and is beginning to move.

August 20, 1985, was just the beginning.

At 12:01 a.m. Rev. Moon, free after 13 months in federal custody, leaves Phoenix House with his wife. Rev. Moon said he felt no bitterness towards his persecutors and thanked God for teaching him so much through his prison experience and for using him to alert Americans to the dangerous plight of religious freedom and morality in America.

Press Conference

Rev. Jerry Falwell called a religious freedom press conference to be held on August 20. He said it was no accident that August 20 was the day chosen to meet the press. He and twenty-five other religious leaders called upon the U.S. government to uphold religious freedom in America. All those who participated in the conference deplored the persecution and imprisonment of Rev. Moon and unanimously asked President Reagan to give him a full presidential pardon.

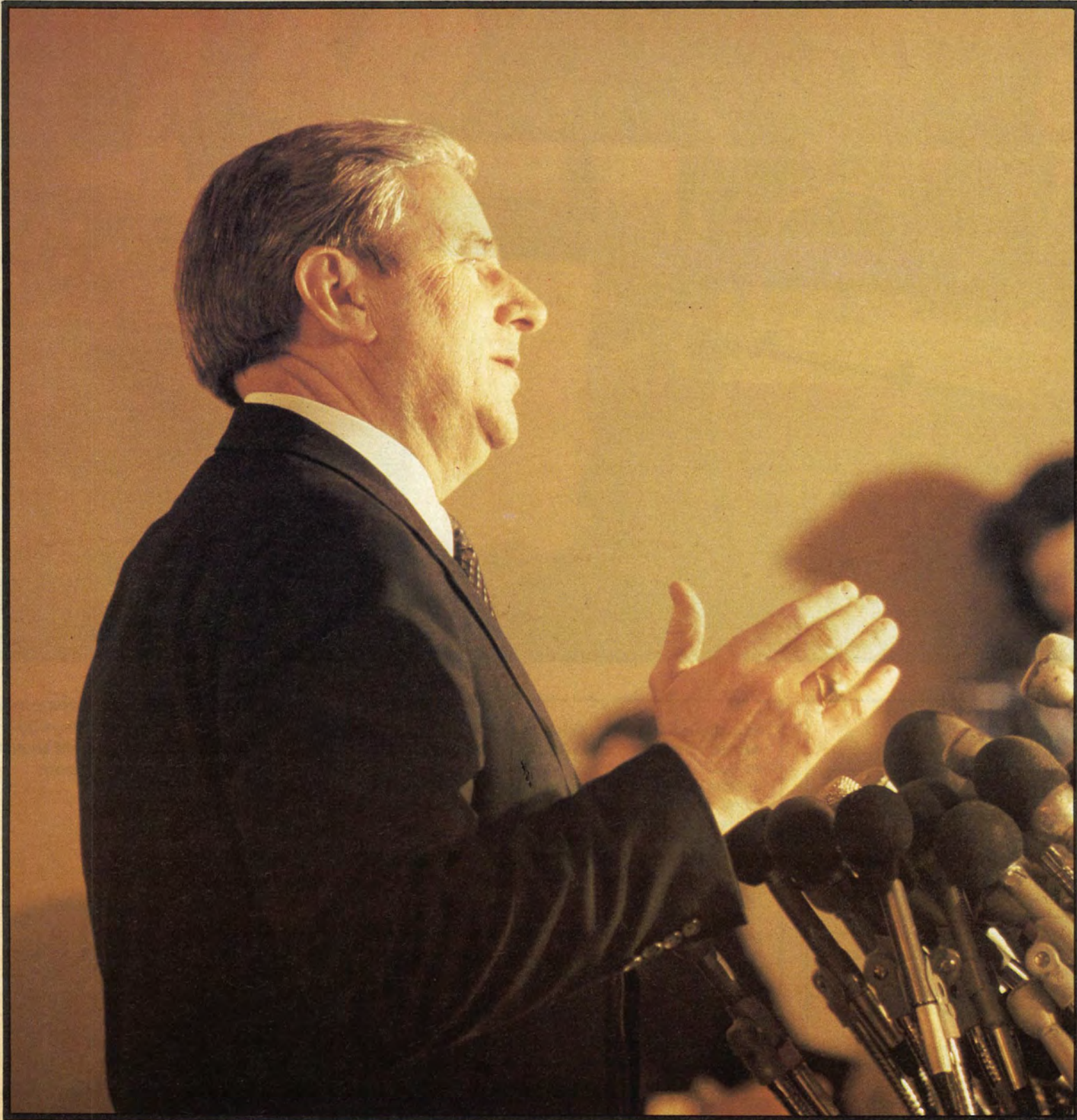
Rev. Jerry Falwell, president of the Moral Majority declared that "today has been selected as the day for this religious freedom press conference because today is the day that Rev. Sun Myung Moon is being released from prison. He is leaving the half-way house today.

"I have never met Rev. Moon. Most of the men here have not. I've never corresponded with him, I've never talked with him, I've never had any contact whatsoever, and theologically we disagree. All of that is irrelevant to the fact that I think he was treated unfairly, that because of the unpopularity of his religious faith, he received a one-year prison sentence when E.F. Hutton has committed hundreds of violations and hasn't even been tapped on the wrist yet.

"While the Unification Church may be the unpopular church today, next year it may be one of the rest of us standing here...

"I think the president should pardon Rev. Moon. I think he was the victim of a railroad job, and I think we all in the religious community are losers because of it."

2:00 PM TUESDAY
AUGUST 20TH
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB



Rev. Jerry Falwell



JERRY FALWELL

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dr. Jerry Falwell, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Senator Eugene McCarthy, and Mr. Bob Grant, and other religious and moral leaders are conducting a press conference on Tuesday, August 20, 1985, at 2:00 p.m. to call for a Reagan administration response to the growing threat to religious freedom in America. The press conference will be held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. in the East Room.

Dr. Falwell and Dr. Lowery are representative of an amazingly diverse group of religious, political and moral leaders who, while differing on a host of other issues, find themselves agreeing on the need to petition the Reagan administration to take specific steps to curb the growing threat to religious freedom in America.

During the administration of a president who has shown himself personally sensitive to the concerns of God-fearing Americans, state and federal agencies have moved against churches

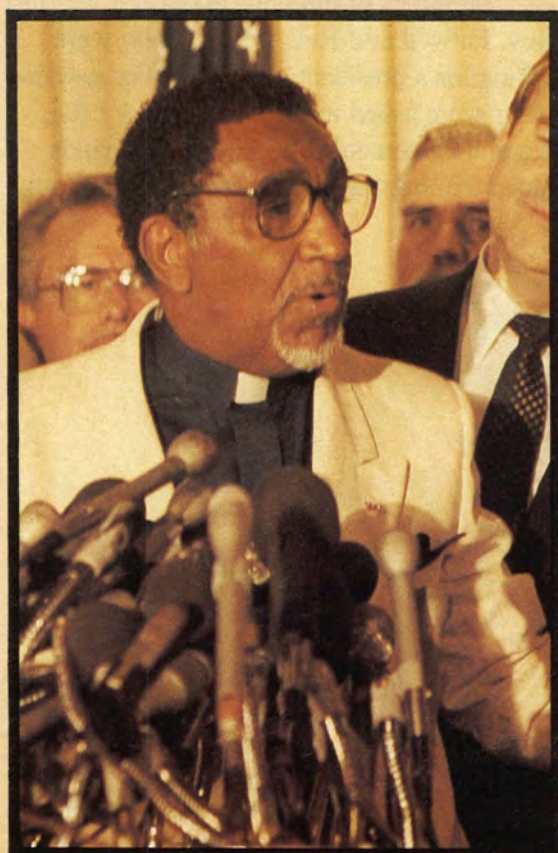
and the leaders of those churches an unprecedented number of times. In fact, from Nebraska to California to Georgia to West Virginia and dozens of other points between, excessive actions against religious leaders by government representatives are occurring by ever-increasing numbers.

Dr. Falwell, believing it is time to set aside sectarian differences in the interest of protecting the religious freedoms of all Americans—even those who lead or belong to potentially unpopular churches or religious groups—has purposely invited a highly diverse group of spokesmen to articulate their concerns on this important constitutional issue.

Therefore, it is not an accident that the press conference will be held on August 20, 1985, the very day Rev. Sun Myung Moon will be released from federal prison. Dr. Falwell was among a very large group of individuals and organizations who petitioned the Supreme Court to overturn the conviction of Rev. Moon.

Dr. Falwell has stated in the past, "We will not stand idly by while our religious freedoms are being gradually chipped away. Excessive entanglement by the government in the affairs of the church is reason enough for God-fearing Americans to sound a national alarm."

Twenty-four television cameras and more than 75 reporters covered the religious freedom press conference held to mark Rev. Moon's release from prison.



Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference:

"The Moon case is particularly frightening. Not only is the issue of religious liberty involved but also the issue of racial discrimination. Governments that jail the unpopular to please the crowd will soon jail any crowd it pleases. We call upon our friend President Reagan to name a task force to investigate the erosion of religious liberty."



Rev. Everett Sileven, pastor of Faith Baptist Church in Louisville, Nebraska, saw his church padlocked.

Members of the press asked if it was just Rev. Falwell and Rev. Lowery who were asking for a presidential pardon. The participants were asked to raise their hand if they were in agreement. The showing of hands indicated that the sentiment was unanimous.

**Dr. Robert Grant, chairman of
Christian Voice:**

"The first thing I would observe and draw your attention to is that this is a case where liberals and conservatives banded together in the defense of an unpopular religious figure. Approximately forty major organizations and leaders submitted amici briefs to the Supreme Court in defense of Rev. Moon. Most, if not all, of those signers have never met or had any contact with Rev. Moon. I have not met the man personally....

"I suggest to you, and I speak on behalf of Christian Voice and the Coalition, and I think on behalf of Sen. Orrin Hatch and a host of other organizations, that President Reagan ought to grant a full pardon to Rev. Moon.

"That is the least that can be done. And I point out that it may be an unpopular thing for him to do and may have political consequences that are perhaps not the wisest from a political standpoint, but he ought to do it, because it is the right thing to do."

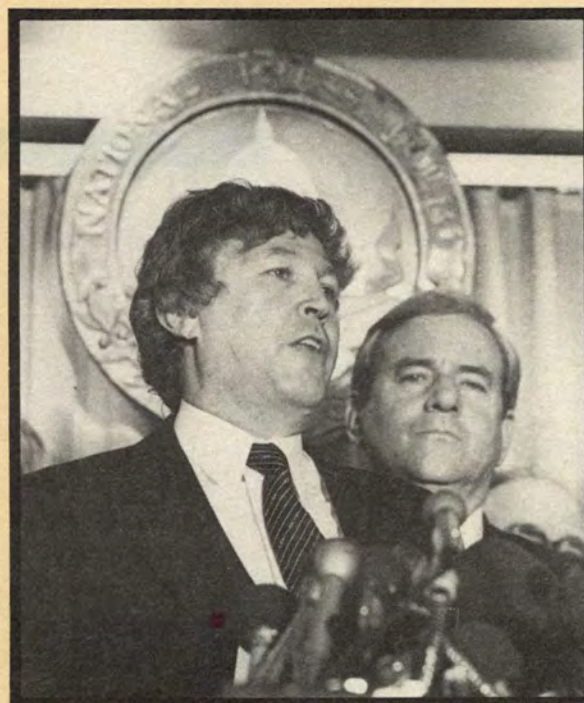
**Dr. Donald Sills, president of the
Coalition for Religious Freedom:**

"Ladies and gentlemen, we come before you today simply because of the fact that the last nine years have been an explosion as far as government encroachment into the affairs of the church. In 1976 there were about 45 cases in government litigation; today there are over 8,000. The figures are frightening in themselves. There are a number of very disturbing cases. One of the most disturbing is the government's callous disregard for religious freedom in the case of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

"He has been released from prison, but to be convicted of a crime, to be placed in prison, to serve your time is not a victory for anything, it is a miscarriage of justice.

"We, the Coalition for Religious Freedom, are calling upon the president of the United States for a presidential pardon. I have a petition here for a pardon which we will submit to the president.

"This precedent, this travesty of justice should be corrected as soon as possible. It is a blight on the pages of American history."



Dr. Robert Grant.



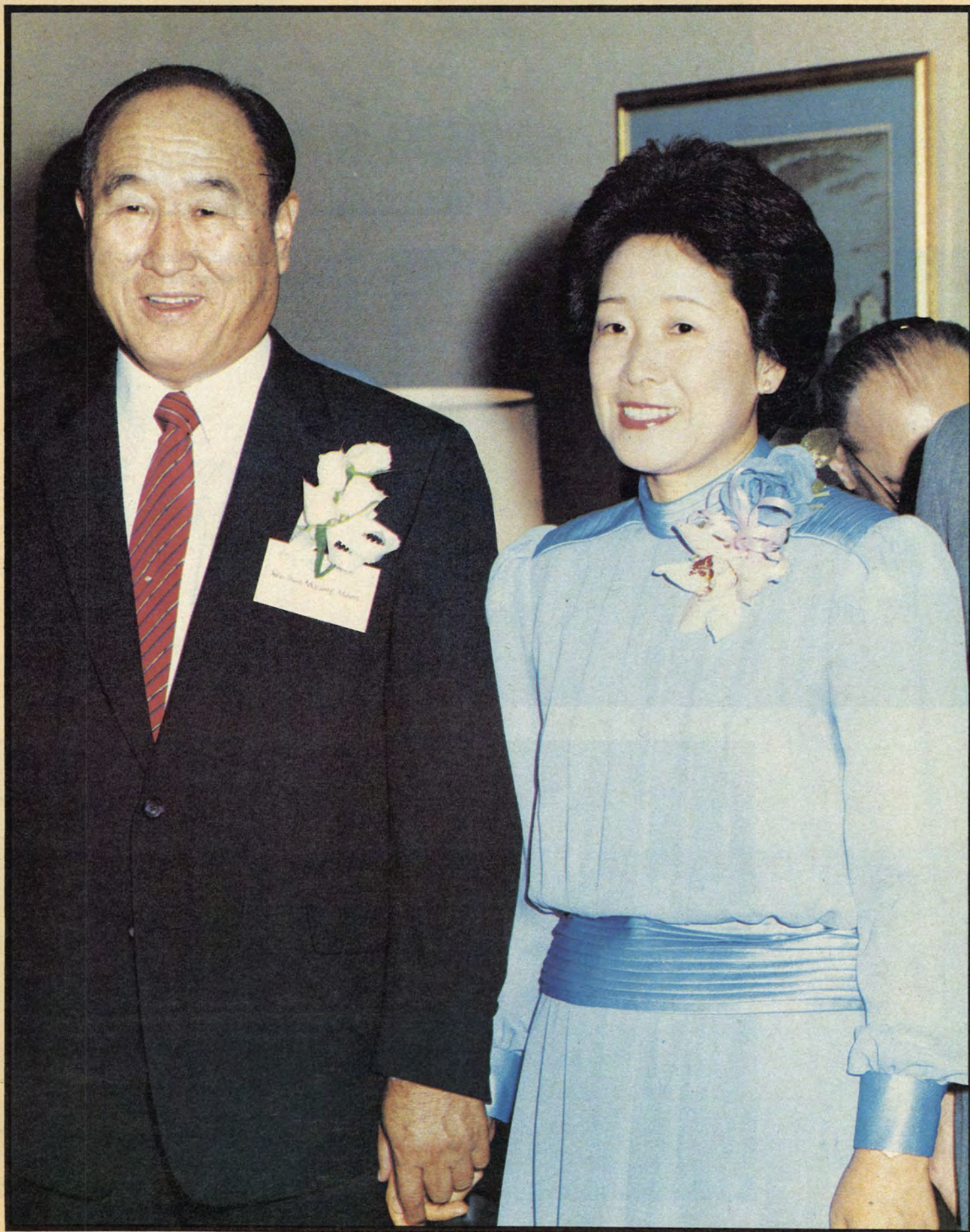
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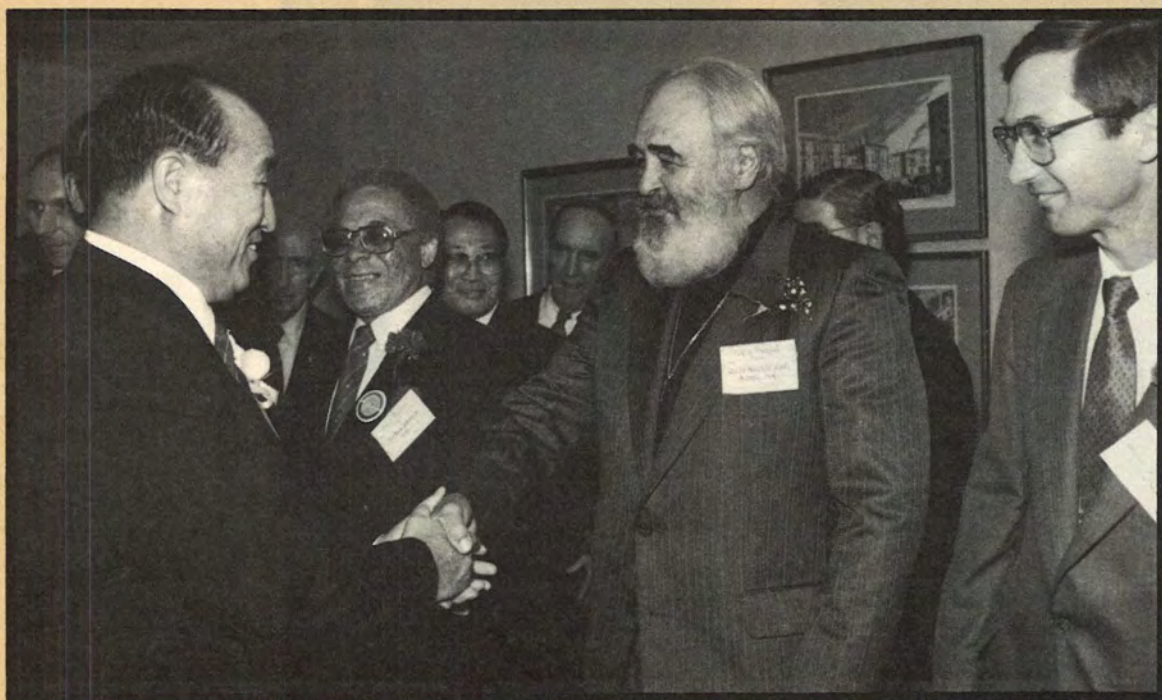
Prior to the God and Freedom Banquet a private head table reception was held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. The head table was made up of those who formed the nucleus of the religious freedom movement which began during the time of Rev. Moon's incarceration. They represented every region of the United States and represented a range of people—ambassadors, state legislators, former congressmen, civil rights leaders and representatives of religious organizations.

Many of these men and women met Rev. and Mrs. Moon for the first time at the reception. Following the reception the banquet began with the introduction of the head table and the guests of honor, Rev. and Mrs. Moon.



Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Moon.

Reception



Head table guests greet Rev. Moon at a reception preceding the God and Freedom Banquet.





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Welcome Rev. Sur

THE GOD & FREEDOM NATIONAL COMMIT



Over 1,700 clergymen from every state of the union gather to welcome Rev. Moon on his release from prison.

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Myung Moon

Washington, D.C. August 20, 1985



God and Freedom Banquet

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The Committee for God and Freedom is a diverse inter-denominational, interracial and international group formed to advance the Spirit of God and the ideals of freedom.

The Committee opposes the rising intolerance, bigotry and abuse of religion both in this country and worldwide. It stands against totalitarianism and the worldwide threats to freedom. Furthermore, it seeks a spiritual awakening, transcending denominational boundaries, to revitalize the moral fiber of America.

Tonight, the Committee for God and Freedom honors Reverend Sun Myung Moon as a champion of God and freedom on the day of his release from federal prison. For the past 13 months, Reverend Moon has been the victim of government abuse for conducting his church's affairs no differently than many other ministries. Over 40 major groups and individuals protested his conviction to the Supreme Court, only to be denied a hearing. This is the first time the founder of a worldwide religious movement has been imprisoned in America for the manner in which his church was organized. Reverend Moon has become a symbol for the cause of God and freedom.

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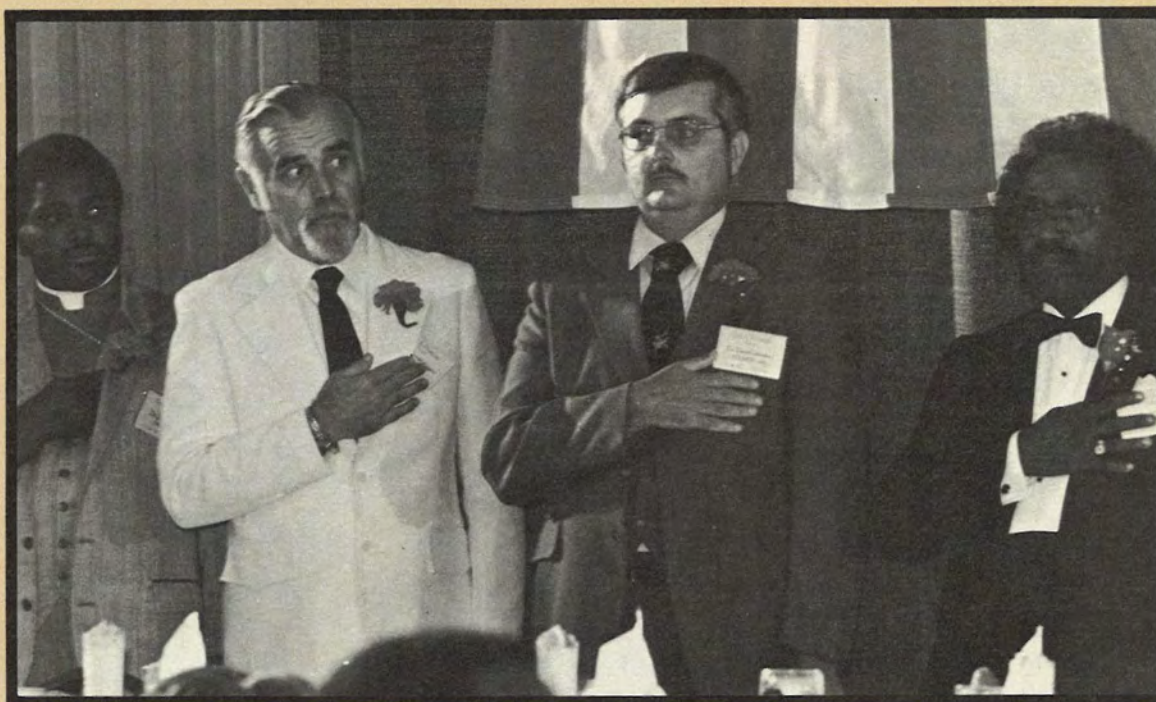
Reno Martin Luther King Hall: Rev. Vincent Thompson

NEW HAMPSHIRE

The Conservative Union: Mrs. Barbara Anderson



Dr. Warren Cutts opens the program with the national anthem.



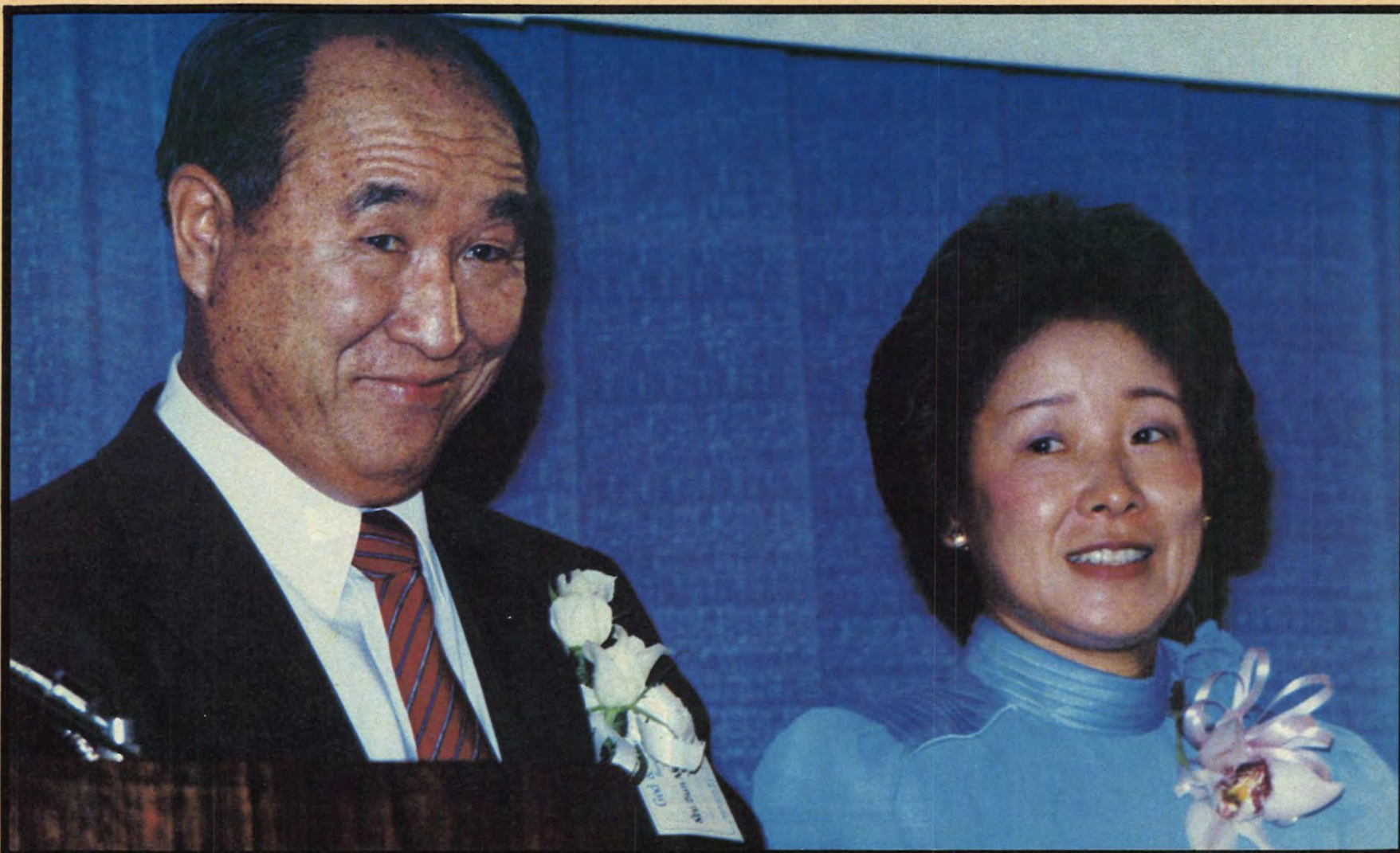
Banquet attendees observe singing of the national anthem.



Dr. Joseph Paige, executive vice president of Shaw Divinity School in Raleigh, N.C. gives the invocation.



A souvenir banquet program was given to guests.



Rev. and Mrs. Moon take their seats along with other banquet guests.

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Rev. Walter Johnson, President

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Wisconsin Alliance for Religious Liberty:
Rev. Joseph Deshazer

WYOMING

Wyoming Freedom Society (ad hoc): Rev. Leander Coates



During the dinner Rev. and Mrs. Moon were greeted and congratulated by hundreds of the dinner guests. They thanked him for the sacrifice he made by staying in America to serve his prison term, and to continue his fight for religious freedom and freedom from the threat of communism.



Rev. and Mrs. Moon greet Mr. Ron Godwin, executive vice president of the Moral Majority.



Rev. Moon shakes hands with Mr. Paul Victor from Idaho.



Clergymen representing the southern states present a God and Freedom plaque to Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

Chief Robert Gopher, director of the International Pow Wow Society, presents a ceremonial drum to Rev. Moon. Chief Gopher said, "The drum is presented to the person most dedicated to the Creator. He is the one who loves the Creator and the people of all races."

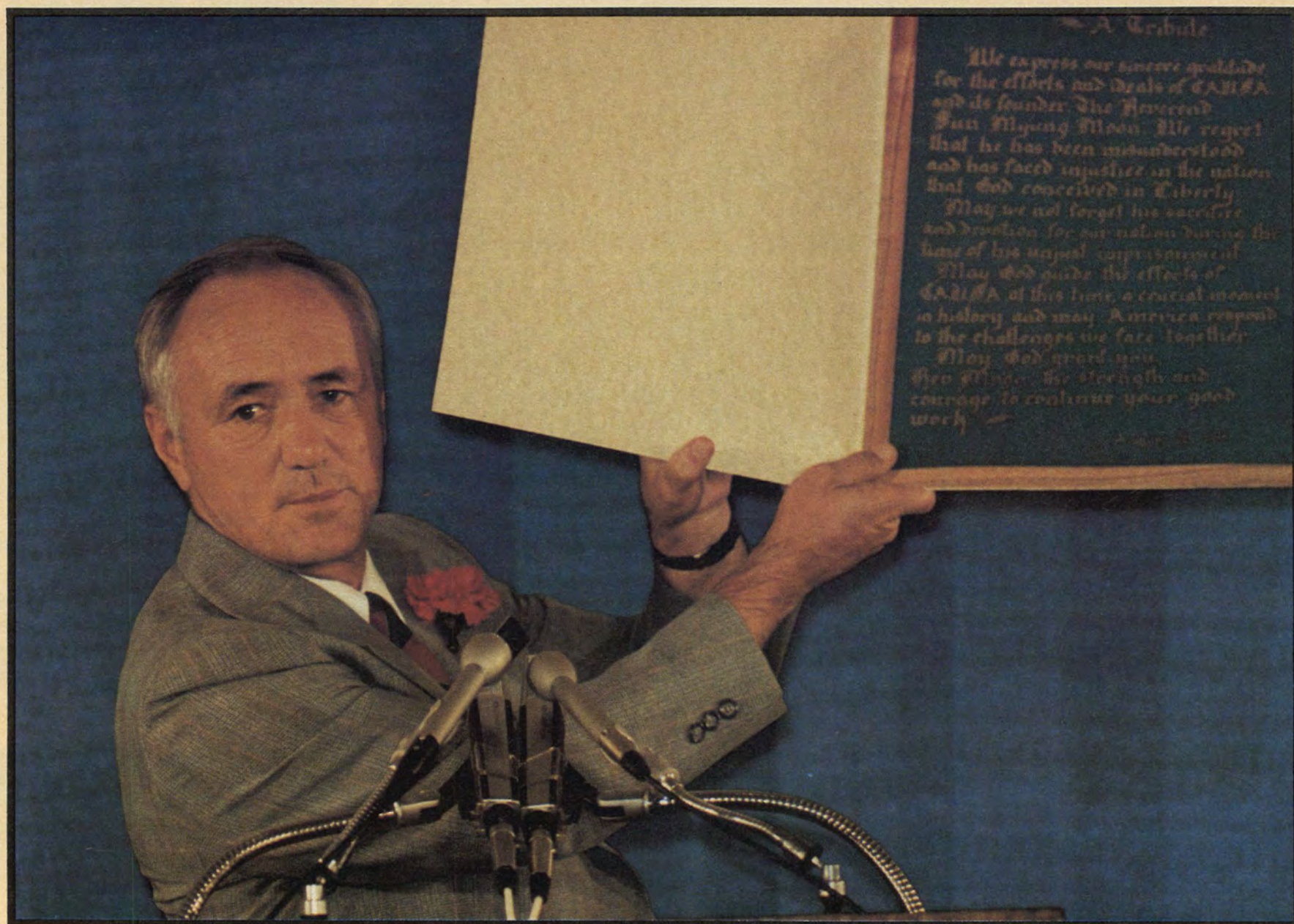
Mrs. Francis Merrill, a Utah state legislator and sister of Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah,

Message from Senator Orrin Hatch, senator from Utah:

I have the honor tonight to read a telegram that my brother sent to Reverend Moon:

'Welcome back, Reverend Moon, from an unjust time in prison. It was a miscarriage of justice and in my opinion, an embarrassment to the United States. You are an example to others advocating freedom of religion and we look forward to your continued fight for a religious alternative to communism.

'Sincerely, Sen. Orrin Hatch' "



Representing the northwestern states, Reps. Robert Forey and Dieter Baer from Idaho present Rev. Moon with a special card and trophy. "We want to honor the man who has inspired the CAUSA movement because it means so much to us. We have for Rev. and Mrs. Moon a little card, which is hand-made and lined with little strips of wood and there is an inscription inside, a little tribute I want to read to you: 'We express our sincere gratitude for the efforts and ideals of CAUSA and its founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon.'

We regret that he has been misunderstood and has faced injustice in the nation that God conceived in liberty. May we not forget his sacrifice and devotion for our nation during the time of his unjust imprisonment. May God guide the efforts of CAUSA at this time, a crucial moment in history, and may America respond to the challenges we face together. May God grant you, Rev. Moon, the strength and courage to continue your good work."



Rev. Moon receives a trophy from representatives of the northwestern states.



Guest Speakers



Dr. Robert Grant, chairman of Christian Voice and corporate board chairman of the Coalition for Religious Freedom:

"...How then would George Washington and Thomas Jefferson view the case of Reverend Sun Myung Moon if they lived today. They would, I suspect, applaud the some 40 major religious organizations who joined as amici friends of the court, in support of Reverend Moon. They would have scorned the bureaucrats who bent all the rules to get this man, they would lament the establishment of precedents that have overturned the basic right of an accused to choose either a jury or a bench trial, they would denounce the presumption of civil judges and courts to dictate to churches how they should handle their money and govern their internal affairs, they would bemoan the failure of a Supreme Court to stand as the final arbiter of justice and defend the one who is being unfairly treated and they would join together, I suspect, to pray devotedly for the soon-demise of those politicians, those judges, those bureaucrats who abuse the power of their office by striking at the very heart of our God-given religious right....

"I'm encouraged tonight. God is still on the throne; He is sovereign. This is a battle that we can win, my friends, and with God's grace we're going to do so."



Dr. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference:

"I'm delighted to have an opportunity to say just a word on the occasion of Reverend Moon's release. In this context some months ago at the beginning of this struggle, I said that God moves in a mysterious way, and out of the imprisonment of brother Moon has come a new realization for the need of the community of faith to come together to protect those liberties that are dear to all of us. We've come to realize that unless we protect each other, there is no security for any of us....

"If Sun Myung Moon is not secure, neither is Bob Grant's liberty, nor Don Sills, nor Joseph Lowery, or anybody. And that's why we've come here today, to say that we shall come together in spite of our many diversities, and God knows we have some real diversities....

"If you are for religious freedom for anybody, you have to be for religious freedom for everybody."



Dr. Cleon Skousen, founder and director of the National Center for Constitutional Studies in Washington, D.C.:

"Reverend Moon, I bring you the greetings of my wife and my children, and my 42 grandchildren.

"There are three days in August that I shall always remember: August 13, my wedding day; August 29, my wife's birthday; and August 20, when we welcomed Reverend Moon back to freedom.

"When Reverend Moon came to the United States in 1971, he couldn't speak a word of English. Sort of a fantastic situation, really. But he had a message for America from the Bible and it's the same in Korean as it is in English.

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my faith, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins, and heal this great land."

"Now, the peoples of this land are God's people. They are not only people that belong to God but in a sense they are a special people because either they or their ancestors fled from places around the world to come to this land where God had created the first free people.

"However, today, we've found that innocent people are beginning to be put in prison, we've found our churches had chains that crossed their doors with padlocks, we've found ministers being arrested from a posture of prayer and put into prison. We've found mothers and fathers jailed because they didn't want their children exposed to some of the books, the humanistic and false philosophies taught by some of the teachers, and they did not want their children to be other than just fine, upstanding American people. They didn't want them in these government schools; they were arrested for that.

"You see, something had changed, something was wrong. So Reverend Moon came to America in 1971 under the inspiration of the diamond dust of God's great spirit that drifts down on the human family if they listen to it. And he came here to tell us to humble ourselves and to pray and to seek His faith and turn from our wicked ways, because God would hear us and He would forgive our sins and He would heal this great land.

"Well, how do you do this?

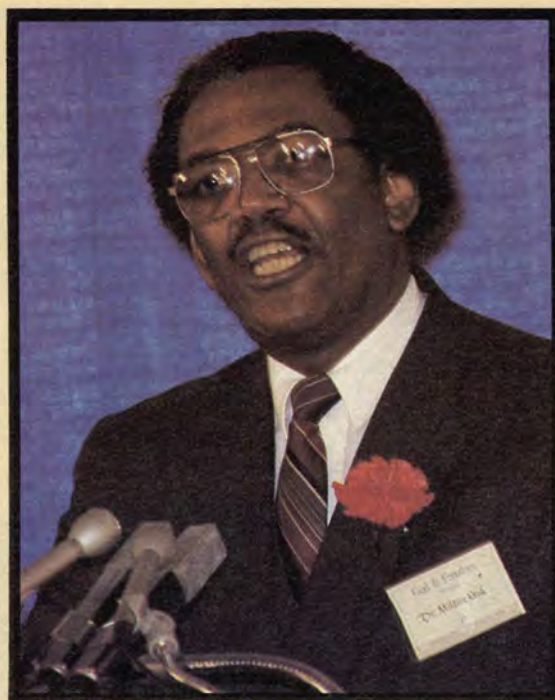
"He started out by saying that you've got to have at least a major newspaper that tells the truth. So he invested 150 to 200 million dollars in 'The Washington Times' which has now become a national newspaper. My son who works in the White House tells me it's the most widely read paper in the 'royal palace.'

"Then he said we ought to get all of those who are the leaders of the congregations of the churches of God assembled together, united in a program that will make them feel comfortable with each other and fight together against evil. Now that's a great achievement if you can do it. He didn't ask us to change our theology, he just said let's eat together and let's talk together and let's pray together and learn together and after that, we'll work together against evil.

"The greatness of Reverend Moon is that he not only says these things but he's inspiring us to do them.

"Reverend Moon, we're glad you're with us tonight. Welcome back to the frontline trenches in this great battle.

"Welcome back."



Dr. Milton Reid, pastor of the Gideon Missionary Baptist Fellowship:

"Certainly I had heard of Reverend Moon prior to our struggle of three hard and difficult years in the city of Norfolk. Our church befriended the Unification missionaries in the area for at least seven years. They worshipped with us, and had fellowship with us. But it wasn't until Reverend Moon's case reached media attention, mostly negative, across the nation and many parts of the world that I got to know him and to know perhaps one of the most misunderstood religious leaders since Jesus of Nazareth.

"I feel honored to be with Reverend and Mrs. Moon tonight and to welcome him back from an unfortunate leave of absence from his family and the freedom that is normally assumed by other Americans and those who visit our shores with a vision and revelation, if you will, for a better world under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

"Perhaps it was the will of God that Reverend Moon was imprisoned here in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Chances are had he not been imprisoned we would not be here tonight, concerned about the vanishing vanguard of religious freedom in America.

"The fact is that religious liberty is eroding in this last bastion of freedom in the world and too many churches are at ease in

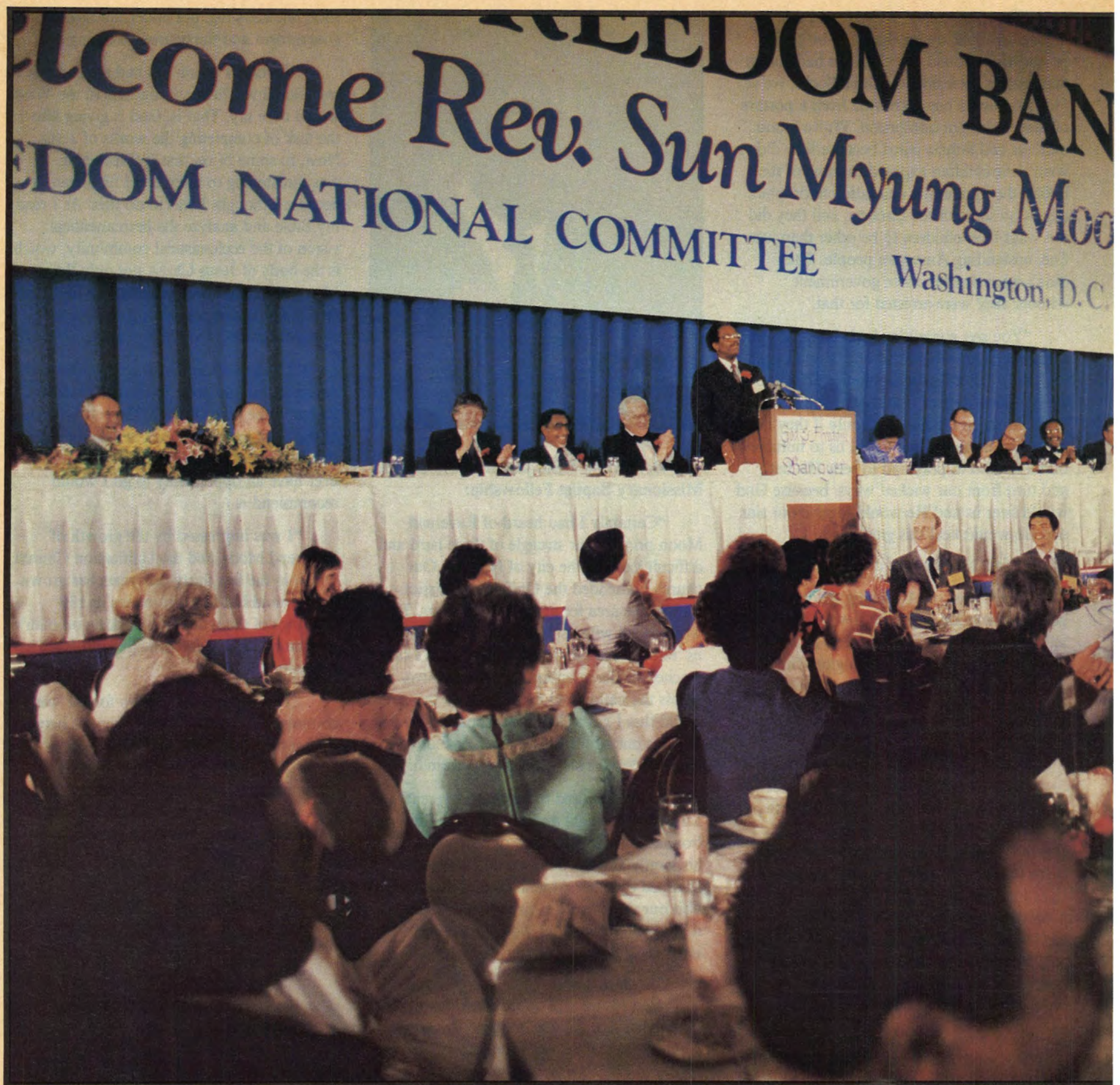
Zion not knowing, not understanding as the government and the courts are taking over.

"Reverend Moon has had the courage to say what few Christian ministers in the West would dare say. That is, God is giving him the task of completing the works of Jesus. Now, to some of us, that is threatening. It was threatening to me when I first heard it because I thought I was to do that. As I read my Bible and analyze the hermeneutical vision of the ecclesiastical community, which is the body of Jesus Christ, not only Reverend Moon, I get the understanding that it is the task of Christians, ministers included, to complete the work of Jesus Christ.

"I was privileged to travel to Korea and Japan in July to study Reverend Moon's Korea in the providence of God. It was one of the most amazing trips I've taken outside the confines of continental USA. If you ever have an opportunity to go I would recommend it.

"I was impressed by the growth of Reverend Moon and the Unification Church, which in the last thirty-one years has grown from a mud hut to missionaries in 130 countries of the world, all working on man's restoration as a divine principle of life's commitment.

"The highlight of the trip for me was the commissioning of 2,000 missionaries between the ages of 18 and 25 who were celebrating life in Jesus while fulfilling his mission on earth. His ministry is not only reflective of educating the mind, exploring the revelations, but of also feeding the hungry, providing thousands of jobs, and unifying the Christian family under Godism."



Keynote Address



The Will of God

Honorable Chairman and members of the God and Freedom Committee, distinguished clergy from all parts of the country, ladies and gentlemen.

I am truly grateful for and humbled by your welcoming me back from prison in such a deep way, representing all parts of the United States and so many denominations. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to those of you who have supported me during my court battles, in the filing of the amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, in the meetings and rallies for religious freedom, in prayer meetings, in the Common Suffering Fellowship, and in the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance. Also, I thank you for your prayers, and for the many letters I have received from you while I was at Danbury, which I will never forget.

I have suffered imprisonment six times in my lifetime. As in the past, this time in prison provided me a moving experience with God. I was not there because of my personal actions or mistakes, yet I did not brood with resentment or hatred for those who persecuted me, nor did I spend my time in prison pleading my innocence. Rather, I dedicated the time to prayer and meditation, for understanding what America must do to fulfill God's will for the world.

The determination which underlies my whole ministry and life is to relieve the great and long suffering of God. Since the world is ignorant of God's heart of suffering, my work and the work of the Unification movement have long been misunderstood, and I and my followers persecuted. However, I understand the urgency of my mission before God, and despite the lack of understanding on the part of my family, not to mention the general public, Christian churches, nations or even the whole world, this persecution has not really mattered very much to me. Throughout my life I have communicated deeply with God, and through numerous spiritual experiences I have come to know His heart and His love. I have always testified to this. To me God is not a vague God residing in the realm of the imagination. God is alive, and I relate to Him directly in my heart. I experience Him in every cell of my body.

I know that I am addressing clergy who also have been participants in the fulfillment of God's will. Your welcoming me here today, then, as you and I know, is not a personal welcome for the individual, Reverend Moon, but is a testament to that will of God for which I have lived my life. To do the will of God is *our* common and utmost concern. Therefore, I would like to share with you some of my realizations about the will of God.

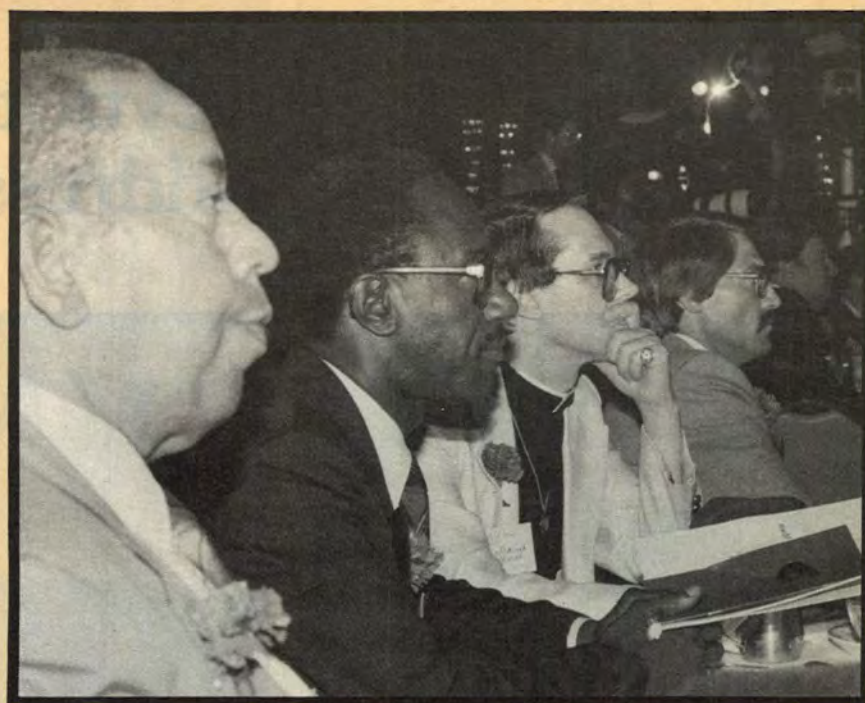
God's Purpose of Creation

Our living, personal God is eternal, absolute and unchanging. Therefore, His will also is eternal, absolute and unchanging. When God created human beings, He must have had a *purpose* and an *ideal*. God's purpose and ideal is a world united through true love, with God as the parent of all people. Under the true love of God, all people would be brothers and sisters living in one harmonious world family. God's ideal, then, is the creation of one world under God.

God, who is the essence of love, created everything for the purpose of love. An individual cannot love independently; it takes both a subject and an object to love. What God needs absolutely, therefore, is an object who He can love. God created a universe motivated by love. Human beings, who are created in His own image, as we read in Genesis 1:27, are the visible and substantial objects of God's love.

To all mankind, God is the eternal, *invisible* and *internal* parent and ancestor, and perfected Adam and Eve were to be the eternal, *visible* and *external* parents and ancestors to all humankind.

The greatest, holiest love takes place when subject and object become one through giving and receiving love, eter-



nally centered on God. In this true love, perfect unity comes about naturally, all life becomes interconnected, and the ideal of God is realized. God's original will was that His beloved children, Adam and Eve, would become the living visible reflection of their invisible creator, and thus would have eternal love, consummating the ideal of love and life.

The Foundation for Love

It is commonly thought that the creator and the created being can never be equal. If this is so, then the ideal of love is never possible with God. God's ideal of love was to let His children, Adam and Eve, be His visible, substantial objects and become one with Him. Indeed, as is stated in First Corinthians 3:16, God desires to dwell in man.

The ideal of love of the invisible God is realized when men and women (Adam and Eve) in essence become perfected. When a person, centering on God, attains complete unity between mind and body, then he or she attains maturity of character, and true objectivity to God. This means that he or she becomes an eternal object of God's love, God's ideals and God's life.

When Adam and Eve attained this ideal as God's true, substantial children, they would naturally have propagated to create an ideal family, and eventually from the family would have developed an ideal society, nation and world. As a result of humankind's complete response to God's absolute love, all would have attained the highest joy in life, the ideal of happiness, and eventually the Kingdom of Heaven.

God created Adam and Eve on the earth, so that heaven would be first realized on earth. After life on earth, the spirits of those who lived ideal lives on earth would go to heaven in the spiritual world, where they would live eternally.

All things are created in pairs, and are created for the sake of human beings. This enables all things to dwell in harmony under the principle of love. With God's love flowing through human beings, all the creation participates in realizing God's life and ideal.

While Adam and Eve were growing up, all things of creation were nothing other than a textbook of love for them, displaying an endless variety of love's manifestations. Adam and Eve, representing God's masculinity and femininity, were to gradually awaken to love through their life in God's textbook of love, which is nature. They were to become perfectly mature, and realize the ideal of marriage.

Such was the ultimate purpose of God in creation. God's love was not only directed to the vertical relationship

of love between Himself and human beings, but also, after the perfection of vertical love, to the horizontal relationship of love between Adam and Eve. God, who has existed as invisible subject ever since the beginning, was yearning for someone who would respond to His love, and was waiting to meet His perfected visible objects, man and woman. How stimulating, how fulfilling that love would have been! That moment was the very moment when God, the internal parent, was to have resided within Adam and Eve, the external parents, to be completely one with them. In that moment the ideal of love would have been accomplished. The invisible parent, God, would have resided in the visible parents, Adam and Eve, and would have become the eternal parent in the visible world. By this, Adam and Eve were to have become the True Parents, the true original ancestors of all humankind.

Violation of God's Ideal

So precious was this true love, that to violate such love was the ultimate crime, a crime of universal magnitude. Immorality, the corruption of youth, the breakup of families, incest, homosexuality and other unspeakable crimes are the world's reality today, over which God is agonizing. The ideal of creation is to achieve the perfect family, founded upon noble and eternal love, but how did today's tragic reality come about? As the last days draw nearer, the crime of the human fall is manifested clearly in society. We are reaping what has been sown.

I do not have time to discuss the details of the human fall, but I will say that I struggled for years to discover the truth of the fall, and I testify that its cause was immorality involving the first human family and an archangel.

In the Unification principle, Satan is not a conceptual being or a hypothetical entity. He is a real being, the very villain who destroyed the ideal of love, and shifted the human lineage from God's dominion to his own dominion. Jesus himself said very clearly, in John, chapter eight, that the devil is the ancestor of humankind. The devil, Satan, is the very adulterer that ravaged the ideal of love which God meant to realize through Adam and Eve, the love which would have raised Adam and Eve to the position of God's own external self. This may be new to many of you, but this is the truth. It was discovered through hard-fought struggles I endured in the spiritual world, as I sought for the answers to the most fundamental problems of life. If you pray, seriously and deeply, you will find affirmation of these answers.

Then why has it taken so long for God to punish Satan



Then why has it taken so long for God to punish Satan and his army? You will find affirmation of these answers and deeply, you will find affirmation of these answers. The most fundamental problem of life. If you pray seriously, earnestly in the spiritual world, as I taught for the answer to the truth. It was discovered through hard-fought struggles. Two eternal souls. This may be new to many of you, but this is what have saved Adam and Eve to the position of God's love which meant to realize through Adam and Eve, the love which

creation were nothing other than a textbook of love for them, displaying an endless variety of love's manifestations. Adam and Eve, representing God's masculinity and femininity, were to gradually awaken to love through their life in God's textbook of love, which is nature. They were to become perfectly mature, and realize the ideal of marriage.

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for his crime? Satan stole the ideal of love from God, and possesses humankind as a false parent, through false love, usurping God's position. Therefore, God had to begin by reclaiming human beings from Satan's dominion by shifting their lineage.

The Potential for Rebirth

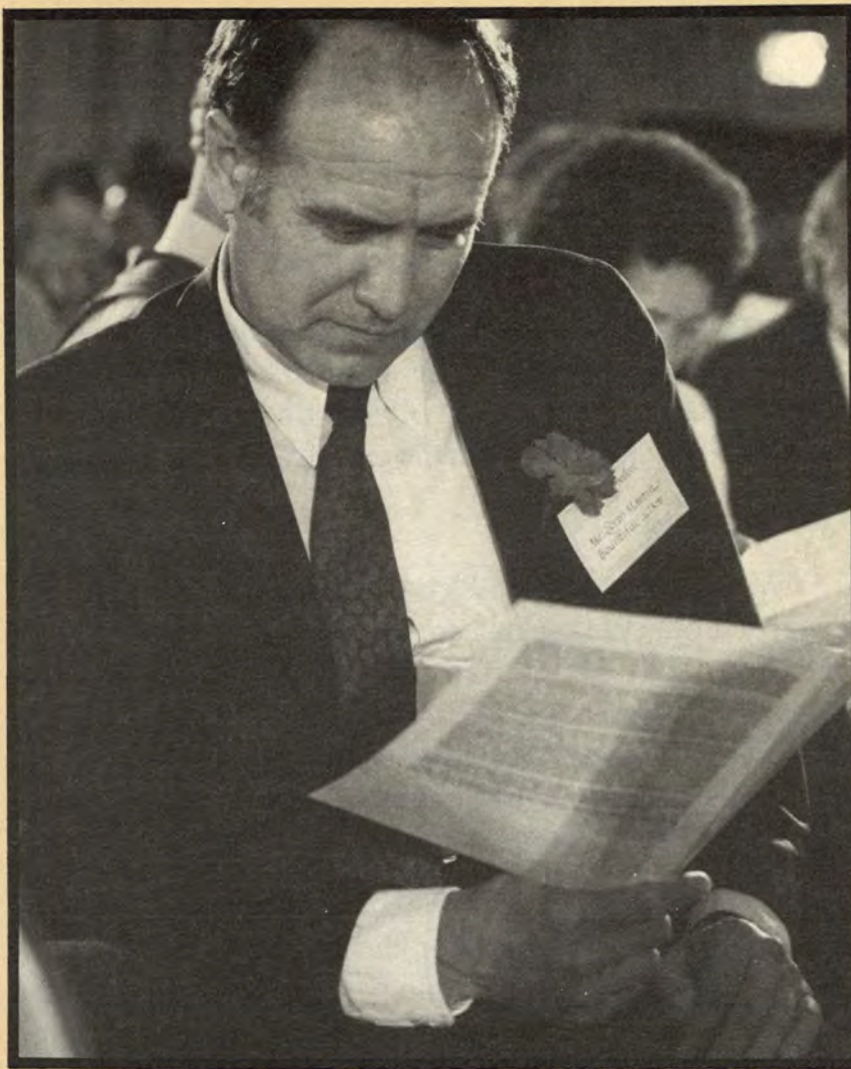
Because of the fall, the relationship between God and man was severed, and the righteous relationship between people, through original give and take centered on true love, was also lost. Harmonious unity among people, based on true love, was destroyed, along with the joy of life, and individuals became enemies. The world became hell, full of distrust.

God's plan of creation was to create men and women as true olive trees, and make the earth a plentiful garden. The fall brought instead the dominion of Satan over the human ancestral lineage, creating a wilderness of wild olive trees, which are possessed by Satan, without some foundation being made. The very reason God established religion was to create his own garden, in which He could cut the wild olive trees and engraft them with the true olive tree. On the foundation of religion God will send the Messiah, and graft humankind to Him through the Messiah, the true tree. This is the essence of the messianic ideal.

From this point of view alone can we correctly understand the biblical doctrine of rebirth. God pulls people away from the false dominion of Satan, giving them rebirth through a love which is much stronger than Satan's love. Since all people are born from parents and ancestors of false love, into a lineage of false love, all people must be born a second time, this time from parents and ancestors of true love, into a lineage of true love, becoming true children and people of God. The blood of Jesus and the Holy Communion both indicate the process of the shift of human beings from Satan's lineage to God's lineage.

All people must be born again. This is the destiny of all fallen human beings. No matter how difficult this may be, we must all tread this path. Salvation cannot be had but by rebirth, being grafted into God's lineage, out of the Satanic lineage. Since we are born into Satan's lineage, the process of rebirth requires complete denial of the self, including willingness to deny one's possessions, one's own tradition or culture, even one's concepts about the world. What we already own in the Satanic realm can never be recognized by God. We must renounce them to be born again. To engraft ourselves to the true tree, we must sever everything.

Jesus, who came as the true olive tree, is the True Parent himself. Since he came as True Parent, to give us rebirth, he told us to sever all our old relationships and attachments



before coming to God. In Matthew 10:36, Jesus warned that a person's enemies will be the members of his or her own family, and that one must cut off his or her own parents and family, if they stand between the person and following Jesus.

Our Response to God

My dear clergy, our task is to learn about God's will and to carry it out. We must become men and women who are bound in God's hands. We must become those who are willing to respond to the call of God. We must never ask God only for our individual salvation or personal heaven. Is it not our privilege as true Christians to respond to the call of the Messiah and to live and die for him and his cause?

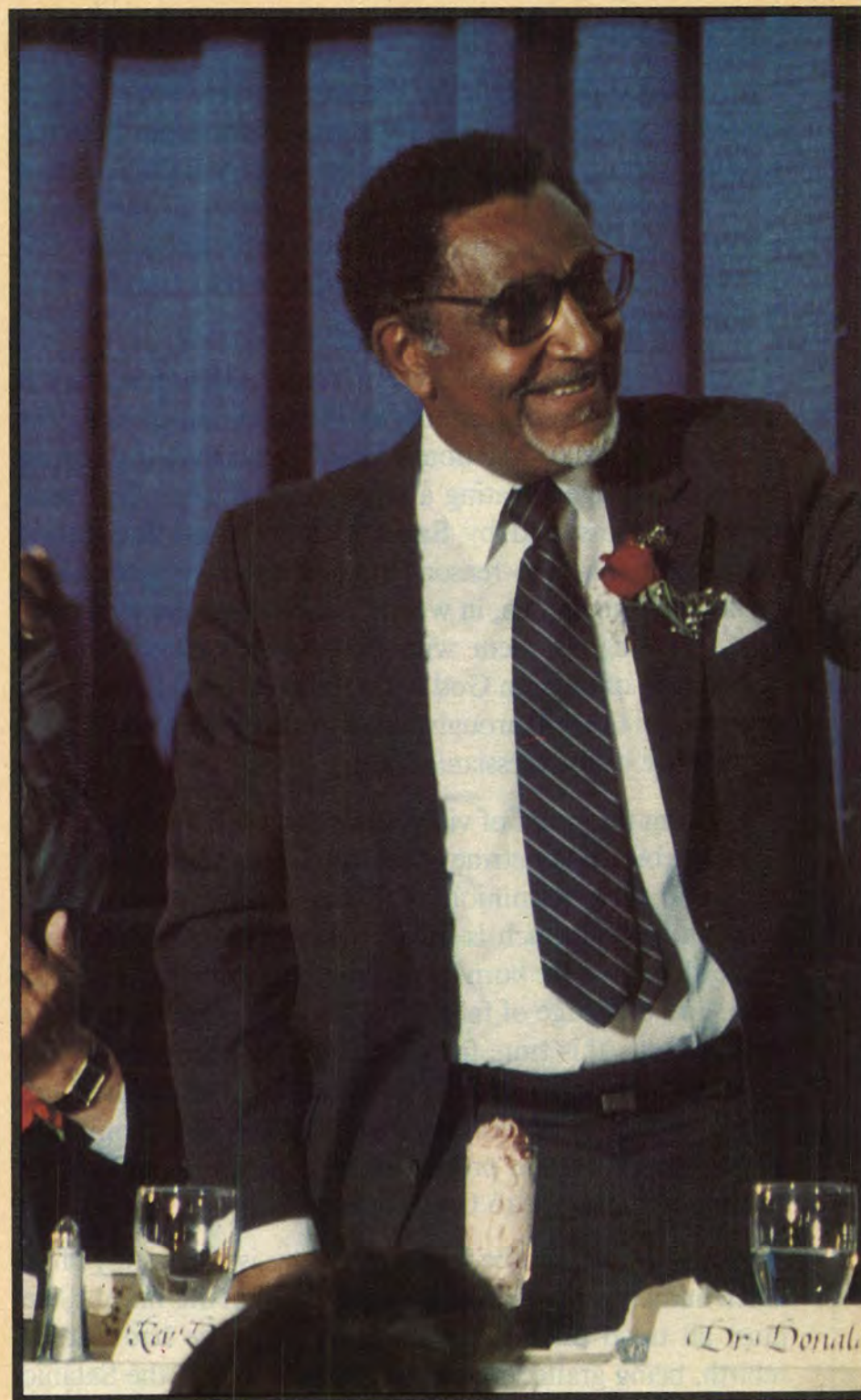
Our religion, our denominations must exist for the will of almighty God, not just for the propagation of narrow views. God cannot reside within narrow views. God is not a sectarian; God sees far beyond denominationalism. He is not confined within exclusivistic dogmas. He is, rather, a parent to us all, and His unbounding love distinguishes no race or color of skin. He does not recognize the walls of nationalism or cultural tradition. He is trying His very hardest today to embrace *all* of humanity.

My dear clergy, do you think it is mere chance that in America, the haven of religious freedom, a nationwide movement for religious freedom emerged as a result of Reverend Moon's imprisonment? In truth, this is not an accident, but God's dispensation working behind the scenes. And would you consider it a coincidence that America, as a nation which carries the banner for the free world, and which has come to scoff at the real threat of communism, is now becoming aware of the seriousness of the present danger through the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance? The CMA is a truly interdenominational movement, without walls, which has spread like wildfire across this nation. Can we call this a mere accident?

We Must Unite

America is a nation founded on the spirit and love of God. After World War II God raised up America as a leader of nations, for the salvation and unity of the world in freedom. Internally, He was preparing this nation for the second coming of the Messiah, and to be the country that cares for the world.

Unfortunately, this country continues to ignore the monumental will of God. America is withdrawing more and



more from its global responsibilities, preferring to enjoy false comfort as if this nation were a world unto itself. This attitude, of course, merely multiplies America's problems, both inside and outside its borders. Serious racial problems, deterioration of social, ethical and moral values, decline of religious life and Christian faith, and the rise of materialism and communism will not disappear just by ignoring them.

God called me to come to America because of these



problems. Christianity must repent with great anguish, and must unite. We clergy must re-examine ourselves and also repent. We are reliving the time when Jesus came to earth and called the world to repentance. That call is being repeated now. We must fulfill the world mission which God has bestowed upon us. Without question, America must change. A new religious reformation must take place. Christianity must transcend denominationalism and ascend to a higher dimension. We must realize and consider

seriously the mission of Christianity to lead a supradenominational, cultural revolution on a worldwide scale.

To commemorate this reunion tonight, we must determine to pursue the original path of Christianity. We must march forward on that way, that we might receive our coming messiah, and help fulfill the will of God.

May God's blessing be with you, with your families and with all the churches of America.

Benediction

Rabbi Leifer gives the benediction:

"Blessed art Thou, oh Lord, our God, King of the universe. We thank You so much for granting us the blessing to have our great leader Rev. Moon back among us. Once again we thank You for Thy blessing upon our celebration. Guide us, oh Lord, as we have spoken our thoughts this night, that whatsoever we have said we commit with reverence to Thy everlasting presence. Help us in all things to express our thoughts

honestly and courageously and in a true spirit of friendship and fellowship.

"Although our viewpoints may differ, help us to see, oh Lord, that each of us is striving for what we think best serves the needs of our communities. Help us to remember that we are at one in trying to bring glory to Thy name among men and women and let us say amen."



Rabbi Leifer congratulates Rev. Moon









Rev. and Mrs. Moon and other head table guests bid farewell to friends and well-wishers.



Banquet guests give Rev. Moon a standing ovation.

Welcoming Rev. Moon

Hours after his release from a New York City halfway house, where he had been serving a term for tax evasion, Moon was received as a hero, a martyr and a symbol of last night's "God and Freedom Banquet" at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. About 1,700 religious leaders, Moon supporters and friends attended what was called "a welcome home party" where everyone honored Moon, decried his trial and imprisonment as examples of religious and racial persecution, and claimed a new wave of racial and religious intolerance is influencing the government and the nation.

The Washington Post

Wednesday, August 21, 1985

Clerics urge pardon for Rev. Moon

A group of religious leaders ranging from the political Right to the political Left marked the release of Rev. Sun Myung Moon from prison Tuesday by calling for a presidential pardon and urging that the government resist the erosion of religious freedom.

Rev. Moon told the audience of more than 1,600 that his imprisonment had given him an opportunity for prayer and meditation on "what America must do to fulfill God's will".

"I was not there because of my personal actions or mistakes, yet I did not brood with resentment or hatred for those who persecuted me", the leader of the Unification Church said to a standing ovation.

Chicago Tribune

Wednesday, August 21, 1985



Moon finishes sentence

Unification Church leader the Rev. Sun Myung Moon ended a 13 month sentence for tax evasion Tuesday, and an unlikely coalition of clergymen called for his pardon.

Fundamentalist Jerry Falwell and civil rights activist the Rev. Joseph Lowery joined other religious leaders in urging President Reagan to grant the pardon....

Moon, honored by 1,600 persons at a "God and Freedom" banquet in Washington D.C., Tuesday night, said "It was God's dispensation" that "a nation wide movement for religious freedom flared up" because of his imprisonment.

USA TODAY

Wednesday, August 21, 1985



Churchmen decry U.S. intrusions, urge Reagan to pardon Rev. Moon

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, a Baptist, head of the Moral Majority, and the Rev. Joseph Lowery, a Methodist, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, both urged Rev. Moon's pardon and said the number of church-state cases is growing at an alarming rate....

Many of those at the news conference attended a "God and Freedom" banquet in Rev. Moon's honor last night—again to call attention to what the clerics believe is a growth of government intrusion in internal church affairs.

At the dinner, where 2,000 persons overflowed two ballrooms, Rev. Moon thanked those who worked in his behalf with a tribute to America....

The Washington Times

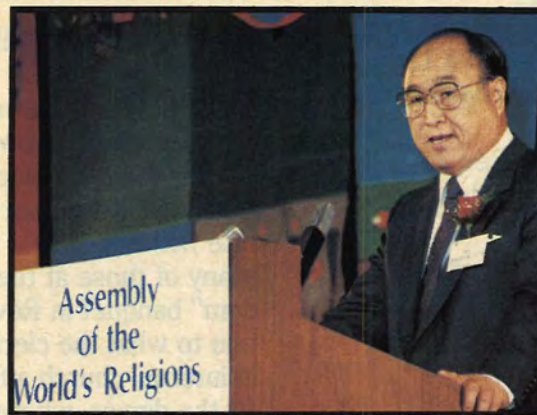
Wednesday, August 21, 1985

U.S. Releases Moon, Ending Prison Term On Tax Fraud Count

In Washington yesterday, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of the Moral Majority, and the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, called on President to pardon Mr. Moon. They said government was increasingly intruding in religious matters.

The New York Times

Wednesday, August 21, 1985



God or no God

Following the God and Freedom Banquet, one of Rev. Moon's first public acts was to initiate the first Assembly of the World's Religions on Nov. 15, 1985.

Rev. Moon, like most other religious leaders, believes that the root cause of the world's problems is a spiritual one, namely, separation from God. He recognizes that people of various faiths may not agree theologically because of doctrinal differences; however, he believes it is imperative that religious people form a unified front against communism and the forces that seek to separate man from God.

Historians agree that every culture on earth has risen from some form of theistic or atheistic religion. Judaism, Islam and Christianity are examples of three great theistic religions. The influence of these religions is felt all over the world. However, that influence is beginning to wane as secular humanism and communism make inroads everywhere.

Communism is an example of an atheistic religion. Instead of attempting to lead people to God it seeks to bind people to the communistic state. It has its own doctrine of Marxism/Leninism and its own adherents or believers. This false religion now rules nearly half the world and influences much more of it through its enormous propaganda machine.

The choice for people of the world today is: God or no God, theism or atheism. The question that confronts religious people today is: Do people want to live in a world where they are free to worship God and practice their religion freely or do they want to live in a world where they will be persecuted, imprisoned or killed for doing so.

Only religion can direct man's fallen nature away from communism, sexual immorality, drug abuse, crime, etc. Only God, working



The Assembly of the World's Religions conference was attended by 650 religious leaders representing nearly every major world religion.

through the vehicle of religion, can raise the standard of the world in which we live.

In order to foster the spirit of cooperation and understanding between people of various religions, Rev. Moon initiated the Assembly of World Religions.

The Assembly's primary goal is a congress in 1993, marking the hundredth anniversary of the World's Parliament of Religions held in 1893 at the first world's fair in Chicago. Two preparatory meetings have been planned. The first took place Nov. 15-20, 1985, in McAfee, N.J. Over 650 representatives from literally every world religion—leaders, scholars, artists and youth—participated. The second is scheduled for 1989.

The first meeting examined today's worldwide trend toward a return to religious roots. Assembly two will focus on implementing religious values to solve the pressing problems of our age. Assembly three will build on the previous two to find ways to establish a more beautiful, just and peaceful world.

At a time when destructive forces threaten the survival of the human race, it is vital for religious people to provide moral and spiritual leadership. Never before has such a program been more urgent.

The following excerpts are from Rev. Moon's founder's address to the assembly on Nov. 15, 1985.

Honorable Chairman, scholars, and leaders from religions around the world, and ladies and gentlemen! I welcome you from the bottom of my heart to the Assembly of the World's Religions. Our gathering here is not an ordinary event. It is indeed itself a great accomplishment that we, from 85 countries and with such a diversity of religions, cultures, traditions, and nationalities, should come together to open our minds, to harmonize with each other, and to share our concerns about the future of humankind. I am sure that God also is delighted with this historical event.

We come from different religious backgrounds. Our answers to the fundamental problems of human existence are not identical. Our understandings of the causes of human suffering do not have the same frame of reference. Our ways of seeking world peace are diverse. But still we have a common ground: all of us try to solve problems in the context of our relations with the Ultimate....

Respected representatives of the world's religions! When we take an honest look at reality today, we come to see that it is time not only for belief but for action. Why do we find such serious problems prevailing in our societies, problems including confusion in value systems, moral corruption, drug addiction, terrorism, racial discrimination, genocide, war, unjust distribution of wealth, disregard for human rights, and totalitarian communism? These vices are the natural outcome of hedonism, atheistic materialism, and secular humanism that denies the relevance of God. All these are the effects of the declining faith and spiritual exhaustion of this generation.

Who can take responsibility for today's world? Can the military or the politicians? Can businessmen or people with new technology? Never. God is asking religious leaders, today's prophets and priests, to solve these problems.

All religious people should feel responsibility for the shaky spiritual foundation of this generation and should repent. Throughout the long history of religion, we have not made a convincing witness for our living God. We have not been sincere in the practice of love. Our past hypocrisy has allowed atheism to prevail. We should feel deeply repentant about all this.

A New Reformation

Today God is calling us. All religious people, standing on the internal foundation

of deep self-reflection, should challenge the prevalence of all evils and work creatively in order to realize God's will on earth. The living God wants to relate with us not merely in the context of scriptures and rituals, but rather hopes to dwell in the hearts of people who keep God's will in their minds and live it in everyday life.

After long prayer and reflection on the future of the world and humankind, I have begun to feel that God's enthusiastic hope and the Holy Spirit's strong power are sweeping over the whole world. Today the world should be renewed. Religious leaders all over the world can join together and encourage a movement of purification in every religion. There can be repentance and the renewal of true commitment. The world should change. There can be a new reformation. The banners of "living faith" and "practical faith" should be waving everywhere around the world. Every religion should work beyond its own benefit to liberate the world from poverty and disease. By the practice of love and the burning conviction of faith, our witness will convince even atheists of the truth of the living God. Only through a religious and spiritual revolution bringing great harmony, love and compassion will we finally realize the ideal world of peace....

Interreligious Harmony

Even though religion transcends ordinary social ethics and social policy, we should not ignore its functioning in society. Religious people should be concerned with actual problems and apply God's will to their practical solution. Moreover, religions should stimulate spiritual renewal and give an elevated value perspective to those in charge of politics, the economy, social programs and education. With their minds enlightened by the Spirit, these people can solve the problems in their fields. God is calling for religious people with living spirituality to uphold the truth of religion and to relate it to the situations in their societies. People who are grounded in truth and in living communication with God are bound to influence others and bring about a revival of spirituality everywhere. True religions do not follow the trends of the secular world, but, centering on God's will, should enlighten the world and lead the people, even in the face of opposition and persecution....

I have three hopes for these Assemblies. First, world religious traditions should respect each other and at least work to keep in check any interreligious conflicts and wars. Secondly, the Assembly will hopeful-

ly serve the world by becoming a cooperative community of religions. It will hopefully agree upon and make resolutions calling religious people to practical action, encouraging all people to live by God-centered values, and fostering the development of human minds and spirits. Thirdly, the Assembly should, I believe, develop into an organization in which the major leadership of all religions participate. The Assembly has to lift up the highest values and purposes of life and to offer them to all religious people, all groups, and all nations. Only in communion with the Absolute and with love for one another can individuals, groups and nations prepare for and become a part of the Kingdom of God on earth.... ■

PROCLAMATION FROM THE FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE WORLD'S RELIGIONS

This historic occasion of the first Assembly of the World's Religions marks a beginning of a long journey towards religious harmony among people of all faiths. Through our dialogue with one another we are discovering our spiritual unity and how the real differences between our traditions might contribute to the wholeness of humankind. We want our dialogue to create the spiritual foundation for new forms of cooperation that can renew our common earth.

As members of this Assembly, we wish to thank Rev. Sun Myung Moon for his vision and his generous support. For his lifelong efforts to promote interreligious dialogue and harmony we are deeply grateful.

We are honored to have participated in this historic event. Its vision of dialogue, harmony and service is truly inspiring. We call upon our sisters and brothers, from East and West, North and South, inheritors of the multiform expression of the Divine Life, to join us in friendship and service to bring peace to our planet.

—Participants of the First Assembly
of the World's Religions
McAfee, N.J., Nov. 21, 1985



Dr. Houston Smith and Dr. Richard Payne, representing all the participants, present Rev. Moon with a proclamation from the First Assembly of the World's Religions.

Christianity's Role

Rev. Moon has repeatedly stated that among all the religions of the world Christianity is fulfilling the central role in God's providence. In an interview with theologian Dr. Frederic Sontag, on Feb. 3, 1977, Rev. Moon said, "Jesus was, is and will be permanently the source of the resurrection of life."

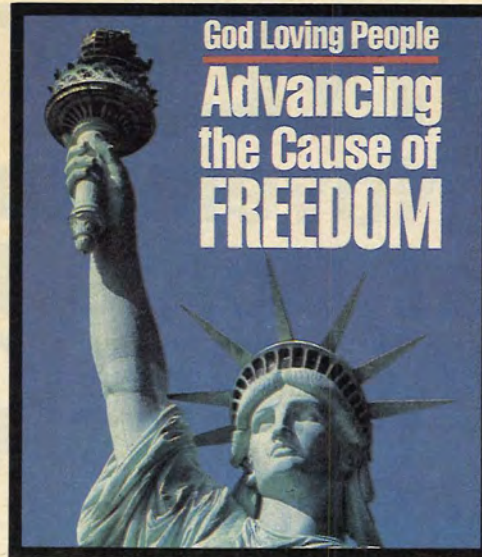
It is obvious to most religious people that the world needs resurrection and rebirth. However, for that to happen, many leaders in the religious community believe America must first be revitalized.

A preacher recently spoke about a conversation he had with a Chinese woman. She said, "I fled from mainland China and went to Cuba after the communists took over my country. When Cuba fell, I fled to the U.S." The preacher said, "Well, thank God for the U.S." She replied, "I do thank God for America, but I worry that someday I may have to flee from America and there will be no place left to go."

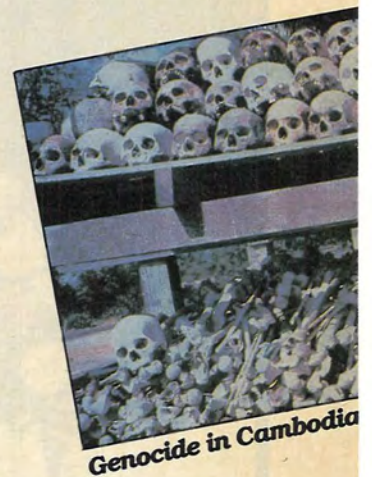
Many ministers are teaching their congregations that the abundant blessings America has received are not for Americans alone, but that Christians must take responsibility for the rest of the world. They say that America as a Christian nation must set the example and lead the way for all nations and religions of the world before it is too late.

Dr. Don Sills, president of the Coalition for Religious Freedom, recently stated in a speech to ministers that, "America and Christianity must rise up and take responsibility for the moral and spiritual leadership of the world. The nations and the religions of the world desperately need a vision and leadership if the world is to prevail and not perish."

Many other religious leaders are echoing the same sentiments, indicating that a movement for the revitalization of the nation and the world is beginning to emerge.



BIRTH OF A NEW MOVEMENT



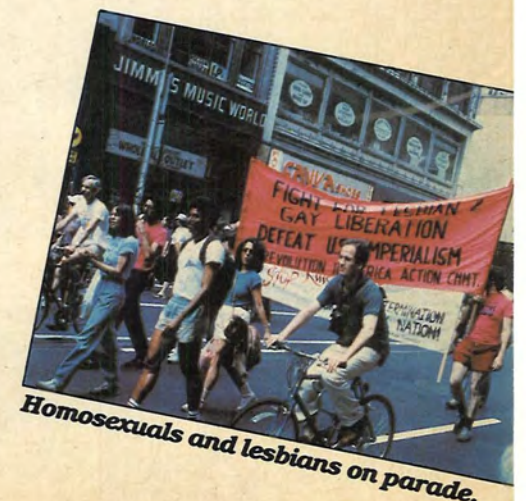
How do new movements begin? Usually people get to the point where they cannot compromise on an issue any longer—they feel compelled to take a stand.

That was the case, for example, with the early Christians, the Protestant reformers, American Revolutionary soldiers, Civil War fighters and civil rights activists.

Well, that point has been reached again. As Americans have watched the secularization of their society, the resulting encroachments on their religious freedoms and the advance of communism worldwide, many have concluded that they must not allow any further decline in the moral fabric of American society. Neither can they continue to silently watch the international communist movement engulf an increasing number of countries throughout the world.

Destruction of America

Should they refrain from standing up for morality and freedom, a growing number





Misguided drug user.



Afghanistan war victim.



Communist countries and communist instigated wars.



Communism's goal: World conquest and dominion.



Victims of communism.



of citizens feel they will witness the destruction of America from within and from without.

Divorce, drug abuse, alcoholism, abortion, homosexuality, and other moral perversions are increasing and threaten America from within. From without, more nations are being deceived by the utopian promises of communism.

In recent days, it has become clearer to Americans of all faiths that the combined forces of evil that would destroy America cannot be overcome without the efforts of all God-loving and freedom-loving people.

The forces that are working to exclude God from society need the tools of a secularized government, educational system, court system, and American public to secure their success.

They need religious people who have been fooled into thinking that their religious beliefs and values are relevant only in the privacy of their homes rather than in the American educational system, the governing bodies of the land and society in general.

Most of all, secular humanists need a divided religious community so beset by internal bickering over differences in theology that it is impotent in the face of a large, organized movement for atheistic communism.

Hang together

The words of Benjamin Franklin serve as a timely reminder for a nation in peril: "Unless we all hang together we will surely hang separately."

As a result, Christian and moral activism has risen as believers set aside denominational and theological differences to fight together to ensure the survival of the family, nation and world.

Thousands of concerned citizens and clergy of different faiths are now fighting together to halt the moral decline of America, remembering the wisdom of a World War II veteran who once said that when soldiers were in a foxhole, it didn't matter what religion or denomination each one was—they just thanked God they had each other there to fight side-by-side.

An emerging force

In the foxhole of the fight for morality and freedom, a powerful force is emerging. There is a strong conviction among religious people that they must work together to expose the threat of communism and work for a moral reformation of America. That

conviction is being expressed in the endeavors and writings of many religious people. The following are just a few examples of what is being said and done by religious leaders all over America.

- In recent television addresses and appearances, evangelist James Robison of Texas has urged the Body of Christ to work together for a moral reformation in America.

- Dr. D. James Kennedy, in his book "Reconstruction" states, "The key question of our time, in relation to policy and government, is whether the people of God in this faltering nation will seriously attempt to reconstruct America in accordance with the truths and principles of the Word of God."

- Jerry Falwell, at a recent American Coalition for Traditional Values conference in Washington, D.C., pleaded with Christians to work together as responsible citizens to build a morally strong America "for the sake of the children."

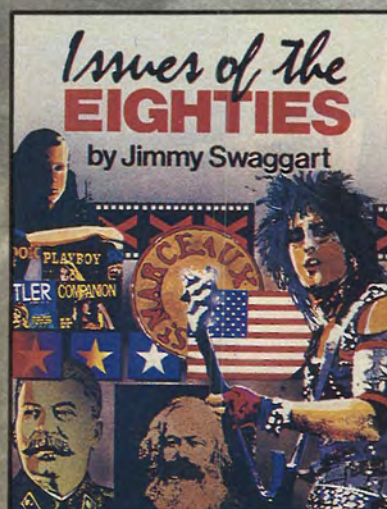
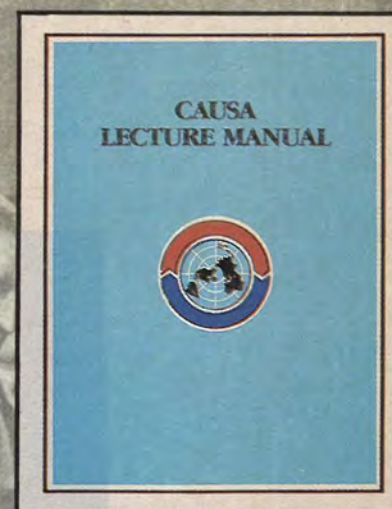
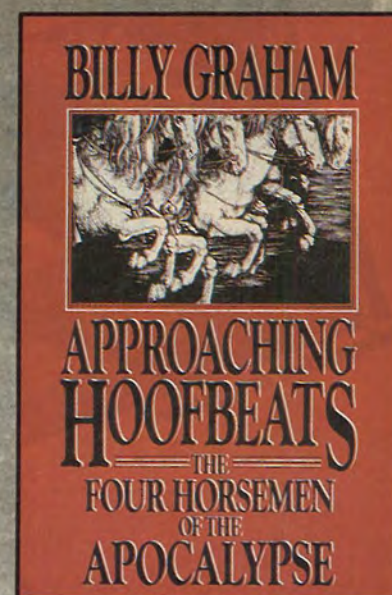
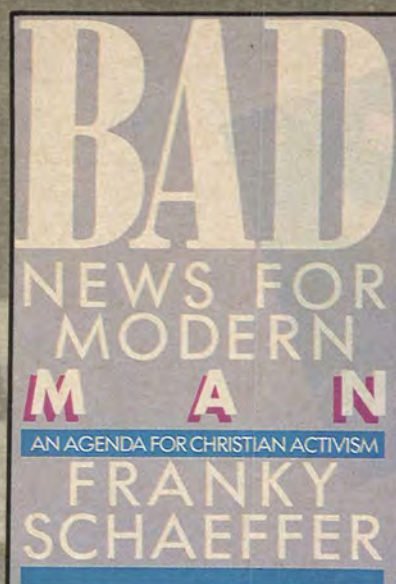
- Dr. Tim LaHaye, president of the American Coalition for Traditional Values in his book "Battle for the Family" urges Christians to get involved in government. "The kind of change in the governmental leadership of our country that we have been talking about will not just happen. We must make it happen by getting prayerfully involved in the electoral process and by opposing all further deterioration of our legal, moral standards."

- Francis Schaefer, the late Christian author, provided theological justification for Christians to work together with members of other faiths to realize social goals despite theological differences.

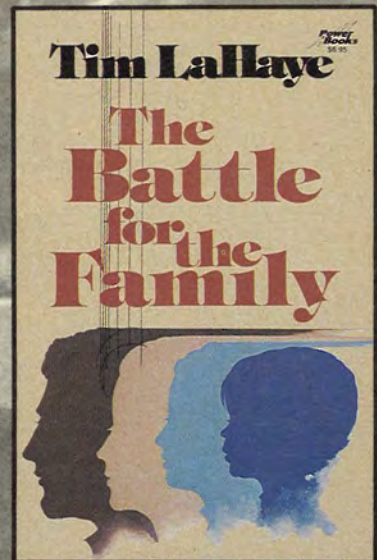
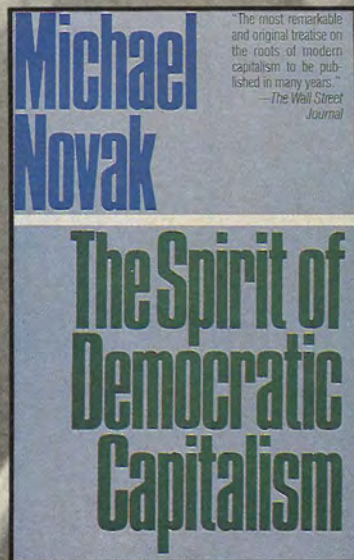
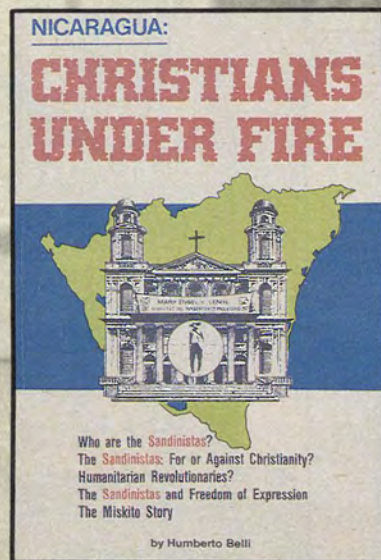
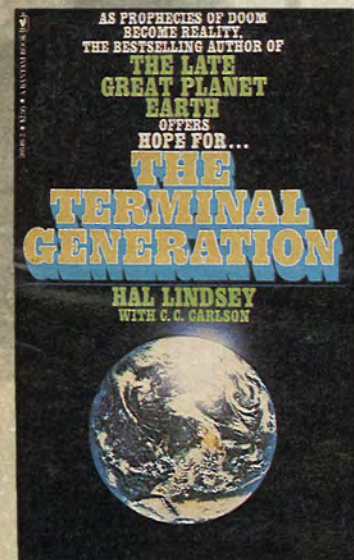
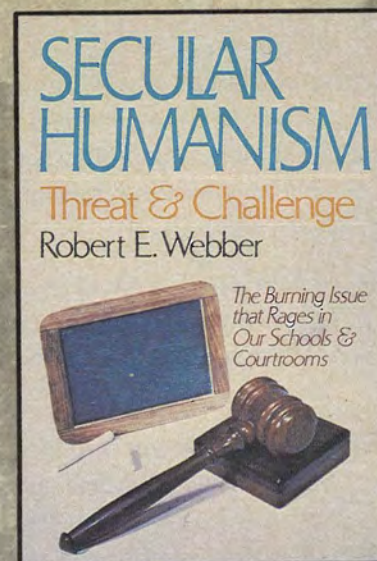
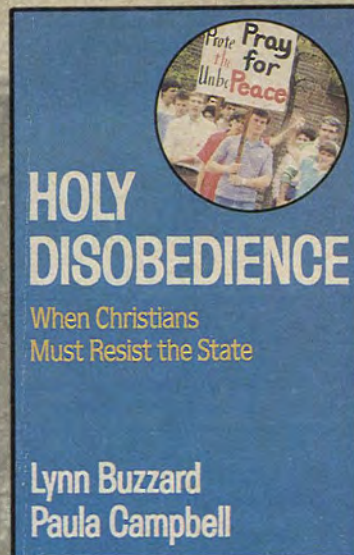
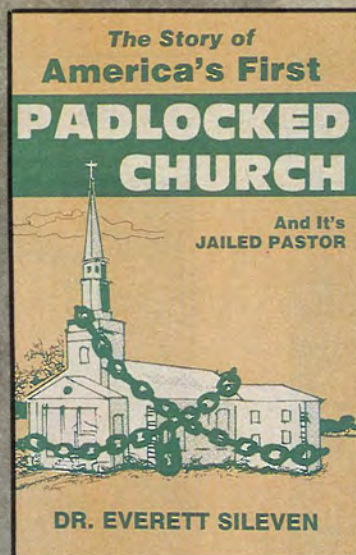
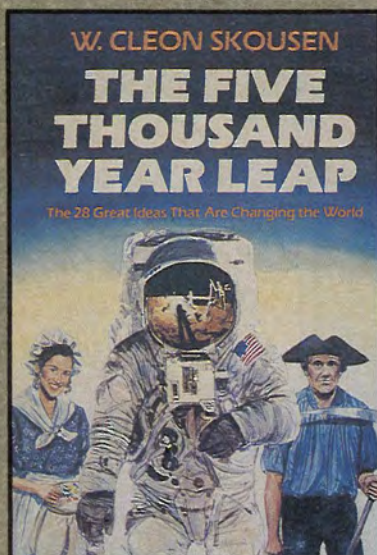
- Pat Robertson quotes Jesus in his book "The Secret Kingdom"—"any kingdom divided against itself is laid waste; and any city or house divided against itself shall not stand." "Without internal unity in a group, whether a family, business or a political entity that group will ultimately collapse. Vacillation and dissention will lead to tyranny and destruction. Unity produces strength; disunity produces weakness."

- Rev. Moon founded CAUSA Ministerial Alliance, a movement of religious leaders in America who are educating their congregations about the moral responsibility they have to ensure the survival of freedom throughout the world.

Ministers involved contend that if communists are allowed to continue



Religious leaders are sounding the trumpet. Their speeches and books reveal common themes. The moral ills of America must be healed, communism must be stopped. Christians and freedom-loving people, united under God, are encouraged to accomplish these tasks.



pressing their agenda, someday the experience of the Russians, Cubans, Vietnamese, Ethiopians and others under communist rule may become the experience of Americans as well.

- Evangelist Kenneth Copeland in a recent letter to financial supporters told them communism is the number one problem in the world today.
- Evangelist Jimmy Swaggert in his magazine "Issues of the Eighties" urges Christians to unite against secular humanism. "It is time we Christians forget our differences for a moment and band together."

Sound the trumpet

Religious leaders are sounding the trumpet. Their speeches and writings reveal common themes. The moral ills of America must be healed, communism must be stopped. Christians and freedom-loving people, united under God, are encouraged to accomplish these tasks.

However, the movement to end communism and the moral decline of America is bigger than Jerry Falwell, Sun Myung Moon, Jimmy Swaggert, James Robison, Tim LaHaye or any other religious leader of our day.

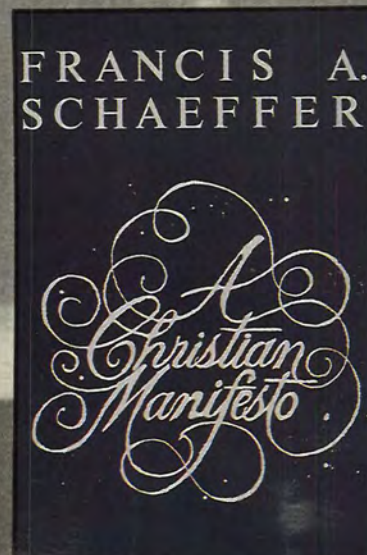
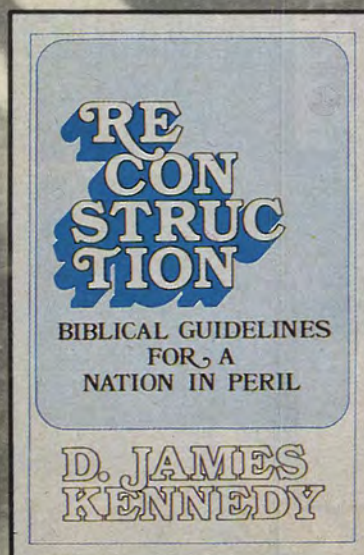
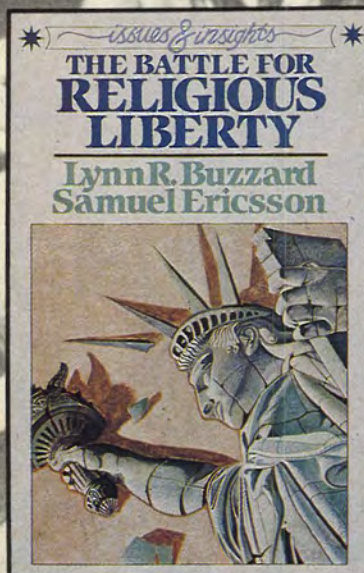
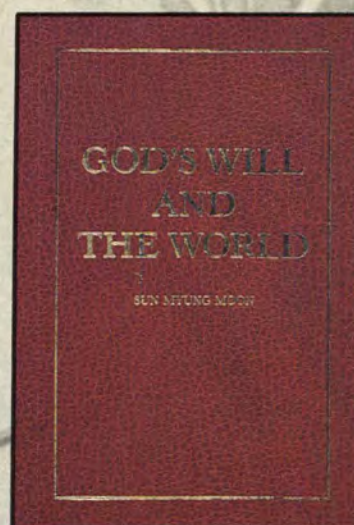
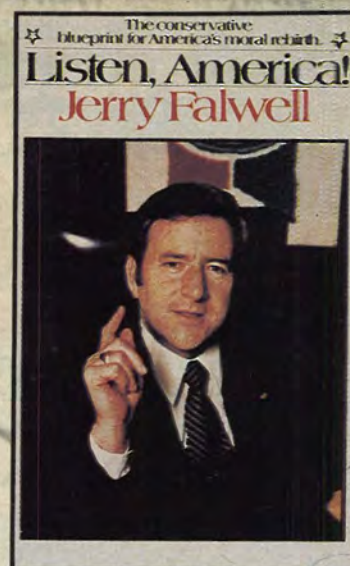
It is bigger than any one person, church or organization. It is the spirit of God that is moving us to create a moral force in America that cannot be stopped. Scripture tells us; "Where the spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty."

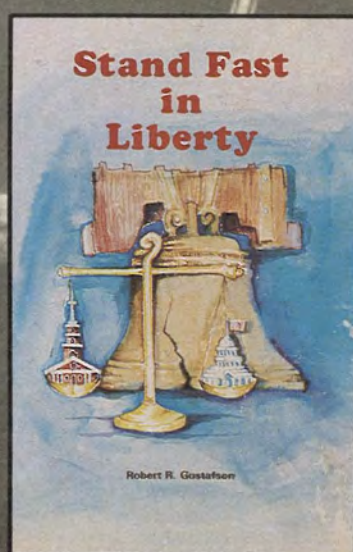
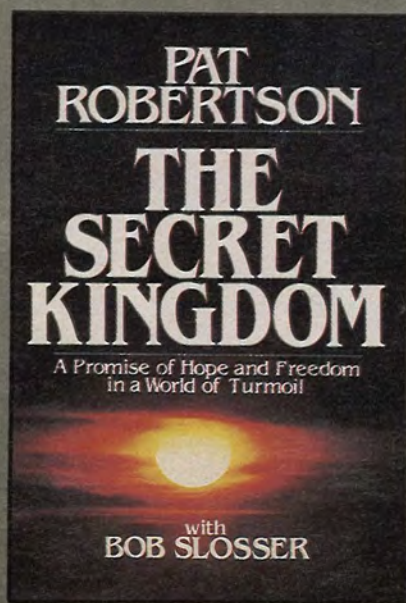
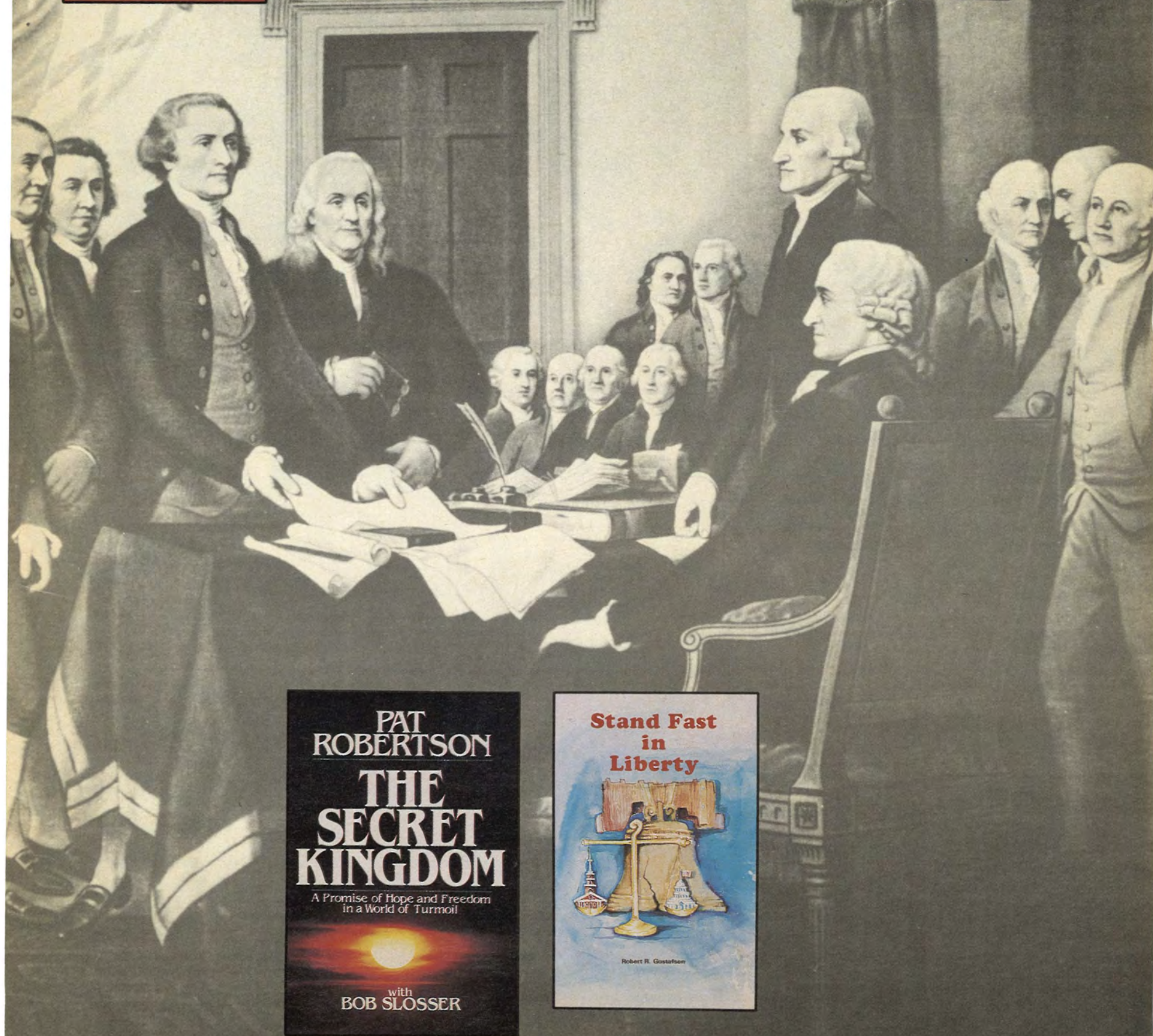
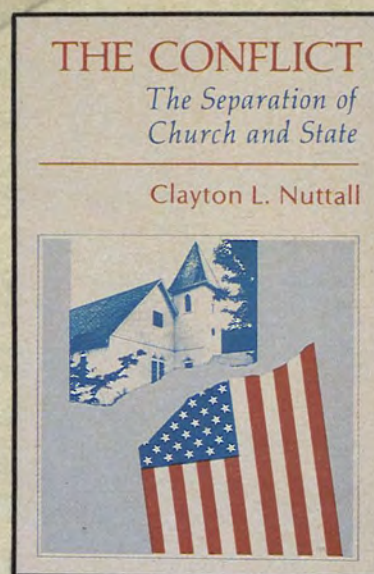
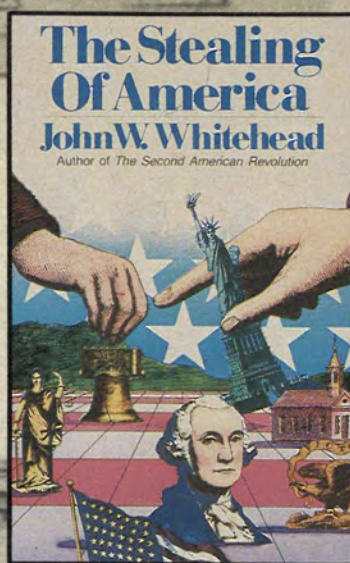
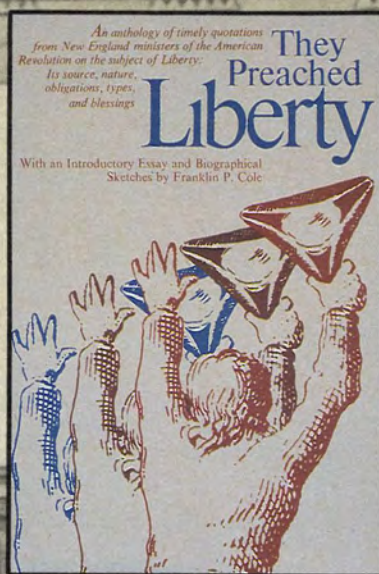
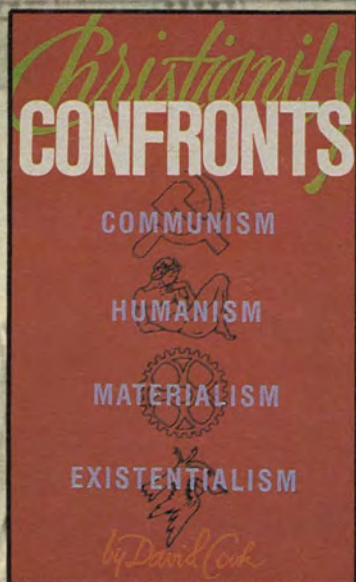
Because it is God's desire that we unite to end communism and immorality, He is touching the hearts and minds of those who seek to serve him with this same desire. He is moving men and women to do His will.

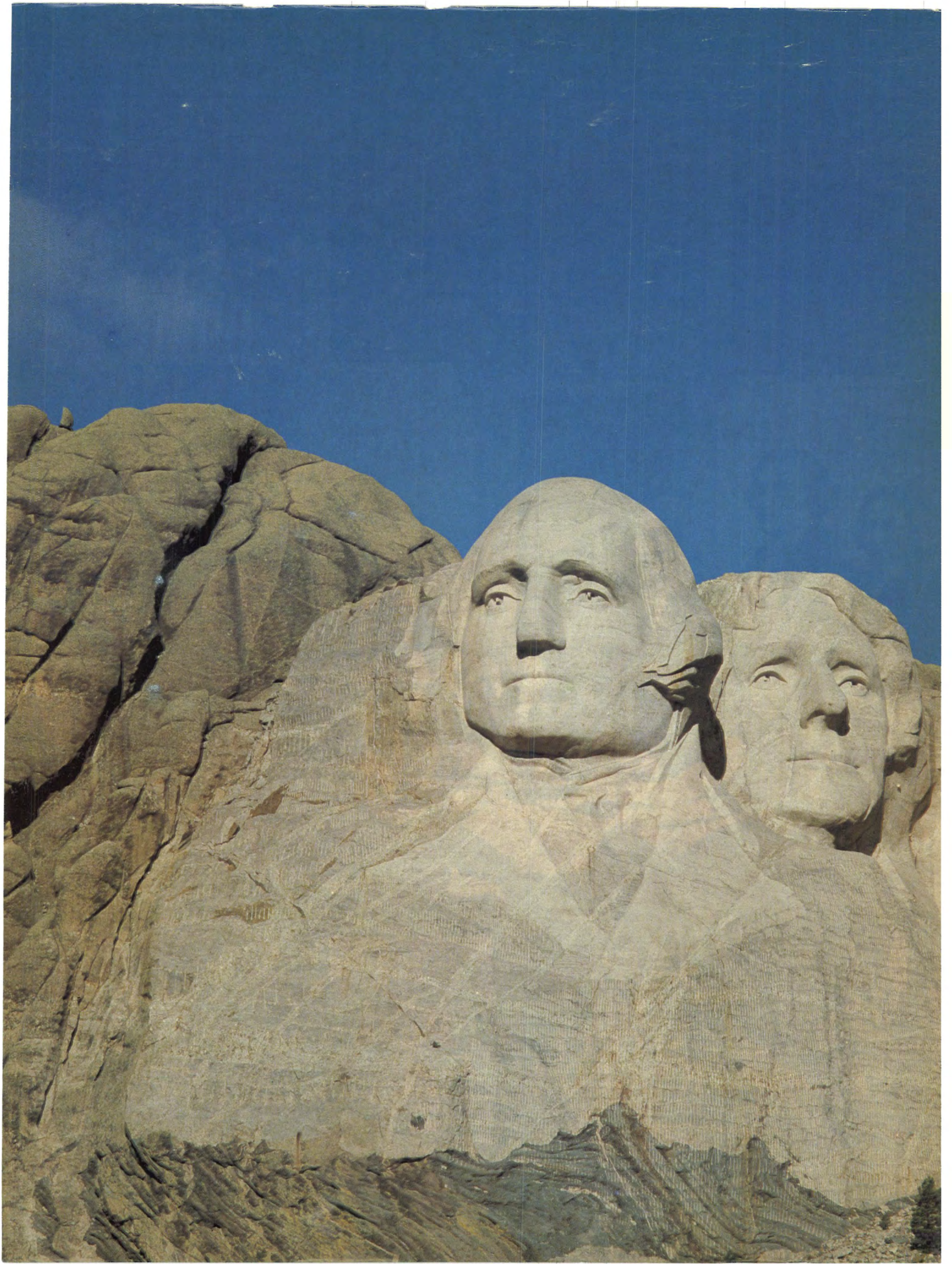
Victory for freedom

The challenge facing us today is the same challenge the founders of our nation faced over 200 years ago. We need to work alongside one another in the faith and in the love that transcends denomination, creed and color to establish one nation under God. "All that is necessary for the forces of evil to win the world is for enough good men to do nothing."

We must prevail in this great and providential endeavor for the sake of God and the future generations of His children. In the spirit of our founding fathers let us bring about a second American revolution and a worldwide victory for freedom.

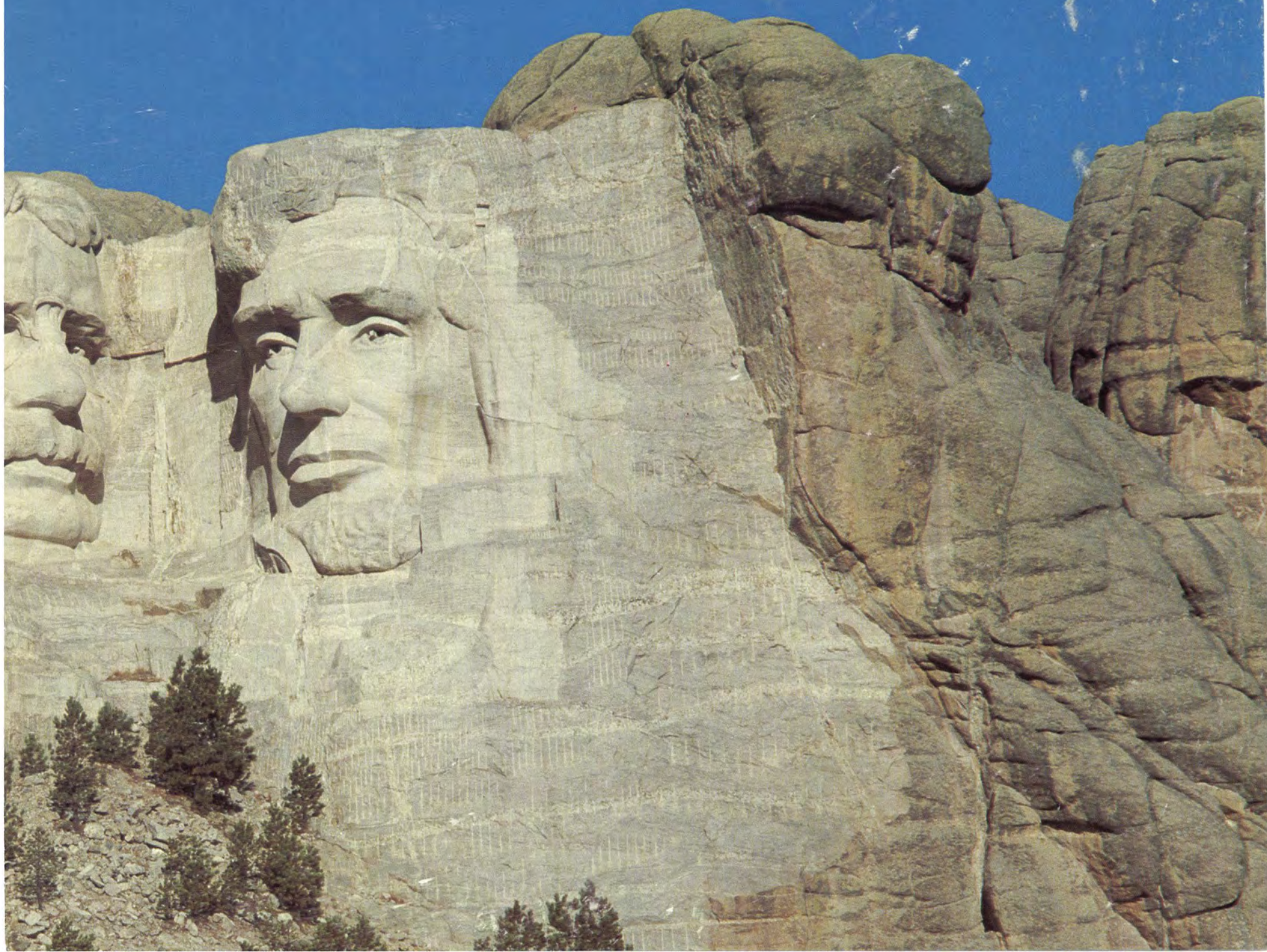


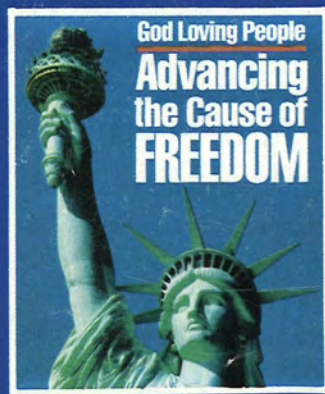




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— *Thomas Jefferson*





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