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LETTERS & REPORTS

Kansas City, Missouri

Bill Peterson

Greetings from Kansas City, the "heart of America". Father's struggle to obtain a strong foothold here is finally showing results, as His truth continues to penetrate the unbelievably thick shield Satan has used to cover the hearts and minds of this area.

Since March we have occupied a small five room house which is now splitting at the seams with hopes of relieving us into a larger center. Four members live in the center, with the remaining five residing outside.

Our membership (and spirit!) increased during May with the addition of Cathy Pierron and Ann Irving. Cathy is a combination wife, mother (one year old Ann-Marie), homemaker and student. Her husband, Mark, who is studying with us, will be a pre-med junior this fall at the University of Missouri. Ann is attending college this summer at nearby Kansas University, where she received early admission through her high school honors program.

During the past two months our Center has been fortunate to host Principle members from other cities. This past weekend we had the unexpected pleasure of Miss Kim's presence. Previously, Neil Salomon stopped overnight enroute to Denver, Joseph Sheftick spent several days with us on his way to Washington, and Galen and Patty Pumphrey paid us a surprise visit.

The most significant event this past month was the celebration of World Day, which we shared here with Fred and Jackie Stock, plus seven other members of the St. Louis family. It was somewhat comical squeezing everyone into the center; however, the entire weekend possessed Father's spirit. The variety of activities, highlighted by Sunday morning services and a picnic at the Holy Grounds, seemed to further inspire dedication and complete unification of the two Missouri families.

With the arrival of Nora Martin, our efforts have been intensified in developing new methods of attracting people. We now print posters by silk screen process, which may possibly serve as additional income if the degree of acceptance continues. Presently, we have them displayed in head shops, laundramats, college campuses, libraries, shopping centers, community

centers, and mod clothing stores. With the posters, we generally supply with no cards containing a brief description of the lectures. Within the next two weeks, lectures will be given in the clubhouse of Roe Village, a large apartment complex for single people. In addition to church witnessing, prayer meetings, Unity events (K.C. is world headquarters for Unity), and contact with spiritualists, we plan to take part in a free school program now in the designing stages for fall. Also included on the calendar is a retreat with a young group from a local coffee house entitled "The Ecstatic Umbrella". The end of June will find Dr. George Lamsa in our midst. Dr. Lamsa will be here for a Unity speaking engagement, during which he has consented to address Principle members and all interested persons.

We have several people studying with us, additional witnessing techniques in the planning stages, and hopes for a larger center with the possibility of move-ins, all of which make for an active summer of gathering Father's children. During these three important months, we pray for immeasurable results all over America!

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Berkeley, California

William Torrey

Hello from the Berkeley Family! School is out and this university town is comparatively quiet. But summertime is anything but a quiet, inactive period for the Berkeley Family. With the arrival of summer, new ideas and new people create new activities for the Family.

This month we said good-bye to the Berkeley Four: Linda Anthenien, Susan Hughes, Leslie Elliot, and Daniel Fefferman. The Berkeley Four plus a Los Angeles Brother, Gary Jarman, left for Washington, D. C. on June 24. They will stay there for the summer participating in Family activities. Susan and Leslie may then be relocated to other centers. Seeing our brothers and sisters traveling off to new areas is greatly inspiring. It gives us extra strength to go out and fulfill our responsibility to Father. It has caused new stimulation for our work and growth, and we are sure it will cause new life throughout this country.

Yes, there is give and take in all things. Eileen Boegel, a nursing student, moved in. She is Michael Richardson's cousin. Fran Bolton, who moved in a few months ago, became a member this month. Fran is helping our youngest "sister" (neighbor Jill Winters, 12 years old) understand Principle.

The Berkeley Family often has visitors who traveled across the nation. Two welcome travelers were brother Greg from the New Haven Family, and his fellow traveler, Ron. We enjoyed hearing their news of other centers. Also this month Monsignor Joe Skillin came to dinner and heard the first lecture. After the lecture Father Joe was quite positive. In his thank you letter he expressed his enjoyment of the evening with us. In his words: "There is something called the Spirit, and I am sure that is what I experienced that night".

On June 4, we celebrated the Day of All Things. We began the day with an early morning service at 5:00 a.m., followed by a family breakfast. We had a Pulgogi dinner, sang and prayed. To close the day Edwin spoke about the meaning of the Day of All Things and its relationship to the other holidays and America's mission.

This month for witnessing we have started going to churches in Oakland and Berkeley on Sunday. We hope to establish give and take with members of different churches and eventually introduce Divine Principle to them. We are also hoping to become familiar with some of the young people's church clubs. However, we are finding the churches very "dead" in this town.

FLF Berkeley chapter has started its summer program under the direction of Gregory Novalis. So far FLF has three projects for the summer: 1) to set up a speaker's bureau, 2) to have two seminars and 3) to maintain a public relations department. Thus far each weekly meeting has produced good reports on the development of each project. By the end of the summer FLF should be all ready to work forcefully on the UCB campus. On the education scene, several members have been researching the Principle in preparation for a Divine Principle college course.

Now the business scene: Logos Litho-Print. The Family print shop is struggling but has shown a steady progression. By September, Logos hopes to have a firmer foundation in the printing field. One unique advantage Logos has over other printing shops is its own prayer room. Yes, business will be restored!

We are all thankful we are able, and have been given the privilege, to work for Father's ideal. And today we know our action and commitment must be sound, for this will be the foundation for a world much greater than some of us can foresee. So we in the Berkeley Family will continue with our brothers and sisters across the world to work in whatever way we can for Father's final dispensation. Together we march. In Their Names.

New York City

Barbara Newman

Dear Family: Just a word of grateful appreciation for Miss Kim's visit on June 24 and 25. We prepared the two New York Centers a week prior to her arrival, and greeted her at the door with a chorus of "Come Follow Me". Miss Kim was beaming broadly and we all felt so much warmer in her presence. Betsy O'Neill looked about ready to burst.

We all assembled before dinner to sing "Happiness", brought to us by Kathy Goldman and Elaine Graff, our harmony sisters from Rochester. We had roast beef and homemade bread provided by Carla Campbell, who is studying with us. We enjoyed fellowship for a half an hour, but wanted to spend most of the evening hearing news from Korea.

Miss Kim told us of her initial difficulties with visas and ill health. The first month was indemnity, but our prayers and conditions greatly helped. Miss Kim felt so much love from our Leader's family because of them, and thanked us. We were happy to know that they had had such a beneficial effect. We were also very inspired to hear of the physical progress taking place in Korea with the success of our Leader's factory and the meeting hall newly built by our members. The spiritual progress has also been remarkable. The churches no longer regard the Principle as heretic; a professor at one of the major universities has called it the highest theological work of the twentieth century. The anti-communist work will be even stronger this year, as Kim Il Sung has declared his intention of spending his sixty-first birthday in Seoul. Many groups are being won over to the Family because of the dedicated love and patriotism shown by our members. Then Miss Kim told us of Our Leader's request for a piano as the American Family's contribution to the town hall. "Will you buy the cheapest or the best?" he demanded. Americans, our name is at stake...

The high point of the evening came when Miss Kim told us about the blessings scheduled for this fall in Korea. The Blessings will take place on the seventh day of the tenth month of 1970, including seven hundred couples from seven nations. We were delighted at the announcement of those chosen from America, and were suddenly confronted with the fact that the New York Family is losing its mother! Congratulations, Betsy and Farley! The couples will leave in September and remain for two months. Miss Kim may accompany them.

The next night the New York Center went to the village, witnessing and singing on the way. We returned to the center and wished Miss Kim a good rest and safe trip to Baltimore. We are so grateful for the tremendous re-direction and motivation we received from seeing her, and hope to act on the inspiration and bring it back to her when we see her again. Love, In Their Name.

Claremont, New York — Satellite Report

Barbara Newman

Greetings to all from the first New York City Unified Family satellite center! We have been here at 190 Claremont Avenue for three months now, experimenting with a new idea for New York. Since there is such a vast territory to cover, and such a diversity of cultures in each area, Betsy suggested that we send experienced members from the main center to start a network of satellite centers in Manhattan and throughout the five boroughs.

The idea originated in March. David Charnow joined the Family, leaving a vacated apartment in the Columbia University area. The rent was so reasonable, and the area so promising, that it seemed a shame to let it go. We thought and thought, and suddenly came up with the notion of starting a coffee shop as a Family business. As we did our five percent, the inspiration for the satellite came...immediately after Parents' Day in April, Barbara Mikesell, Dennis Cormier and I began laying the foundation.

As far as potential and youth for witnessing is concerned, this area must be one of the richest in New York. Columbia University, Barnard College, Union Theological Seminary, Manhattan School of Music, Riverside Church and the Interchurch Center are all located within seven square blocks of the Center. Whether it be eight in the morning, five in the afternoon, or eleven at night, there are always people to witness to. The responses are generally so receptive that it is somewhat akin to harvesting ripened wheat. One can become quite carried away with it all, forgetting the little things like getting home for dinner or showing up at prayer meeting. People are waiting everywhere, on the lawns, on the steps of the library, on the sidewalk, in the lounges...during the Cambodian unrest, we witnessed at the schools and found that the students were much more receptive to inner human values and solving universal questions than to the views of the SDS, who stood ten feet away from us selling Communist literature. It gives us great hope and motivation to know that all that energy might possibly be directed for Father in the fall if we build a strong foundation this summer. In keeping with the New York Family's condition, we are fasting and praying for at least one spiritual child each by September. So far, eight people have heard the conclusion and two have become members: David Rice, who left his army post in Florida to find the Principle, and Susan Jacobson, a student at Barnard who will return to us this fall. The other six are studying and spending much time with us, and we feel great hope for them.

Since Barbara Mikesell departed for Washington, the Center has been in a state of transition. Maria Pascher joined us for two weeks, and initiated physical restoration. The floors are now carpeted, and the atmosphere is

bright, homey and very loved. Maria and Dennis have since moved back to the main center, and Kathy Goldman from Rochester and Gil Roshuni have come to stay for the summer.

We are so grateful for the growth the responsibility of the center has made necessary. It is really remarkable to see the workings of the Principle in such detail. We have high hopes for doing great things in the growth stage. Kathy and I will be putting our heads together for Koinonia, which, us willing, should be going full swing in the fall. We are now, however, involved in a great money-making scheme for our Leader's piano — we sang and sold cookies in Barnard Lounge à la Renaissance as a lunch hour with no, fighting to crush Satan. Nothing can daunt us now. Our pecuniary success will undoubtedly insure a Steinway for our Leader. International House and Union Theological Seminary, here we come. The Kingdom is HERE! Love in Their Name.

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New York — Postscript

Betsy O'Neill

I just wanted to say hello and tell you that we have four new members this month. Debbie Leiter was found when Wayne Miller, Hugh Spurgin and Travis Jones visited us. Debbie is a recent high school graduate. Daysi Joaquin from the Dominican Republic, Daniel Gurland from New York have joined our Family. We hope they can move in soon.

Besides Elaine Graf and Kathy Goldman from Rochester, we also have Denise Schnep with us from Philadelphia, and look forward to Dan Fefferman's coming any day now. With all of this positive spirit here we really feel a sense of expectancy and hope that the New York Family can move this summer to a deeper and broader dimension. We have no excuse!!

We had a wonderful weekend in celebration of the Day of All Things at Charlie Stephens house in Somers, New York. We joined with the Philadelphia and New Haven Families. George Fernsler inspired us with a sermon about God's desire. It seemed so alive, simple and real as we sat in the beauty of His creation and surrounded by the beauty and harmony of His Family.

We ended the prayer condition on June 3 and made plans for a three month condition from June 1 to September 1. We hope that each member can bring in a new member by that time. Each person fasts one day each week and is to teach all 12 chapters to at least one person in the month of June. Two

people pray every night for a week along with those that are free to join them.

We send our love to each of you and prayers for your continued inspiration. In our True Parents Name.

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College Park, Maryland

Jim Weeks

We in the College Park Center have had many experiences lately which have helped us to know Father more deeply.

John Fitzpatrick has become head of the center as Barry and Marilyn Cohen, pioneer members in our area, are spending the summer in the nearby Washington Center. John has just graduated from the University of Maryland and is now a landscape gardener for a major shopping plaza in the area. Carolyn Libertini, Rick Hunter and I are still students. Rick is working with John and me in a job in the University library. Recently we were blessed by the move of Carroll Ann Dobrotka from the Washington Center to the College Park Center. Carroll Ann has a full time job as a technical writer with a company that does work for NASA, and she is currently also in summer school.

For the past eighteen months we have been known on campus as "New Age Frontier" and have witnessed to literally thousands of students under this name. Also as New Age Frontier, we've sponsored three "New Life Workshops," consisting of fingerpainting, thought-provoking films, crayoning murals, and directed as well as casual discussion. We have gained much knowledge from working with people in such new and different ways.

A few weeks ago we went as a center to Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, a popular ocean resort. We witnessed during the day on Saturday and on Sunday morning for teaching meetings on the beach Saturday evening and Sunday afternoon. We met many good people and taught twelve people the first chapter of Principle. A real highlight of the outing was a sunrise pledge/prayer service on Sunday morning. The sight of the sun coming up from the East, dispelling the darkness and chill, was even more inspiring to us on the beach. We stayed the weekend at the home of John's parents in Rehoboth Beach; however, next time we go we may be camping in the nearby State Park.

Lately we have been teaching many wonderful people and our newest member, Linda Champion, has responded well to Principle and is looking forward to moving into the center at the end of the summer.

We now have three teaching meetings a week: Tuesday and Wednesday evenings on campus, and Saturday afternoons in our center. In addition to the teaching meetings we also have regularly scheduled practice teaching, Principle study, prayer meetings and Sunday services for ourselves and those whom we are teaching.

We have just begun to have what we call "Handicrafts" on Saturday mornings from 9 to 12. We have hopes for this to blossom into a real economic base for our center. Basically what we do is to make things by a limited assembly line which we feel have the potential to be big sellers. Most recently we have been mounting pressed flowers and making frames for them. Then these will be sold in some of the numerous small shops in the area. As each item will be stamped with "Unified Family" it will be good publicity for us. Then too, the making of the various items is a very good way to work with many people. Creating for Father can really be a joy.

We have been looking for a new house, a new Center for Father, and we have found one which we feel has definite potential. It has seven bedrooms and three baths, but is quite old and in a run-down state. Its chief advantages are a small downpayment and low overall cost plus a good location. We are now looking around for the approximate \$2,000 which we will need to complete the deal.

Of course it's not always easy to live in the Center, but we keep in mind the goal, and we know there is no place that we would rather be.

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Washington, D. C.

Margaret Stahon

Beloved Family: I am delighted to share with you many joyous events that have taken place in Father's Center in Washington. We've been busy doing Father's work by witnessing, teaching and striving each day to live the Principle — becoming the heavenly warriors that our Father desires us to become.

We had the privilege and honor of welcoming Miss Kim back home to Washington Center on June 15. She has spent the past three months in Korea with our Leader and his Family. We welcomed Miss Kim home with a special Family dinner and afterwards expressed our love for her in the form of songs, dancing, and dramatic skits. Miss Kim radiated with joy as she said, "I can be in many places but it's so good to be home".

The following evening, she reported on the progress of our Family in Japan and Korea and of the plans for the October blessings. We were quite happy when we heard that Farley Jones and Betsy O'Neill, Neil Salonen and Becky Boyd, George Edwards and Hillie Smith, and Jack and Gladys Korthuis would be going to Korea to be Blessed.

The sounds of many new voices talking, praying and singing are now becoming familiar to us in Washington, especially voices from our brothers and sisters who are here from the centers on the West Coast. Gary Jarmin from Los Angeles, and Dan Fefferman, Sue Hughes, Linda Anthenian and Leslie Elliot from Berkeley arrived here in Washington after an eight day trip by car across the United States. They stopped at centers on the way. Later Dan left for New York and Linda for New Haven. Neil Winterbottom is spending the summer in Philadelphia, and Jim Cowan of Philadelphia and Barbara Mikesell from New York are now here in Washington. The expression of our Father can clearly be seen and felt in the uniqueness of each of His children. When many of them are gathered together His energy is multiplied among them.

This Independence Day weekend was very fruitful in witnessing and teaching the Principle to many people. Family members taught the Principle at two, three and four o'clock in the afternoon on Sunday, July 5, at Dupont Circle. Allen Wood gave an introduction and Marlene Dudik spoke about the Principle in a twenty minute capsule form. In similar ways Barry Cohen introduced Barbara Mikesell by speaking on the family unit and Joseph Sheftick introduced Richard Woodard by speaking about the Heart of God. Many people gathered attentively in the park and listened all afternoon. In preparation for these Sunday speeches, we passed out over 10,000 pieces of literature at the Washington Monument grounds where a crowd of 600,000 people (according to the Washington Post) was gathered for the Honor America Day activities.

I am very happy to announce that nine children were born in Father's Washington Family this month. They are Joan Pittman, Debbie Shankmen, Kashi J'noi, Joy Schmidt, Keith Cooperwriter, Jack Hart, Olivia Kerns, Dolores Honig and Joan Groom. I can joyfully report that Kashi, Olivia, Keith, Jack, Debbie and Joan Pittman are now living in the center.

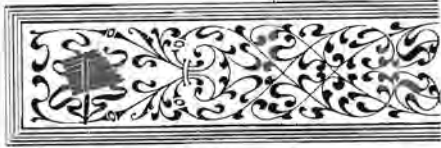
Beloved brothers and sisters, let us rededicate our hearts to doing our Father's will. Let us give Him hope for His lost children in America. This past Independence Day we remembered how the founders of our country fought for the basic freedoms of speech and religion. Let us declare each day an Independence Day for Father, that at last His loving

Spirit can move freely and be expressed freely through us, His children. That the bonds of Satan will no longer inhibit the lives of His children but they can be free to live as He intended for them to live. That Satan can no longer depend on the response of the people of the world to serve him. Let's declare independence from Satan. Let's bring in the Kingdom. In the Name of the True Parents.

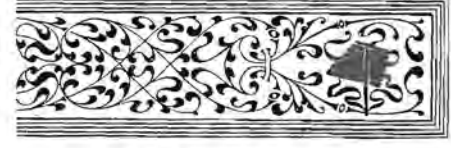
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"If humanity is to live freely, it comes only through the growth of men and women in concrete relationships to one another. Selfish men, men whose goal is to save only their own skins and reputations, are undeveloped in all life's relationships. They are defended against finding and knowing themselves and are, therefore, incapable of opening any real self to another... The spirit of love operates in them only when they have yielded the inner defenses that shut them off from the only source of life. This is the 'old man' who must die before the 'new man' can come to life from within."

.... from Fashion Me a People — Man, Woman, and the Church
 submitted by Nora Martin (by Eugene C. Kennedy)
 Kansas City Center



articles



Principle and Politics

Hal McKenzie
(New Haven Center)

In political science, a political organization is defined as a group of people organized around a purpose which involves other people. Furthermore, that purpose determines the form and character of the group.

The purpose of the Unified Family is to relieve universal suffering by restoring man and the world to God. That purpose determines the form and character of our group: the family base, our communal life, witnessing and teaching, the Divine Principle, and our True Parents all came about to fulfill that purpose. Because we are a group organized around a purpose which involves other people, then we are, by the above definition, a distinct political entity.

This is not to say that we are not a religious group at heart. It simply means that as long as we strive to achieve God's purpose, then our actions are bound to have political consequences. Thus, we must understand the political situation in our society and learn to use political means to further God's purpose.

Politics involves the use of power. Political power is defined as initiative which is unopposed by a stronger or countering initiative. In other words, as long as one exercises initiative in a particular area that person has power unless someone exercises a stronger initiative to oppose him. "Absolute power", then, could be defined as the exercise of initiative on a broad scale which no one could possibly oppose with a stronger initiative.

What sort of initiative could no one possibly oppose? It is, of course, service to mankind, motivated by Divine love. God's power is absolute because His love is unceasing and all-encompassing, and his initiatives are always designed for the greatest good. If man tries to reject God's love, or turn away from it, then he is punished; not personally by God, but by the consequences of his own action in turning away from that which is ultimately best for him. Our Leader, in telling us to follow Father's example, was really showing us the way to achieve power over the minds of men which no political leader or group has ever been able to achieve.

Many leaders and groups have dreamed of attaining absolute power, and have recognized the value of meeting the people's needs to get it, but they failed in the end because they have seen service merely as a tactic to obtaining power. They would not really serve the people, but would exploit the people's fears and grievances in order to enhance their personal power or further their visionary ideals. Thus they would inevitably commit some act which would give rise to opposition from the people, and so their power would be overthrown. There has never been a political movement which could serve mankind unselfishly, purely for the purpose of relieving the universal suffering of God's heart, except for the Unified Family. If we keep God's purpose firmly in our hearts, then power will come about purely as a by-product of our loving initiatives on behalf of God and man.

Furthermore, the Divine Principle is the most powerful political ideology in the world today, because it shows us how to use power in such a way that it does not degrade, coerce, or corrupt man or nature. The Satanic idea of power is energy going out in a straight line, not returning beauty to its source but only oppressing and coercing all before it, leaving nothing but emptiness and desolation behind. The Divine Principle, however, gives us the knowledge with which to build a new civilization which can expand forever without oppressing God's creation, but bringing all things under God's dominion of joy and love, thus liberating man and nature and making them more in His image. In this way, our power can not only be absolute but eternal and self-generating, because we build on the past to perfect the present, thus laying a strong foundation and true values for the future.

Not many of us came into the Family out of a political motivation, but still we must understand political matters, simply because we are living in a political world. Politics is simply the outward expression of people trying to achieve certain goals. These goals may be selfish or altruistic, but from Principle we know that all human activity is being guided toward a common center, so that we, as God's central dispensation, have the responsibility to coordinate these activities so that man may reach the goal as quickly as possible. To remain true to our purpose, we must endeavor to become the center of man's struggle for social justice.

One problem that we have faced, however, is how to reconcile our basic witnessing and teaching activities with the pressing need to directly confront specific problems in our society; but in God's eyes, this is not really a problem. As long as we remain true to God's purpose, then

our movement will spontaneously assume the form and character that God desires. Like a seed or zygote that branches out into many different forms to achieve its purpose, we have seen our movement grow into a complex, colorful and multi-faceted organism which is the embryo of a vigorous new civilization. As more and more people with different backgrounds and talents join the Family, then it is natural that we develop new faculties and appendages with which to mobilize these talents to deal with the specific problems that we meet in the Satanic world.

We cannot think of ourselves as pioneers facing a vast cultural, moral, and social wilderness, a "concrete jungle", as some have said. By exercising our fullest capacities, and realling sowing our sweat, blood, and tears for God, we can order that wilderness and make it bloom and bring joy to all mankind. This demands a tremendous challenge to our creativity and flexibility. We must avoid becoming too isolated from the world, or on the other hand, too bogged down in the vested interests and unholy purposes of other systems. If a specific political issue demands our direct involvement, then we must act as "political guerillas"; that is, the Family mobilizes around the issue in question, then returns to Family work once the point has been made or the problem solved. We must keep in mind that the central focus of God's work is spiritual; we are dealing with the world of cause; not effect, and so we work to cure the cause of the world's disease, not merely the symptoms. Therefore, our "infra-structure" must be solidly based in heaven with True Families, which is the only real ground for health and life.

We are becoming more aware of our mission and capacity as Americans, and as we grow more confident in our mission, then the movement in America will grow much more rapidly than it has in the past. America's peculiar genius has always been in finding practical application to theory; thus it seems that America's mission is to develop the material systems and forms which the Lord can use to restore the world. Our Leader has said that America is in the position of Lucifer; that is, America is the chief servant and guardian of the world, created to care for and protect God's children and prepare the way for the True Parents. Our political mission, therefore, is to lead America along that path. If America becomes isolationist, or on the other hand too domineering in world affairs, then our country will suffer a deeper hell than that endured by Nazi Germany or Communist Russia.

Our artistic endeavors are broadening and becoming more sophisticated, particularly in music and graphics. As this work expands, then we will have completed the groundwork for the heavenly civilization. We will

then have established a base of four positions between HSA, FLF, an economic foundation, and a cultural foundation with the Family as subject and center of circular movement. Once all these elements become harmonized and work freely together, then the Family will have become a really astounding movement which cannot fail to have a transforming, even revolutionary effect in our society. When a free people work together toward a higher purpose, with God as the center, the, as history has attested, they can create miracles of achievement.

So far I have been talking in the realm of ideas and visions of the future. But I have found, through painful experience, that to relate to the world only on the basis of abstract ideas and visionary projections makes one incapable of relieving suffering or of raising anyone to God. Without the fullness of a giving heart, then the highest and noblest ideas cannot prevent one from neglecting and even dehumanizing his fellow man. In the last analysis, the only thing that will make this movement successful is our love. Only through the love of God can any of our ideas bear fruit. If we can't express God's love, then all our efforts will come to naught.

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"The process of an individual's growth is deeply involved with whom he lives or interacts. Parents must provide a model of sure personal identification or the developing pattern of manhood and womanhood is vague and uncertain."

"The only way we get any satisfying idea of God is through realizing what is highest and best in man himself. Only men who understand the experience of really loving someone and the wish to share one's life with the beloved can understand the God who is described as loving us and wanting to share His life with Him..." The great mark of holiness will be manifested to the world only through men and women who have first achieved their wholeness.

Fashion Me a People - Man, Woman and the Church
by Eugene C. Kennedy

FOCUS ON



To all of you out there: HELLO! This is Philadelphia Center reporting, with a kaleidoscopic view of our very special city. We hope you will feel closer to us by knowing something about Philadelphia and our work here; we look forward to reading about all other Centers

An Introduction to the Philadelphia Center

Diane Fernsler

The founders of our "City of Brotherly Love" were Quakers, and in line with that tradition, the first Heavenly Soldiers were also Quakers. In 1965, George Fernsler and Diane Giffin (now Fernsler) met the Unified Family in Washington, D. C. Diane moved away to another Center, returning only after the Blessing in 1969. George continued alone — new to the Principle but unshakable in his determination. After two years Barbara Mikesell came to Philadelphia to join forces with George. Many heard the Principle through them; many came and went until finally one brother, and then a second, joined the Family. The Blessing was followed by a whole wave of new members — Philadelphia was on the move!

Last year we bought a house in the western part of the city, within walking distance of the University of Pennsylvania. The house is large enough to hold several more members. Already we have an annex, made up of members living at home in suburban New Jersey. We would like nothing more than to be so crowded that we spurt out into a whole galaxy of annexes around the city.

During the first half of this year we have been holding a series of week-end workshops for our members on how to teach the Principle. Since not all of our members can come to the center in the evenings, these workshops seem the best vehicle for training and communication.

A description of the Philadelphia Center would not be complete without mentioning one of our newest members, who has surprised us with her witnessing abilities. We got a puppy with the intention that she would protect the Center and be a playmate-guardian for the forthcoming Fernsler baby. In an atmosphere of divine love, our puppy has developed a most affectionate and congenial nature (although divine truth has yet to produce much discipline).

In witnessing, so far we have concentrated on students and are trying to form clubs on all the major campuses. This is natural enough since most of our members are students. From time to time we work in young adult groups in the churches, and the Fernslers are concentrating on a liberal church where there are many young families; for the most part, however, we have found too little and too slow a response in churches.

Among younger Americans today there is considerable interest in the means of dissolving barriers between persons, in group dynamics and communal living. Thus the fact that our Center functions as a commune is of prime interest to many. Often we are able to draw people to the lectures on this basis alone. The several existing communes around the University of Pennsylvania are among some 30,000 in the U.S.A. To people who are familiar with communes, we are able to speak convincingly of the importance of the Principle as a basis for group living.

Another current concern is ecology — the interrelation of all living organisms — and man's abuse of his environment ("...the whole creation is groaning travail..."). This concern provides rapport for witnessing, and some of our members have cooperated with local ecology groups for that reason. Also, student government gives our members a chance to establish contacts for witnessing and at the same time contribute substantially to the restoration on the campuses. Jim Cowin, who just graduated from the University of Pennsylvania, was instrumental last fall in the overthrow of leftist students intending to radicalize the campus.

Dear Family, we send all our love and prayers for the restoration in each of your mission fields. We greet you in our True Parents' Name.

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New Jersey Annex

Denise Schneps

The Divine Principle has found a small group of people to further Father's work in New Jersey. It is a small annex approximately 7 miles away from the Philadelphia Center. We participate in Philadelphia's events (workshops, prayer meetings, etc.), and have learned much from their example and advice.

We are still students living at home, where we are also teaching at the moment. We attract mostly people our own age and have been getting some good results. We hope to start our own center soon in New Jersey and continue to work closely with the Philadelphia Center and more closely with our loving Father.

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*People of the earth, open your spirits
and your minds
For a new sun is risen.
It is the sun of life
and the sun of God
And a new moon is shining
It is the moon of the new mother earth
Together they will show us
New Life.*

Muriel Schneps

An Introduction to the City of Philadelphia

George Fernsler

"And thou Philadelphia, . . . O that thou may be kept from the evil that would overwhelm thee, that faithful to the God of thy mercies, in the life of righteousness, thou may be preserved to the end. My soul prays to God for thee that thou may stand in the day of trial, that thy children may be blessed of the Lord, and thy people saved by His power."

In 1684, William Penn, the founder of Philadelphia, prayed as he was leaving the town for a stay in England. Penn, a Quaker, guaranteed religious freedom to all who acknowledged God. He dreamed of establishing a model city of God. Penn named his city Philadelphia, meaning, "City of Brotherly Love." He must also have been thinking of the 'church' of Philadelphia, which, according to the third chapter of Revelation, Jesus promised to keep from the hour of trial.

Penn planned for a "greene Country Towne" to be laid out in straight tree-lined streets with interspersed parks. The original plan, which encompassed precisely what is now "center city" is still evident, even in the present extension of the city. But pollution of all types threatens the green areas and indeed, the life of the city.

The famous Liberty Bell with its inscription, "Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof," was cast in 1751 to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of Penn's granting of his charter of liberties and privileges to Pennsylvania. The message was already inscribed on the bell when it was rung for the Declaration of Independence in 1776. At that time Philadelphia was the largest and most bustling city of the American colonies. Benjamin Franklin made Philadelphia his home and left his mark here through a number of significant institutions and organizations founded by him.

When I visit Independence Hall in Philadelphia, I wonder how men may have deliberated over the foundation and destiny of a nation in such a small building. How could so few men set the direction for the new nation? Not ordinary men, but ones who proved to be great leaders gathered there. Men like Thomas Jefferson from Virginia and John Adams of Massachusetts met there and inspired the colonists to form an independent nation with ideals of liberty far ahead of the times.

Today Philadelphia is the fourth largest city in the country and a chief U.S. port. It has significant cultural attractions, of which the most outstanding is the Philadelphia orchestra. It has two or three large Universities and many small colleges. The face of the city is being lifted with much construction of new modern buildings, low-income housing, and recreation of the part of the colonial section for elegant society living.

Outwardly rather quiet, Philadelphia is seething with hopes and frustrations. Somehow it managed to escape the large scale riots that struck many major cities in 1967-68. But we held our breath often during times of extreme tension. Racial tension remains in poor areas along with high unemployment. Unsolved financial problems threaten the school system.

William Penn's prayer that the city be "preserved to the end" and "stand in the day of trial" is threatened with severe disruptions and ultimately frustration. His statue stands on the top of City Hall and no building may be built higher. But despite his figure standing over the city, Penn's vision is largely forgotten. Hopefully we can enter the celebration of the national bicentennial in 1976 with confidence and forward energy - in this and every city. We and others must put out a major effort that Philadelphia may continue its progress and renewal, that it may not only recapture and fulfill its original vision but go far beyond it.

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Testimony

Brian Butler

In this letter I will try to give you a rough image of the town in which I live as well as of myself. The town is Barrington, a small suburban section of Southern New Jersey. Bordering Barrington is Haddon Heights where Denise and Muriel Schneps live. Their mother's house serves as an "annex" to the Philadelphia Center; in the annex we meet and do all our teaching. Due to financial difficulties I am presently living at home, and Denise and Muriel are still in high school. The annex is an active, coordinated part of the Philadelphia Center, even though it is not possible to live in Philadelphia at present.

My two biggest longings in life have always had a creative outlet: painting and music. Painting directly brought me into the Principle because of its awakening inside myself to the workings and wonderful pattern of nature. Music was an extension of my painting abilities and can, I suppose, be compared to a hand growing forth from an arm. Without the "stem" of art to grow from, I don't believe that my music would have developed to its present degree.

Since hearing Principle (May, 1969), I have been writing many songs with my younger brother, who plays guitar. These songs pertain directly to Principle. My brother and I, along with a base guitar player, perform at various coffeehouses in the Philadelphia area. We are hoping to get a break in the recording end of the business sometime in the near future.

Music, with the right exposure on a mass scale, can have a pronounced effect upon an entire society. This is why I pray that we can be successful in this endeavor. By the way, the name of our band is "Give and Take."

One last thought: I have a feeling that some day within our lifetime all the Family members of the world will meet in one place, physically as well as spiritually. Our presence is bound to shake the very earth we stand on, and perhaps by that time all mankind will be aware of the Kingdom in its midst. In the name of our True Parents.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The song book is longer in coming than we expected, but most of it has gone to press. Sorry for the delay.

Thanks to all of you who sent songs and suggestions. For a myriad number of reasons we couldn't use all you sent, but your effort and interest were most appreciated.

So again, a big THANK YOU!

Song Committee

TESTIMONIES

New York City

Joan E. Dorfman

Until I was about fifteen, it never occurred to me not to believe in God. But as I grew up, somehow I gradually lost my feeling for God, and I felt nothing in His place. My life came to be separated from the very thought of God; there was no connection between us. I believed in man and I wanted very badly to believe in myself and my art. I wanted desperately to believe in something.

As I grew older, I stopped expressing my feelings because I feared what they were. I even stopped being able to hear my feelings, and they gradually became cramped away inside. There wasn't any give and take between my spirit and my body. My spirit was buried and my body could go nowhere without it. I desired more to be what I did rather than to express what I was.

About six months before I met Principle, I became aware of the separation within myself and of the distance between me and all the life around me. I began to look for reality and direction. My art work became a means of positive searching rather than something I was doing because I hadn't thought of anything else.

While I was in art school I had a roommate, Ellen, for whom I cared very much. We both felt the fear of becoming close to people. Towards the end of the school year, Ellen had a small but very intense revelation in which she saw that people would always be together and they would never die. Although I wanted to, I couldn't understand what Ellen said. Soon after, Ellen left for Virginia Beach. While she was away, her revelation began to take root in my mind. Somehow, I too, came to know that people were somehow supposed to be together. I knew that the world was not supposed to be the way it was, and that it had not always been that way, and that something had happened to change it. It was a big realization for me at that time, and it made me feel very happy, and I smiled a lot, even on the subway. When Ellen came back to tell she had learned about the Unified Family, it was as if I had been prepared.

Through the summer I went periodically to the Philadelphia Center to be taught the Principle by Barbara Mikesell. I rarely understood anything Barbara said, but I was struck by her. I saw truth through her

rather than through what she said. I was drawn to the Center very forcefully without understanding why. When I heard conclusion, I had no idea what it meant, but when I went back to school in September, I knew that somehow I had gained something. Somehow I had assimilated truth from the Center and I wanted to use it. I knew I wanted to follow through on what had been begun in my mind and in my life. I remember thinking that before I met the Family, I didn't know how to live.

I am from a Jewish background. My parents said that Jews had to stay together for strength and to insure that the heritage would never die out. I don't know what will happen to the Jewish heritage. I pray that all religious groups, cultures and races will come together and that all of the beauty of each one will remain.

After I heard Principle, the concept of universal truth lodged itself in my head and nothing could have been more logical to me. I knew that truth had to apply to all people. And I knew that it was absolutely necessary that there had to be truth, and that it was right that we should know it. I have so much before me to be and do and grow. To learn how to love, to learn how to be a forceful, positive, creative part of the world. Now instead of searching through art, I will search through direct living and art will fall into its place.

When I first moved into the Unified Family, I lived in the Philadelphia Center. I lived there for four and a half months. Now, in huge New York City, there is a never ending stream of people to witness to. So many are interested. I pray we can set up a strong foundation in New York with many different kinds of people. The spirit here is very expectant.

I pray that I can fulfill my life by understanding, accepting and living my part in the world. I pray that I can learn God's love and use it right.

In Their Names.

New York City

Nanette Semha

Now that I have been in Principle for a year and a half, I look at the past with a more objective understanding. I am most grateful for this period, for I have met our Leader, cried over his words, and perceived his sufferings and tireless work for Father's new truth. With those hearing Principle I rejoice in their gladness, and yet I am wounded by those who have turned away. My intellect tells me of Satan's stronghold, but my heart does not fully understand. I have been moved greatly by those who have given so much in setting the foundation in this country, those few who have persevered for so long and remained faithful during those hard beginning years. From Miss Kim, I have learned of the sacrifices, hard work, and responsibility that is necessary for the highest achievements. That very work one does so willingly when one understands Father's heart. In her I see Father's idea of true unconditional love always consistently working to care for her many children and grandchildren in so many countries all over the world.

Ever since I was a child it seemed that God always existed and that I knew Him as a friend; wherever I went He was there and I could talk to Him. He was my best friend and since I was about six years old, I've spent much time talking to people about God, for I was sure that everyone was as aware of Him as I was. I attended Catholic schools and Mass several times a week; Communion was the most devout time for me. There I always dedicated my life to Father, expressed my greatest sorrow for the sins and injustices that man has done to one another and to Father Himself. I would tell him I would help others in any way, but that He must make this clear to me, for I had no real direction. I would thank Him for everything, no matter how small, for everything was beautiful and a direct gift from Him. Lastly, I would tell him of my love for Him; that I loved Him for everything, no matter how small, for everything was beautiful and a direct gift from Him. Lastly, I would tell him of my love for Him; that I loved Him above all things and people. And this was the basis of my prayer and relationship with Father from age six to twenty-two. If anyone had ever asked me what the most important thing in my life was, without thinking twice I would say, Father.

I spent much of my childhood reading the lives of the saints. I cried through them as I read, and always believed their lives were the most valuably spent.

At the time of my confirmation, I felt I was no longer just the child of God that I was told baptism made me; I felt truly a soldier of God to defend the faith. And, more vigorously than ever, I began talking to non-Catholic friends of the true church of God, which I was lead to believe the Catholic church was. I pleaded with Father that all churches might be united. So for years I clipped out every article I could find on this subject; "Lutherans

meet with Catholics," "Presbyterians and Baptists Share Service Together," and other such titles; and every once in a while I would take the large box of articles from under my bed and read them. This would give me some hope. One day I was so disturbed with the thought that the world would never be united that I tore up the clippings in desperation.

After high school I taught "Confraternity of Christian Doctrine" classes to children who went to public schools. But soon I had to leave; I no longer believed in what I was saying. I could never pick out exactly what was wrong, but the Church seemed to have very little to do with the life of Jesus.

In art school the question always foremost in my mind was: Why should people look at my work in preference to anyone else's? What do I have to say that is so important? I knew my art was to bring people to Father. I had been searching outside of the Church for some time. I remember trying to read Spinoza and Nietzsche at age fourteen and not being able to understand a word of it.

I always had the feeling of wanting perfection before committing myself to another person. I didn't even know what it meant: a perfect cook, a perfect artist, or what? As I heard the ideal of perfection of heart, everything became very clear to me. Through automatic handwriting, I had specific spirit guides: I talked often with my father who had died when I was thirteen and I was told many things about Satan and the coming day of judgment. The last thing I was thinking about was a day of judgment, so I ignored all of these things because I didn't see anything happening like this; so I concerned myself with political predictions and things like that. I was told many times to stop asking so many important questions. Once I requested a talk with St. Theresa and she talked about the growth and perfection of the soul. In writing I was told to study God's principles and teach many children the meaning of their lives. I was once told that reincarnation was a reality and that I had a past life of bigotry to other religions (this was true as far as my present life was concerned). I was investigating other religions, but I still had my mind on the quote most used by the Catholic Church: "Upon this rock I will build my church." And they still had the descendant of the rock. I was told I had to love people of all religions in this life. But I was so upset that I could have such a terrible past life that I cried and cried. Regardless of the fallacy of the story, I see its purpose. Because I remember my first reaction when I saw the card "Unified Family." I thought it was probably just another Protestant sect; only the words of the writing came back to me at that time. I also had a vision of an Oriental man who was talking constantly to me, and I couldn't understand a word of what he was saying. Through my automatic handwriting, I was told this was an existing person of knowledge and that I must search further and look longer. Two weeks later I was witnessed to by Neil Salonen.

My time so far in Principle has been short, yet I have learned so much of the real humanness of Father, and how to recognize His presence in those around me. I have experienced a great deal of love and concern from our Family; love and concern I have never seen expressed over such an expansive period of time anywhere. As a little girl I always wished that all the people I loved the most could live together; in the Principle, I find fulfillment of a child's dream, with one thing added: that you can love many types of people as you understand Father's concern and endless love for them.

Principle has given me hope for my life and motivation for my art. The minute I heard the conclusion I knew I had to make films concerning the truth of the work of Father through men. I know that the hearts of all the people in the world must be touched with the heartbreak Jesus went through when everything seemed so hopeless and lost. The world must soon realize the new hope that awaits their coming to the Kingdom.

Five months ago I moved from the Washington Family to the New York Family to study filmmaking. I am now working on the script of the Mission of Jesus. As I write the dialogue, I feel as if Jesus and Satan are struggling before me. The story of Jesus with a deeper understanding of his sorrowful family life and his relationship to Judas and John the Baptist will seem more real than the many fantasies built around these men.

From art, my beloved Family, I have learned that the greatest creation is the creation of a human heart and that thus all people are artists, reflecting Father, the greatest Artist of all.

With love, In the Name of Our True Parents.

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Quarterly Report

Quarterly Report

Farley Jones

Dear Family, Greetings from Headquarters! Six months of 1970 are now behind us. In the remaining half of this year let us seek to broaden our work. Until now, we have moved in a deep but narrow channel. We have reached individuals, and have radically changed individual lives. Through this, we have cultivated a strong sacrificial pattern and have brought people into a deep relationship with Father. We must maintain and extend this pattern as the foundation of our nation-wide movement.

In addition, it is my strong conviction that we must begin to reach greater numbers of people, even if on a less profound level. Satanic ideas pervade society; Marxism-Leninism and many other destructive theories of life prevail in America. Not only on the societal, governmental and university levels, but even on the highschool level, this is becoming fact.

We must begin to counteract this and present alternative visions. Let us find and create ways to introduce our ideas into the public consciousness, even if simplified or diluted. In this way, we can gradually change the thinking of Americans, and prepare them for deeper realizations of the Truth. All people seek the true path.

To a certain extent, this broader outreach has already begun. Baltimore Center is leafletting a series of flyers that are actually excerpts from Chapter I, complete with diagrams. This then, is a purposeful propaganda program. Perhaps it is through literature that we will be able to have the greatest effect. On July 5th, Washington Center met in a public park with a variety of large elevated signs, some depicting the Leader's seal, one saying "The Unified Family," and others proclaiming "History restores." These signs plus singing helped to attract a large crowd, and then we spoke on aspects of the Principle. In Los Angeles, Jon Schuhart recently appeared on a T.V. program and, as he said, witnessed to hundreds of thousands of people. Similarly, Ray Barlow in Phoenix was interviewed on radio and their meeting hours are now announced. Through these and other innovative programs, we can make a broader impact upon society. Let us so attempt, and share our experiences fully.

The past three months have been most noteworthy for the vast interchange of Family members across America. Their comings and goings are too numerous to enumerate, and happily so. However, one development I would like to mention is the appointment of John Fitzpatrick as the new director of the College Park Center. I feel much gratitude to those Centers who are sending forth individuals to strengthen other centers. Through this genuine concern for the whole, true Family life is established on a nation-wide basis.

Before we know it, autumn will be here. Let us work hard in these summer months, that we may reap an abundant harvest for His Kingdom.

Love and support to all,
in our True Parents,
Farley Jones

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Seoul, Korea -- Rejoice! True Son, Kook Jin Moon, Born at 5:11 A.M., July 17, 1970. All Well.

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"But for each inspiration from
God, Satan demands payment."

The Divine Principle, 7th Edition, p. 48

On July 24, 1970 Mr. Eu died of Cancer of the liver. The American Family expresses its heartfelt sympathies to the surviving family.

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