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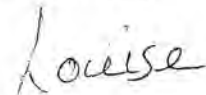
Edwin Ang

NAF - February, 1972

Dear Family,

Our favorite saying is that we're in a time of "transition". Now, for the first time, we can say that as a movement and as a nation we are in a history-making transition, beginning with the arrival of our Leader. For this reason, I am encouraging contributions at this time, both for recording this most precious moment and for inspiring the pioneers. Thank you for everything which you have contributed so far, and I am welcoming pictures and reminiscences of our recent actions and hopes. Please send in anything, no matter how informal, dealing with our Leader, the Revivals, Center activities, and pioneering adventures.

In Their Names,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Louise".

Louise Berry

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From A SERMON

by Marie Ang, Berkeley

One by one, as we've been called to the Family, we've undergone many changes -- some large, some small -- both spiritual and physical. Change seems to be our way of life. I'd like to quote our friend, Granny Hughes, who seems to be somewhat of a philosopher. She has said of our Family: "The only thing that seems constant is change."

This past month has certainly borne out that statement. There for a while each day brought big changes -- and very drastic ones for our brothers and sisters who are preparing now for their missions. Meeting our True Parents, hearing our Master speak to us, and even being tested at times, have kept our hearts excited and expectant.

Our Master has given us as individuals and as a nation a huge task. We are not so many people in this vast country of millions of people. Yet he is, by the revivals in seven cities, making conditions whereby we can restore this nation! The task seems almost impossible. We are being asked to make sacrifices that perhaps we didn't think we could ever make. But somehow we are strengthened and find ourselves armed with deeper faith and trust, and with more courage to do what must be done.

As we are entering this time of sending out brothers and sisters to each state, I have been thinking about our country, especially its beginnings and the struggles that were endured and overcome. I've been reading a little about the early settlers of our country. I'd like to review briefly some interesting facts of the founding of Jamestown and Plymouth colonies.

Jamestown was begun first -- in 1607 -- by about 100 men who arrived on our shores in three small ships. They came seeking a better life; although they didn't display any deep dedication to God, they did worship Him. Their first services were conducted out-of-doors with just a sail spread between two trees and a few planks to sit or kneel on. They endured many hardships ... sickness, hostile Indians, and starvation. One winter most of the settlers died. If it hadn't been for three people, the colony would have failed. John Smith served as a daring and wise leader, John Rolfe found a way to make money (tobacco) and Pocahontas, the Indian Chief's daughter, helped the settlers in many ways, later becoming a Christian and marrying one of the colonists.

Thirteen years later -- in 1620 -- the Pilgrims established the Plymouth Colony. Again there were about 100 people; this time, men, women, and children who came on the Mayflower under very crowded conditions. For 70 days they were tossed about, not really knowing if they would make it. Their primary food was a cold biscuit, salted beef, and beer. The Pilgrims spent much time praying and singing. There were some aboard who didn't share the deep faith of the Pilgrims and became

somewhat irritated with their expression of faith. Would we be willing to take a voyage like this -- crowded conditions, meager rations, no baths -- being in danger of death? Elder Brewster left his wife behind and didn't see her for three years. William Bradford left his five-year-old son in Holland and didn't see him for seven years.

The Pilgrims' first concern upon reaching our shores was to build a meeting house where they could worship God. During the colonists' first winter, almost half of them died of disease. Much of the success of the colony was due to just a few individuals. William Bradford served as a wise and able leader; Squanto, an Indian, helped the Pilgrims in many ways; he eventually became a Christian and lived in the Plymouth colony.

One Pilgrim said as the Mayflower left England: "If we ever make a settlement, God works a miracle." We know that it was God's desire for those struggling settlements to succeed -- to grow into a large, strong nation that could be influential in the world today. These few people with able leadership grew into what we are today. All this in 350 years. It seems to me that we shouldn't be discouraged by our small numbers now, but realize that the world isn't changed by masses of people, but by a few key individuals. We just must be ready and willing to make the necessary sacrifice when we are asked.

It's quite exciting to discover how God has used the Principle in history. On the Mayflower, there was a definite Cain-Abel relationship between the Pilgrims and the other passengers. Our country began from two colonies: Jamestown, in the Cain position -- and Plymouth, the colony from which we have inherited our strong religious faith and ideals, in the Abel position. The Indians, whose role was to serve the colonists when they arrived, may have been in the position of Lucifer. Both colonies had certain things in common:

1. They worshipped God.
2. They started out against almost insurmountable odds.
3. They endured suffering and death.
4. An Indian gave help to each colony.
5. Most important, both colonies were successful!

Our American movement has gone through these experiences in some way. Miss Kim came to this country with strong faith in God. Her mission must have seemed impossible to her at times. She received help from individuals in this country. Yet she suffered and saw many early members fall away from the movement. But our Family has survived and is growing. It seems that we are entering a new stage; now we will have to have the same degree of dedication and faith. Even though demands are being made of us now, our sacrifices seem minimal compared to what others have given for lesser causes.

We must be successful in our new venture. So even though you may not be chosen to go out to start a center, or ride the bus, there is so much to do and ways to

serve sacrificially. We will each need to work hard to financially support this campaign. We will need to spend time writing to those who will be alone. We will need to pray for their work, and aid them in any way we can. We must constantly work to improve our center life here in Berkeley by serving and encouraging one another, getting our duties done, and making our activities as vital as possible. We must give our sweat and tears to gain spiritual children. In whatever we do for the Family, we do for our True Parents and for God, so we need to give it all we've got.

I'd like to conclude with words our Master spoke in Los Angeles last month:

"So for the providence of God to come to the world-wide level, there must come forth one nation which will sacrifice herself for the whole world -- for the prosperity of all the world and the blessing of all mankind. God needs such a nation. This representative nation will become a sacrifice for the whole world.

"From that position, the United States is the leading and representative nation of the democratic world. The United States must stand in that sacrificial position. God purposed that the United States stand in that sacrificial position to fulfill the mission of that nation; therefore, God sent the Pilgrims to this land -- they risked so much and made such a great country in such a short period of time. When the Pilgrims came to this country for the first time, they built churches first, then schools, and then after that their own houses. Therefore, the backbone of such prosperity causing the development of the United States into a great nation is the spirit which puts greatest stress on the public purpose rather than the private purpose.

"The United States is far away from this position. The individual and individualism are good, but Americans and Westerners mostly put too much stress on these two things. As a result, they lost their nation, their people, their family, their parents, and even themselves. They are like hawks -- they blow where the wind blows. That is the reason why there is no peace. For America to stand in accordance with the providence of God, there must be a new Foundation Movement within America. Americans as individuals and America as a nation must follow the spirit of God and the truth of Jesus Christ to make this nation the foundation for the expression of God's ideal.

"God chose America and her churches as John the Baptist. Now America and her churches are thinking of their own benefits more than God's purpose. They are therefore in the position of former Judaism, which killed Jesus Christ. From God's viewpoint, if America cannot fulfill the mission, God must search for another nation. So all the members of the Unification Church must sacrifice themselves, their families, their friends, and even the Unification Church to establish such a one nation which God can control. The present problem is whether we can act as saints in our daily lives -- that is the most important thing."

NEW YORK

Dear Family: This month has been one of monumental experiences. After moving back into our main center, which had been formerly occupied by 75 trainees, there were many projects to get on the heavenly road. The first spiritual undertaking was our first "New Life Workshop" in a long time. There were many people to contact as a result of the persistent effort of the pioneers. They didn't let any potential get by without giving a name and telephone number. Our first workshop was an unexpected success. After travelling back and forth to Philadelphia for three nights in a row to see our Leader, there wasn't much time remaining to get people together for the workshop. Actually we only had one night! Father came through, though, and Friday evening found nine people in our living room. From that workshop we gained one new member, Tony Pezet, a printer at Hunter College. Tony is very knowledgeable of every major religion, especially Eastern religions. Others who attended were very positive, and later came with us to see our Leader in Washington. They concluded a math teacher from N.Y.U., an economics teacher from City College of New York, and an art director for an advertising company.

All in all we were privileged to see our Leader give three lectures in New York, three in Philadelphia, and three in Washington. I guess we're all pioneers at heart. After recovering from such events we had another workshop the following week -- another group of very positive people -- and one (almost) member. Then we received news that Philip Burley was arriving with Vivien and Heather to head up the New York centers. We are presently selling candles to raise money for a training center in the heart of the city. After nine days we have already earned over \$1,600. There is still much to get under way, and a whole lot more candles to sell, but of course, we still have a whole lot more energy left to use for Father. MONSEII!! Love in Our True Parents' Name, Brian Butler

And from John Hessel: Last month our Leader proposed and initiated a turning point in the development of science. At a meeting in our New York Center between himself and Edward Haskell, chairman of the Council for Unified Research and Education, Inc., our Leader requested Mr. Haskell to organize and conduct the First International Conference on Unified Science. Mr. Haskell told Master that he was absolutely amazed at his proposal. He said that his book, Full Circle -- The Moral Force of the Unified Science, was going to be published this fall, and that this would be the very most strategic time for such a conference, at the time when it could reverse the present disastrous development of science and change it into a moral force!

Master nodded, as though it were a matter of course, and when on to propose the following -- to the conference should be invited eminent scientists, and some fifty prominent observers. Round trip air tickets would be sent to each scientist, and the Conference would be held for five days at one of New York's leading hotels.

Mr. Haskell replied that he would, to put it mildly, be delighted to organize the conference. He asked Master from which countries he would wish these scientists to come. Our Leader replied: two from Britain, two from France, two from Germany, two from South Korea, two from Japan, and ten from America....

The conference will be held from October 18 to 23rd at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. Its title will be "Moral Orientation of the Sciences". Master himself will address the Conference on Moral Orientation of the World. The Family will send a number of observers. The different Centers will soon receive publicity releases for local radio stations and newspapers. Several Centers are already selling advance orders of Full Circle -- The Moral Force of Unified Science. They are finding that many students are eager to see how the sciences fit together meaningfully, how values are defined systematically throughout the whole universe, and how they correspond to Christian values. Advance order blanks can be obtained from Gordan & Beach, Science Publishers, 440 Park Avenue South, New York, New York 10016, or from John Hessel, New York Center, P. O. Box 992, Radio City Station, New York, New York 10019.

DENVER

Perhaps the most exciting thing to happen within the last month was that Farley called to tell us that we would be playing host to 87 people on the Tour. Well, the next few days were spent in hectic planning, arranging, cookie baking, and sandwich making. Everyone just really pitched in and helped. Then on the day they were to arrive, with excitement running high, one carload pulled in, and that was all. Because of the breakdown of the bus outside Washington, the entire tour, except for our carload of people, had been forced to take a more direct southern route, bypassing Colorado. We're sorry that we weren't able to directly serve the Tour, but just the inspiration of preparing for them has greatly enriched our appreciation of what they are doing for all of us. By the way, would anyone like a sandwich?

Ken Fried

BOSTON

Our Heavenly Father has been doing over-time in Boston, so I felt that His activity here should be shared with His children in the United States. First, Father has provided a large two-story center for us. The first floor has a fairly large living room and dining room and a very large kitchen. And as if that weren't enough, He even furnished it, complete with five easy chairs, and even an Oriental rug, all of which were donated. On the second floor we have a large women's bedroom and a large men's bedroom, a bathroom, and a lovely little prayer room. We held our first teaching night seven days after we moved into this center, to which four people came. The next week four more lovely people came plus the four from the week before. And it has been like that ever since.

February 10, Bill Blake moved in. Bill is an accounting major at Northeastern University, which both Nancy and I attend. He is presently employed as an accountant and will graduate in June of this year. Also we are blessed by the presence of Satoshi Yamamoto, who has been a member of the Japanese Family for six years and who comes to Boston every weekend from Woods Hole, where he is involved in graduate work for MIT in oceanography. Joe Howe, the physical brother of Nancy and myself, also comes from Lexington each weekend, where he is finishing high school.

The highlight of our two months here was the great blessing of a visit from our Leader on February 14. At 11:55 a.m., our Leader, President Kim, Mr. David Kim, and Neil Salonen arrived at Logan Airport. Sato, Bill, Joe, and I greeted him and we came back to our center for a light lunch, prepared by Nancy. How can I describe this great privilege of our Leader's visit to the Boston center? After an hour and a half of conversation and eating, our Leader and his party, Bill, and I went to Belmont to a meeting with an official of an anti-Communist group. After the meeting we rejoined Sato, Nancy, and Joe, along with our physical mother and father, who are both hearing Principle, and we all went to a Japanese restaurant, Benihana of Tokyo. We enjoyed the food as well as the show put on by the Japanese cook, who cooked our orders on a grill in front of us, with much flair and theatrical finesse. Our Leader seemed to enjoy the show, as we all did, but some of us were really worried that he would get hit with one of the flying shrimp tails. After dinner we all drove out to the airport to see him off. Such an unbelievable day!!! Often I look back and still can't believe it really happened! Words really fail me completely when I try to express what Master's visit has meant to us. I only can most sincerely pray that this center can return blessing to our most beloved Master in service and dedication to him. (More news in next issue.)

Bunny Howe

Head of Unification Church To Talk at Lisner Auditorium

The appearance here this weekend of the founder of a new, avowedly post-Christian religion marks the beginning of a major effort to recruit American members for the movement, the Unification Church, one of its officials said this week.

Young Wei Kim, who is president of the Unification Church in Korea, the movement's native country, predicted that by the end of 1974, 2,000 full-time evangelists for the movement would be criss-crossing the country in 50 buses preaching the message of Unification.

Kim is in the United States serving as interpreter for the movement's founder, Sun Myung Moon, who is to lecture at Lisner Auditorium at 2 p.m. today and Sunday and at 8 p.m. Monday.

Moon, who is a former Presbyterian, explained in an interview that his teachings are based on a series of revelations he received from God beginning in 1936 when he was 16 years old.

At the center of Moon's complex teaching is his conviction that a new age has dawned and that the return

of the messiah, born again as a baby is imminent. He holds that the new messiah will marry, as Jesus would have had he not been crucified, because the family is the basic unit of society.

It is in the context of family love—parental love, mutual love, filial love—that human beings learn the nature of divine love, members of the Unification Church believe. When a person is fully experienced in human love "he is qualified to perceive and receive God's love," Moon said.

"Most religions put the emphasis on life in the hereafter. We emphasize life on this earth," Moon explained through his interpreter. "God intended a kingdom of heaven on earth."

The Divine Principle, as Moon calls his revelation, offers a key to the meaning of history, especially that portion of the human story recorded in the Bible, that has proved particularly attractive to educated young people.

In the United States, for example, where the Unification Church has attracted about 4,000 followers according to church figures, about 90 per cent of the members are college graduates. Most



Sun Myung Moon founded Unification Church.

members are in their early 20s, the church says.

Moon's largest following is in Korea, where he estimates he has about 300,000 disciples, making the church a major force. The church claims a world membership of 500,000 in 25 nations.

One of the most dramatic of Moon's religious acts was his officiation in 1970 of mass wedding in Seoul that united 790 bridal couples simultaneously. Among those married in the ceremony was W. Farley Jones, Washington, the president of the Unification Church in the United States.

The Washington Post

RELIGION

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 1972

4 Saturday, Feb. 12, 1972 Philadelphia Inquirer

Unification Church Dogma Called 'Only Way' to Hope

By ANDREW WALLACE

"I was ready to retreat to the woods. Then the Pope outlawed birth control . . . Then the Vietnam War, the ecology problems. I saw what they were teaching was the only way."

Farley Jones, 28, of Washington, D.C., was describing the reasons why he joined the Unification Church of Sun Myung Moon.

"It conveys tremendous hope despite the darkness of the world," Jones continued.

NEW AGE

The Unification Church claims to be "the new church for the new age," the age when the kingdom of God on Earth will come into being. That was the message that Jones, Mr. Moon and about 75 other young people brought to Philadelphia this week.

Pessimists might say the

world does not need another religion, only a will to use what we already have. But the Unification church says a lot about where young people are.

Considered from a Christian theology standpoint, Unification doctrine can only be called heresy. Jones explained the Church holds that God's purpose for Christ on earth was thwarted. It was not supposed to end in the crucifixion but in the founding of a God-centered world.

Christ, he said, was the God-centered man who was to have formed the God-centered family. From that, in expanding concentric circles, the Kingdom of God would have come into being.

SECOND COMING

Jesus' death cut short that plan. Mr. Moon, a Korean who suffered under Commu-

nist hands, and now is a dedicated anti-communist, claims this is the age of the "second coming," that through marriage, man and wife are to establish a "trinity" with God.

He also argues that Gods suffering over man's sins is nearly over.

"This is the age where God and man will unite and the Kingdom of God will begin," Jones said.

The "contemporary prophet" who is establishing the pattern for the new family and thus the kingdom, is Mr. Moon, depicted on flyers and posters with wife and two children. Many church members have never seen the entire family.

"Mr. Moon feels he is carrying out the Divine plan. He has had a sense of mission from God from childhood," Jones explained.

3-YEAR CRUSADE

Some 75 young people have left professional jobs, schools and their homes to tour with Mr. Moon for 40 days while he plants the unification seed all over America. They will continue the crusade for the next three years.

What he represents to many of them is total commitment to God and the carrying out of God's plan.

Jones had studied at Princeton and was doing graduate work at Columbia University in English literature when he gave it up to work full-time for the church in Washington D. C. (The church claims 1.5 million members in 25 countries).

He and his wife were one of the 777 couples married in Korea last year in what the church says was the largest marriage ceremony in history. (Actually 791 couples were joined there, but the church likes the mystic 777.)

BERKELEY

On January 9, Edwin Ang walked in late to a weekly meeting of the Berkeley Family. Casually taking a seat in the nearest desk-chair, he announced in a quiet, deadpan manner: "I just talked to Farley. Our True Parents will be arriving at the San Francisco airport within the hour." Since the statement was made in such an undramatic way, most members responded with disbelief.

"Aw, c'mon, Edwin, quit kidding us."

"You're not really serious, are you?"

Edwin nodded, saying, "Yes, that is what Farley has told me."

Once we were convinced that the announcement was not made in jest, the first question on everyone's lips was: "Are they coming here?"

Edwin explained that our Leader had come specifically to speak with Mr. Choi of San Francisco's Re-Education Center, and probably wouldn't be coming to Berkeley at all. Everyone was naturally disappointed at the thought that, though our Parents were right here in the Bay Area, we would not get to see them.

So it was quite a pleasant surprise when we received word that we would be able to meet our Parents (many of us for the first time) on Tuesday evening, January 11.

That night, history was made as the San Francisco and Berkeley Families came together in the Re-Education Center -- to share a meal and to hear our Leader speak. Master spoke of America's mission as a fulfillment of the missions of Lucifer and John the Baptist. It was a powerful lecture, which helped us to see the significance of what is happening in our own country, in Korea, and throughout the world today. In fact, we were so enthralled with Master's words that we didn't realize until he was finished that we had been sitting, watching, and listening to him for seven hours straight!

The next day, our Parents visited our Euclid House in Berkeley, and Master again spoke to us -- this time to give us more practical advice on preparing for the revival, selling tickets, etc. He said that we must learn to see things through the eyes of each person with whom we have give-and-take -- we must realize what they are feeling, and how they are responding to what we say and do. Later that evening, the San Francisco and Berkeley Families once again came together -- this time at the S.F. International Airport, to see our Parents and their party off to Washington, D.C.

Though the Berkeley revival is the last to be held, we long ago began preparations for it. Five committees have been organized for this purpose: Tickets, Literature, Publicity, Physical Arrangements, and Follow-Up (workshops, lectures, etc.) A large room (capacity of around 700) has been rented at Berkeley's Hotel Claremont. The Publicity Committee plans to work with the San Francisco Family -- joint radio spots, press releases, posters, flyers, etc.

After sending thirteen of our members off to the East Coast, we decided we would have to sublet our Warring House (as we no longer can afford the rent). Fortunately, we found tenants right away, and the house will be leased out to a group of graduate students for one year.

In the midst of frantic preparations for Master's revivals, and with a good percentage of our members now gone, we have found ourselves doing more and more teaching and witnessing. There has been a sudden increase in the number of students attending our lectures -- including, in particular, the concluding lectures. Several students heard the conclusion over the weekend of January 29-30. Several of our members "inherited" students from those who left; some have so many, they are teaching every night of the week.

During his brief visit to the Bay Area, our Leader encouraged us to use street preaching as a witnessing tactic. On each and every day of the week since then, one can hear the now-familiar voices of Berkeley's Unified Family ringing out from the steps of the University of California's well-known Sproul Hall Plaza.

Our public preaching of the Principle and our testifying to the coming of our Leader to Berkeley has attracted many different sorts of people. There are often hecklers and radicals who scream back at us, particularly when we mention the Fall. There have also been many good Christians, even "Jesus freaks", who have come to listen attentively and to join us in singing Family songs. Our picture has been taken more than once -- and any student who had not heard of us before has certainly heard of us now.

PHILADELPHIA

Announcement of the birth of Andrea Joy Spurgin:

Just wanted to say Hello! And let you know I'm here.
My parents are Hugh and Nora Spurgin, and I am
Andrea Joy Spurgin
Born January 18, 1972, at 6:04 a.m.
I weighed 6 pounds and 3 ounces, and...
Everyone is tickled pink.
(My name means - woman of love and beauty, joyfulness).

POLITICAL NEWS

Approximately fifty members of the Washington Centers joined the Freedom Leadership Foundation on February 28 for a demonstration at the President's homecoming at Andrews Air Force base to protest the implied weakening of America's commitment to defend the Asian people against Communist aggression. To dramatize the parallels between the Nixon-Chou communique and the Chamberlain-Hitler Munich Pact, members raised open umbrellas. The recent communique substantially diminished the credibility of the American commitment to Free Asia, in exchange for the illusion of detente with Mao's China; the Munich Pact sacrificed Czechoslovakia to the Nazis for a non-aggression promise from Hitler. Our gesture recalled Chamberlain's famous "Umbrella Speech" in which he proclaimed that the Pact would bring "Peace in Our Time", much the same as Nixon now implies that he has created the basis for a "Generation of Peace" through his discussions with the leaders in Peking.

Dan Fefferman

The Evening Star

Washington, D.C.

Tuesday, February 29, 1972

... A smattering of demonstrators unfurled placards and raised umbrellas to protest what they said was Nixon's "sell-out" of Taiwan to Communist China. However, Air Force security personnel zeroed in on the small knot of peaceful demonstrators and ushered them out of the area.

Those with "Welcome Home, President Nixon" banners and placards were not told to lower their signs or leave the hangar. "I can't get to everyone out here", said a security sergeant when asked why the pro-Nixon demonstrators were not approached.

Base officials said the pro-Taiwan protestors were only asked to leave and no one was arrested.

... "Despite what people say about him, he's (Nixon's) done what he had to do ... his heart's in the right place and he's trying. It's time to go a little easier on him", Harrison said. (Comment by a bystander.)

However, representing the dissenting view, Neil Salonen, president of the Freedom Leadership Foundation, said Nixon's return from China was analogous to Neville Chamberlain's return to England after obtaining the Munich Pact from Adolf Hitler.

"It's incredible that anyone can be as naive as he", Salonen said. "He doesn't recognize the danger of communism."

The foundation, one of the groups brandishing opened umbrellas, was dubbed the "Mary Poppins brigade", by some in the audience, who repeatedly told the demonstrators to "show a little respect -- this isn't your show."

AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT NIXON
(Sent to Senators, also)

America became the greatest country on earth not because of her wealth or power but because of the ideals she represented. America was created out of all nationalities, races, and creeds; we have been uniquely blessed by God with material abundance, not for our own extravagance, but to fulfill our responsibility in leading the less fortunate nations of the world.

Because we have been repeatedly willing to sacrifice our national interests for the good of the world, we have set a pattern of enlightened service. In World War I, World War II, Korea, and Vietnam we have demonstrated our belief that there can be no peace which is not accompanied by freedom.

Freedom can only be preserved by a national willingness to pay the price required -- that willingness can only be inspired by dedicated and visionary leaders. Times of crisis in the past have always called out the greatness in America's leadership. We are again standing at a crossroads where greatness is again required.

We need leaders who will tell us the reality of the situation in Asia, the brutal reality of Communism, and the hard facts of what our role must be if we are to defend and maintain the free nations of Asia.

We are shocked that you not only have failed to alert the American people to the totalitarian nature of the regime in Peking, but through many expressions of warmth implied your endorsement of that government.

We are further stunned that with the eyes of the whole free world watching, you did not underscore our commitment to defend the nations of Free Asia, especially the Republic of China, but in fact made them deliberately more vague.

Mr. President, there can be no peace obtained by compromising away our morality or ideals. Only by resolutely standing for what we know to be truth and justice can we in victory obtain a stable peace or in defeat proudly face our end without blemish.

We want to believe that you have been acting in good faith, but unless you reconfirm our commitment to pay any price in the defense of freedom, you have deceived us and failed us.

We will not rest in the struggle for victory over Communism and for a harmonious, united world. Mr. President, where do you stand?

Freedom Leadership Foundation





GOD'S DAY REPORT

Kevin Winter, Washington

Washington Family, along with guests from Denver, New York, Toronto, Philadelphia, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco, and St. Louis, recently experienced the most God-centered weekend in the history of mankind. Friday the 31st at 10:00 a.m. was the starting time of an intense, four-day Principle Workshop. Mr. Young Whi Kim, our teacher for the entire four days, taught us the Principle in the same way that it is taught in Korea, and occasionally our Master spoke. The lectures were impressive -- to say the least -- containing topics usually identical to those in Miss Kim's book. However, the talks were so in-depth that the "Principle of Creation" alone took the entire first day to cover. Lectures were long, and Satan tempted many into drowsiness. However, the fiery spirit and music of Mr. David Kim often charged in to revitalize our tired spirits as we sang:

"Lifta high, lifta high, torches of'a light, of'a truth!"

That Friday night was very special. We were to gather at 11:30 p.m. for a special God's Day ceremony led by our True Parents. No one was sure what to expect. So we grabbed a little shut-eye and by 11:45 everyone (around 160 members) gathered on the main floor of Upshur house. We sat on the floor facing the front of the South room, where a large banner, with a sunburst in the middle and "Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty Reigns" on top, hung down the wall. We had video-tape equipment set up in the hall, a 16 mm movie camera belonging to our Leader, about three 8 mm movie cameras, and half a dozen other cameras and tape recorders to record the event -- the dawning of a new year and a new age for our movement.

The house radiated with God's love as we awaited the arrival of our Parents. As they arrived, everyone rose. We prayed silently -- until exactly 12:00. Next, Father led us in a prayer for the new year. After 15 minutes there wasn't a dry eye in the house. Then our Master spoke.

Master told us that last year's motto was to Secure the Unification Base. This year's motto is Safeguard the Unification Front. Why is this our new motto? The democratic world is the front line. Now it is in danger. The whole world is threatened by Communism. Christianity and Democracy are given the mission of inner and outer restoration from Communism. They are failing.

The Unification Church must protect Christianity and Democracy, and overcome Communism. Thus we have been working on two fronts: Church and anti-Communism. We must admit that our Church alone is the last unified front against Communism and Satan.

To achieve the last goals of providence we must succeed externally and internally. The internal is more important because it directly concerns God, whereas the external directly concerns man. We must put more emphasis on the providence

of God. Everything must be done through the central positions of the individual, family, tribe, nation, and finally the world. Our Church has been fighting to form individual, family, tribal, and national bases to safeguard each lesser level — the nation safeguards the tribe, the tribe safeguards the family, etc. Now we form new families and tribes, and are on our way to establishing a new nation. All members must establish a base on which we can perfect ourselves as individuals, families, and tribes. We should surpass Peter, James, and John in their missions in order to protect the True Father. We should also indemnify Joseph's family to protect the True Family. With success on the national level we protect the tribe of the Lord. God sees each member in our Church as a protector and supporter of our Leader.

Up to now, our True Father has had to pay the indemnity to protect our movement. Father considers that he has reached his limit in protecting the members and nations of the world. From now on we must protect him. In this way our Leader can "settle down"; only after our Leader settles down can the blessed couples do so.

With the restoration of three nations, the restoration of the world will come quickly. Master wants revival meetings to be held around the world and he is sending out world-wide revival teams. The purpose of this is to gain support from churches and form a protective ring around the Korean movement. Each nation has the purpose to restore the one central nation to God. This must be the primary goal of each nation, so we should not place "world restoration" as a direct goal until the one central nation has been restored.

These were the major points of our Master's talk. He spoke for nearly an hour and a half, then he led us in another prayer. After the prayer we stood and sang "Tong-il". It seemed as if we were no longer Washington, D.C. It was more like we were gathered somewhere in heaven, with the entire world outside our door. We sat at the foot of the throne of God and looked on with Him, with eager longing, for the salvation of man and the Kingdom of Heaven on earth. The whole neighborhood must have rocked as we belted out three Monsei cheers for the Unification Church. Next, Leader asked for people to sing. He mentioned that America was a melting pot of people from a variety of national origins. He then asked that those born in other countries or from families with foreign blood still strong in their veins to sing a song from their country. We had songs from South America, Japan, China, Ireland, Cuba, and Trinidad. And Jack Korthuis also serenaded our Parents.

For the grand finale, our Mother sang Korean folk songs, including one to the tune of the Battle Hymn of the Republic. Then Father came forward to sing a couple of Korean songs which told stories. His last song came off so well that he decided to sing it again. The building literally shook from the laughter as Father's voice would turn gruff to symbolize the hero or high and light to symbolize a female voice. What a fantastic life we will lead when we all unite with God! Let's pray that soon every day will be a "God's Day".

The rest of the weekend was taken up with the workshop. We were told that at the conclusion of the training we would take a test on what we had learned about the Principle. The results would be compared with those from the European Family. Our Leader said that whoever did especially well would get "special privileges". Father spoke to us several more times during the training. He spoke at 5:00 a.m. services; he talked Sunday evening about the urgency of the time our movement is in now and the consequences if we fail.

Monday afternoon and evening were very special. During the afternoon, Father talked on special witnessing techniques, while he demonstrated on David Kim, who was translating. Later he began outlining his plans for the restoration of the United States. We decided on sending a couple of buses containing revival teams across the country, and to have a center established in every state before the end of the year. We estimated the cost for these projects. To pay for this work will require much sacrifice from all our members, but the load will become lighter as our movement prospers from our effort.

God's Day weekend finally ended with our test. We were given two hours, and were warned that if we cheated we would be accused severely by the spirit world!

With God's Day weekend and all its training and exhortation and planning, there came a new awakening in the American movement. We are now working on a new and higher plane; the work we do now is 10 times more significant than it was a year ago. Indeed, President Kim even mentioned that this weekend marked the birth of the American Divine Principle Movement. Monsei!

TORONTO, LOS ANGELES, and DENVER had very good reports dealing with Center activities, workshops and witnessing programs; their reports will be printed in a future issue, where more space and attention can be given to them.

WASHINGTON

From the moment the pioneers left the Washington Center to assemble in New York, for "revival training," all attention has been on them and their activities. Now, two months later, the same is still true. We in Washington have considered it a great privilege to work alongside the pioneers, trying to match our efforts in Baltimore and Washington with theirs in New York and Philadelphia. The greatest privilege and blessing of all, though, has been having Our Leader in this country, guiding and directing us to new levels of commitment and responsibility. Each of us has in some way played a part in this monumental undertaking.

It has been on my mind for a number of days that always in the course of such an extensive project, there is important "behind the scenes" work that remains unnoticed. We didn't see much of David Carter or Ken Pope during our ticket-selling campaign, mainly because they were always in the print shop keeping the presses rolling practically day and night to meet our heavy demands. And they did a fine job.

The pioneers had only been selling tickets in New York for a few days when Washington Center commenced its ticket-selling campaign. We concentrated most of our energy in Baltimore because of the shortage of manpower there. For three weeks, we travelled to Baltimore every night at 6:00, usually arriving at assigned destinations an hour later and selling tickets door-to-door till 10:00. Then we'd all meet at the Baltimore Center or at Henry and Kay Hurt's home to give reports and get refreshments. Usually we arrived back in Washington at about midnight. Vivien Burley prepared delicious bagged dinners to eat while we were enroute to Baltimore. There were others, too, who planned, directed, and coordinated various activities, working many times after we got home late at night.

We in Washington would like to express what the past two months have meant to us. Many of us have written down our feelings, and Louise has selected some for printing, since in their own way they give an accurate report for Washington. I'm sure that some of the thoughts conveyed here were shared by many of you, so you'll understand the depth of feeling which may escape words.

Betsy Drapcho



Before the visit of our Leader, the family was a comfortable group of people -- of good feeling and love. The Principle was idealistic and well designed for some blueprint of the abstract future. During our Leader's visit the group was full of curiosity and confusion, but within a week a transformation occurred that exploded into a dynamic energy reaching out toward all corners of life. The Principle had gone from idealistic words to a fire of truth building a realism of purpose that is now. The sense of urgency swept over everyone and the forces of love and truth marched forward. The family is no longer a comfortable group hidden in the womb of idealism, but is now born into reality and growing strong at each moment. Today the United States -- tomorrow the world for God the Father.

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David McCleary

When our Leader talked to us those first few weeks in Washington, it was as if each night our spirits became stronger, renewed, revitalized. Then all knew again in a clear way why we were here, where we were going. We were so grateful, so determined, to live and die for a victory.

The night Father and Mother sat on the floor and played a game with us was so special. They were so human and so heavenly.

The pioneers were not Japanese or Koreans -- they were Americans set on fire for God. I felt so happy the day they left Washington for the West Coast. They beamed from the bus windows. I felt so grateful for each of them. How beautiful each one looked, especially Marlene. Our Parents felt proud.

Running with trays, guest bowls, rice, soup -- we were never quick enough to catch up with Mrs. Kim.

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Louise Schmidt, Barry Cohen, Lynne Doerfler, and I (Ron O'Keefe) went as a team to Baltimore to sell tickets for the revival. About the fourth night out, Louise and I were having a very difficult evening. We were in a rich neighborhood with long walks in between each house, and it was snowing. We ran out of houses in our area a bit early, and started back to the car to pray for Lynne and Barry. Lo and behold, fifteen minutes later as we finished our prayer, Lynne and Barry came romping up to the car with big smiles on their faces. Lynne was saying "Incredible, just incredible", and similar things. It turned out that in the last house they went to lived an elderly couple who had been missionaries in Korea for fifty years, and their daughter, who knew of our Leader from Arthur Ford, pulled out a book to demonstrate it -- Unknown but Known. They sold three tickets, which was half the total for the whole center that evening. When Lynne and Barry had calmed down after telling their fascinating story, they asked, "And how did you do?" Louise and I looked at each other and Louise said, "Well, we paid the indemnity." (Note: The couple were the parents of Dr. Pyke, a Professor at Wesley Theological Seminary, who has had Miss Kim speak to his class. The couple did not know this at the time.)

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Ron O'Keefe

It was interesting that both in New York and Washington, two very important cities of our Master's revival tour, the weather -- either heavy snow or rain -- provided a real challenge to everyone concerned. Of course, Family members had become used to selling tickets in any kind of weather by the time of the Washington revivals. But many of the people who had bought tickets, feeling they would like to come, were faced with a real obstacle when the first night of the Washington revival came around. In order to come to Lisner Auditorium, where our Master was speaking, they would have to bundle up against the swirling snow and brave the icy roads. So I believe that the people who actually came to hear our Master on such days as these were not fair-weather friends, but sincerely interested people who were willing to overcome a "condition of indemnity" (unknown to them as such) in order to hear Mr. Moon, an unknown spiritual teacher, speak. Even one lecture could be for them their vital link with God's work of today. This reminds me very much of my own experiences, and those of many other members, in meeting the Principle for the first time. I could so easily have stayed home, for one reason or another, on the day that I by chance was approached by some Family members.

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Barbara Ream

In Baltimore we handed a flier to a guy who we found out was in the process of stealing a car. In Washington I tried to sell a candle to a guy who was doing his best to convince me that candles were against his doctor's orders because of his terrible gastro-intestinal pains. Then there was the man who shouted in outrage, "Sun Mieyoung Moon! The new Messiah and you! Who are you people, anyway?" There was the pleasant fellow who opened his door for me and released a 175 pound lean and hungry German Shepherd. Then there was that whole block of beautiful people next to Loyola College where we sold three tickets in about fifteen minutes. These past three months have been the most interesting of my life! I've been in the Family about 2 months and 25 days. This Unification Church -- this is a strange church.

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Mike Beard

The events of the last few months seem like a dream in retrospect. To me, the impressions positive and negative lived in the activities. Bag lunches, cold fingers and toes, all strengthened determination to fulfill what we were doing -- ticket selling. The day-to-day happenings seem distant but the results are very clear in my mind. I developed a love for Baltimore and a good feeling of going somewhere. Tiredness faded and the inertia of action made petty worries insignificant.

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One of the most precious nights here in Washington was Christmas eve. After hearing a short talk on Jesus, we sang carols for our True Parents as they ate dinner. Father, for the first time here, began to react to individuals -- he suggested new hairdos, glasses, and different ways of walking. His concern was so detailed -- it was mind-blowing; a few moments before he had been talking about Cosmic restoration, thinking of the whole world -- and beyond. He never tires, and true to style, instead of going to bed we all went to see the White House Christmas tree, after they opened their stockings.

At the White House, a group of kids was singing for fun on the stage that was set up. We joined them on some songs, and finally sang "Christ Is Here" for

them and our True Parents, who sat in the first row. Quite a crowd gathered. After the lights went out, we formed a semi-circle around our True Parents and continued singing for them. Funny, no one felt cold. It was a perfect Christmas.

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Probably one of the greatest events in the life of our family will be that we bought those wonderful buses. Someone should be congratulated for the choice. The trip to New York was beyond words. After all, sub-freezing weather should always be greeted with an ill-equipped bus -- no heater. We may push our way into history. Better yet, we may find ourselves frozen in place. Somehow God puts up with us.

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I think that I was most impressed by our Leader's life style -- the way he moved from one activity to another with a poise and ease of a most cultured individual. For instance, when on the morning of his birthday he became aware that after pledge and hearing him talk for two hours, people were quite weary, he told seven people to go upstairs and bring down the seven dishes of candy that had been part of his birthday offering to Father. As the dishes passed from hand to hand, a seven-tiered birthday cake appeared in the midst of a group of individuals pushing their way from the back. After the traditional songs, we all had slices of birthday cake for breakfast and listened to entertainment. This heavenly birthday party was so unusual and yet so natural -- and yet, this ease of living and smooth tempo of activity is merely the standard for the heavenly world. But it was certainly a strange birthday party.

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Regis Hanna

Mr. William McKaye, Religion Editor of the Washington Post, conducted an interview with Leader on February 14 and 15, 1972, (Young Whi Kim was interpreter.) Mr. McKaye was very sincere and was treated so by Leader. In the car (Joseph and I were with McKaye) McKaye was musing about there being something communicated by Leader's presence. I gave my testimony of having communication with Leader and Jesus in spirit. He was deeply and sincerely impressed. On the phone later, he asked me to keep in touch with him. He wanted to go to Frederick to cover that story, but the large group had left when I called him.

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Pat Hannan

How can I say it? To help pioneer the spiritual frontier in this country has been a most treasurable experience, one that will never be forgotten and one that I feel certain will be passed from generation to generation; not only by me but by the hundreds who helped make the "Revivals" the success that they have been. Master has made me desire the coming of the heavenly kingdom -- a much, much more intense desire than ever I had, even in the few months prior to the "Revivals". The ticket selling boosted my confidence in reaching people, the talks gave me a feeling of boundless energy and the ideas for the future a spine-tingling sensation that we're going to win this country for God and our True Parents.

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Betsy Drapcho

Since Master came to Washington, I know every individual has become more aware of our movement's mission in this country, of its immediate urgency, and of our individual and collective responsibility. I think we all felt a personal relationship grow with Leader while he was here and wanted so much for him to stay here; he brought a clearer vision with him of the Kingdom and when he left, we all felt the responsibility he was leaving with us. I had the fantastic luck to serve Mother while Father was in New York, and she was here ill. Being around her and Mrs. Choi was very enlightening in the sense of making the Divine Principle more real to me. Having the pioneers here for a while also brought us closer to God. We can begin now -- to be one with our True Parents. I feel like the heavenly or paradiselike pentecost is upon us. I feel the desire and the necessity to work extremely hard, to follow the example of our Leader and to become one with him; to experience what the pioneers have experienced in giving everything and stretching ourselves out of old recognition. I feel like God is telling us what to do, which is more for me than I had thought about before consciously. It was a good experience trying to help Mrs. Choi and Mrs. Kim in the kitchen. They worked so hard and intensely, giving me a new view of what our 5% is.

It was great working in Frederick to help collect money for the broken pioneer bus. Of course I learned more about the pioneer spirit from the three that were there. I pray that this spirit grabs our home centers as deeply. When I went door-to-door asking help, I decided to sing a small verse and then explain who I was, and what I was doing. It was scary to do and was a condition for people to give who might not have otherwise. I watched one woman go from completely negative to a very warm spirit and she gave a contribution of a quarter.

We have grown in numbers, and since our Leader has come, we have grown in spiritual capacity. We must fulfill this capacity.

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Joan Dorfman

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MISSIONARY BEGS FOR CASH TO FIX BUS by Tom Ferraro

Caption: STRANDED -- Mike Richardson, a missionary with the Unification Church, panhandles on a Frederick street corner to raise money to fix his church's bus which broke down here recently. He needs \$2,300 to get the bus back on the road again. His church is based in Washington, D.C.

FREDERICK -- "All people are our brothers", boomed Mike Richardson, a missionary with the Washington based Unification Church, as he panhandled here Wednesday at the corner of North Market and Church streets.

A fast-walking old woman sneered, "Why don't you go home."

Richardson, unperturbed, kept on rattling off his church's philosophy, while at the same time seeking hand-outs.

He and two fellow missionaries are trying to raise money to repair one of the church's buses. It broke down here last Tuesday while some 75 congregation members were enroute to California.

They need about \$2,300 to fix their diesel bus. So far, from street donations and contributions from local civic groups, Richardson said they've raised over \$800.

Richardson said this weekend they'll take a loan for the remainder of the money and then continue their trip.

The other members left last week in a second bus and borrowed cars.

He explained they're going across the country holding talks and revivals ... trying to bring people closer to Christ.

Richardson, 24, a native of California, stood erect at the corner holding a red and white sign which read: "STRANDED ... Mission Bus Team ... Please help with repairs." The small box at his feet contained a one dollar bill and some change.

Some pedestrians walked by ignoring him; others gave him a curious glance; a few gave him coin donations and a couple razzled him.

"This is a con game ... right?" a businessman needled. "You're just trying to soak us for some money ... right?"

The man asked, "If you're from Washington, why don't you call your father to pick you up. Why don't I give you a dime so you can make the call and get out of here."

Richardson said his father wasn't in Washington, but he'd take the dime as a contribution anyway.

The man shrugged "Oh, no", turned around and walked away.

The Unification Church was founded in Korea in 1954. It has spread through the Orient and began in America in 1960, Richardson explained.

Their basic precept is the attempt to unify all churches and people of the world in "preparation for the return of Christ", he said.

The church believes America is the chosen country to lead the rest of the world towards God. He said this must be done both "spiritually and materially ... we must help other people meet their basic needs", he said.

The church is strongly anti-communist, Mike said, "because of their denial of the existence of Christ."

Richardson's words touched many people.

A woman pressed a dollar in his hand. A motorist called him over and gave him a handful of change.

"There's a beautiful person", he said thankfully.

Despite occasional harassment, Mike insists Frederic has been a great town to his church. When the bus broke down, the National Guard here permitted them to stay at the Armory. He said Mayor E. Paul Magaha and Police Chief Charles V. Main gave him permission to ask for donations on the street.

"This is a fantastic little town with wonderful people", he said. "A lot of people are spiritually together here."

REFLECTIONS ON OUR LEADER

Ken Weber, Washington

How should I address him? Should I call him Leader? No, he's more than our Leader. How about Master? Yes ... but no. He is our Master, but to address him as Master would not tell him how much I love him. How then should I address him? What way would tell him what is in my heart? What way would tell him of my love for him? He is so much like a Father to us all.

... Father ...

Yes, of course ... Father.

It was just over a year ago that I sat spellbound, listening to the conclusion of the Principle: "The New Age has now dawned. The Lord of the Second Advent will reign over heaven and earth with divine truth and fatherly love, and his kingdom will live forever. Do you have any questions?"

The only question I had was one that I was unable to ask out loud: "How can I find out if this man is really the Lord of the Second Advent?" The answer came to me over a series of months. "Study the Principle. Observe the members of the Family. Take part in the Family activities. Learn to give of yourself." Slowly I realized the truth of the Principle because of the love in the Family. The people in the Family came to be like my parents, helping me to grow and helping me to express my love. It was through them that I came to love the True Parents; it was through them that I came to know how much our True Parents love us.

Now they are here -- our True Father and our True Mother. When Father speaks, he speaks with love for us, his children; he speaks about the urgency of the present time and what our responsibilities are now and in the future; and he speaks about how he is disappointed that we haven't grown more than we have.

He speaks of how he will personally sacrifice for us, taking on persecution for us, to help us grow and fulfill our mission. But why? Why must he continue to sacrifice for us? Haven't we depended on him long enough? Isn't it time that we grew into responsible adults so that he can depend on us? Can we honestly say to him, "Father, give us responsibility. You can trust us."

Yet his love is so great. He will look at us and smile, his eyes will sparkle, and he will embrace us with his love. Then he will ask one of us to get up and sing. After that he will ask others, and we realize that it doesn't matter if we sing out of tune, as long as we sing with our whole hearts. When we finish, he smiles at us and says, "Thank you." Then he gets up and sings -- sometimes he sings a happy song that makes us laugh, and other times he sings a song that shows his whole heart.

Now, he stands silently before us. He is looking from person to person ... searching. Now he is pointing to certain individuals, saying, "You ... and you ... Yes, and you ... Go out and bring my lost children to me. Go to all fifty

states and gather my lost children together, and bring them to me. I am giving you responsibilities. Can I trust you?"

What is our answer? "Yes."

But he asks us to repeat our answer, and we shout, "Yes!"

He looks at us and smiles. "Then go out and do it", he whispers. After a final prayer, he looks at us a few moments longer. Then he says "Good night", and goes back upstairs.

Yet, as each of us goes to bed, we realize that he is not sleeping. He will continue working and planning until late into the night; he may not sleep at all tonight. Tomorrow and the day after tomorrow will be the same; he never quits.

How do we show our love to a Father like this? How do we show our appreciation for all that he has done for us?