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Family Federation, a Repeat of New York, 1976... Nongovernmental Diplomacy and Relations between the Republic of Korea and America

Family Federation for World Peace and Unification celebrates the 40th anniversary of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon's Yankee Stadium Rally in New York. 3,000 people, including Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, VIP, religious leaders, etc. are in attendance.

On June 1, 1976, 50,000 people gathered at Yankee Stadium. 40 years ago, Rev. Sun Myung Moon emphasized, "Pure, true families are important for this nation of America, which is God's hope." He pointed out that "if the threat of the Communist Party and the breakdown of the morals of the youth are not stopped, there will be no hope for America." He said, "I came as America's doctor and fireman." Weekly magazine Newsweek featured a picture of Rev. Moon on the cover of its June 14th issue, leading to Rev. Moon becoming the figure of the year.

Rev. and Mrs. Moon reminisced, "God left America with a cautionary warning. He warned that if murder and rape, conflict between White and Black people, corruption of the youth, the increase of selfish individualism, the issue of the Communism and religious conflict are not reconciled, there will be no hope for this nation. It seems like just yesterday that we were walking down 5th Avenue in Manhattan, New York, shedding tears as we grasped onto God, who was leaving America. We worked endlessly to resolve the issues that faced America, such as collapse of the family, sexual immorality, decadence of the youth, decline of morality, etc."

Rev. Sun Myung Mon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon began missionary work in America in 1960. At a time of severe racial discrimination and ideological bias, they worked to promote the values of family and society. At the beginning of their missionary providence, they purchased the Belvedere training center and East Garden in New York and turned them into Holy Grounds. The Belvedere training center was the location of Rev. and Mrs. Moon's numerous meetings with world leaders and a center of discussion regarding the importance of peace and America's path.

As the response from Americans increased, the Family Federation turned its eyes to the cultural industry. The New Yorker Hotel, the first modern hotel on the main street in Manhattan, was purchased in 1976 and served as the central axis of international missionary work. Manhattan Center and the New Yorker Hotel, standing among the tallest buildings in the world in 1930, were the pride of America. In front of

the buildings stood Pennsylvania Station, the central Amtrak Railroad connecting New York and the rest of America. Korea Town is also a close five-minute walk.



The Family Federation advanced into the fields of education and media in America. It purchased the University of Bridgeport in Connecticut and founded The Washington Times Newspaper in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, who spread the Family Federation providence with Rev. Moon during 370 speeches and rallies in 120 nations over the last 40 years, stated, “America is a nation that God prepared and blessed. Along with Korea and Japan, America is the third axis that was full of passion during the early years of Family Federation. This New York rally will revive the Family Federation to raise the values of family and religion.”

Tongil Group PR Director Ho-Yeol An explained, “The core philosophy behind the businesses of the Family Federation are the 3 F’s: freedom, family and faith. The White House has also acknowledged the role of the Family Federation. Generations of presidents from both Republican and Democratic Parties, from President Richard Nixon to President Barack Obama, have either met Rev. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon or sent a congratulatory message to Family Federation’s events.

The Family Federation and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon’s visit to America had a positive influence on the relationship between the two nations. This is because we are in a very sensitive time involving the North Korean nuclear issue and Donald Trump’s possible presidency.