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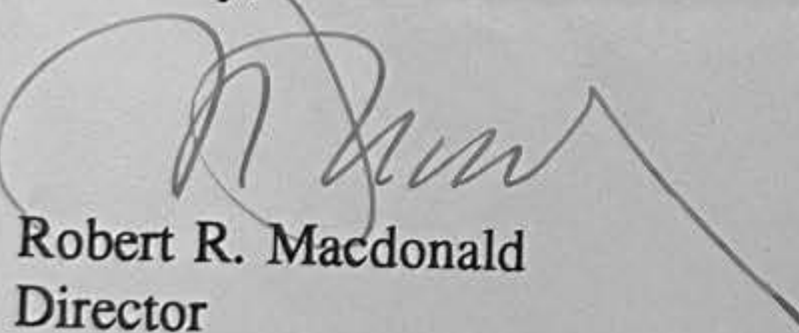
Mr. and Mrs. Jonathan Gullery
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Dear Mr. and Mrs. Gullery:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Museum of the City of New York, I want to thank you for your generous donation to the Museum's Costume Collection. Your gift enhances the quality of the Museum's holdings and strengthens this institution's ability to develop its collections as an important learning resource for New York and the nation. Your donation will be placed in the permanent collections, where it will be available for research and exhibition. Without the generosity of donors such as yourself, the Museum would be unable to carry out its mission established more than seventy-three years ago.

Thank you, again, for thinking of the Museum of the City of New York.

Sincerely,



Robert R. Macdonald
Director

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STYLE

BY HOLLY BRUBACH

If the booming state of the bridal industry is any indication, many women are still inclined to view their wedding day as the most important day of their lives. I wonder how many men would say the same. Certainly, there is a disparity at work in the clothes: the bride takes the stage in a one-of-a-kind, once-in-a-lifetime dress, while the groom, more often than not, is outfitted in a mere suit or a rented tuxedo.

"New York Gets Married: Dressing for a Special Day, 1765-1997," a delightful exhibition on view through Sept. 21 at the Museum of the City of New York, brings together some 250 items of wedding attire and other related memorabilia that constitute the elaborate culture surrounding the ritual of matrimony. There are the chased-gold bracelets that Boss Tweed gave his daughter as a wedding present, in 1871, as well as the Pierrepont family wedding veil, worn by 21 brides, and the menu for Consuelo Vanderbilt's reception, at Sherry's. Among the dresses, including designs by Worth and Balenciaga, are a hand-tucked silk gauze gown worn in 1908 by a bride from Weeksville, a Bedford-Stuyvesant community settled by freed slaves, and a peau de soie dress made from a Simplicity pattern for one of 2,075 brides married by the Rev. Sun Yung Moon at Madison Square Garden in 1982. Phyllis Magidson, the show's curator, singles out the gown worn by Sarah Chandler Havemeyer, the daughter of a New York City Mayor, in 1856: in it, Magidson says, we see codified the basic elements of what has come to be the bridal vocabulary — much of it harking back to Queen Victoria's example, 16 years before.

Seed pearls, satin ribbons, tulle, orange blossoms and lace are still in effect, although their appeal now lies primarily in their power to evoke a time when marriage was for life,

with no recourse and no remedy. Touring "New York Gets Married," you can't help wondering whether the jubilant newlyweds represented by these personal souvenirs

Wedding Belles

eventually succumbed to the odds and the statistics that attest to our widespread failed attempts at true love. Time and again, we fall short of the fairy tales' last, resounding line. More striking and, finally, more poignant than the artifacts themselves is their almost palpable emotional weight — the extent to which they have been invested with the fervent hope of permanence and with the frail conviction that in this celebrated endeavor two lives would be complete. ■



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MEDIA ALERT!

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Date: May 14, 1997

New York Gets Married: Dressing for a Special Day, 1765 - 1997

Reception and Press Preview: Tuesday, May 20, 1997, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

On View: May 21 - September 21, 1997



The Wedding Day of Stephanie and Brian Werther, October 20, 1996. Mary Adele Photography, N. Y. C.

New York Gets Married: Dressing for a Special Day, 1765 - 1997, on view at the Museum of the City of New York from May 21 - September 21, 1997, reveals the spirit, splendor, and diversity of the marriages of New Yorkers over the last three centuries. It is an exhibition that reflects the values, style, and traditions of the bride and groom and their families, who have come to New York from all ports of departure, bringing with them their unique histories and hopes for the future. Through the display of clothing, accessories, memorabilia, photographs, and decorative arts objects, myriad New York City wedding events are featured.

As you enter, a three-tiered platform decorated as a wedding cake, designed by New York wedding cake designer Gail Watson, greets you with a display of eighteen of the forty wedding garments dating from 1765 through today. From the debutante daughters of upper crust New York families who were escorted to the couture establishments of Worth, Doucet and Rouff in Paris to the less privileged families who had to rely on their own sewing skill or shops that "knocked off" the designs of the originals, *New York Gets Married* offers some of the best dresses and best dressed through history. From the Simplicity pattern gown chosen by Reverend and Mrs. Moon worn by 2,075 brides at the Unification Church Holy Wedding held at Madison Square Garden to the Yumi Katsura 1997 "bridal evening dress," remarkable for its lack of traditional modesty, the exhibition captures the fervor of the contemporary wedding scene as well.

New York Gets Married: All Around the Town

New York is a city of landmarks – of fabulous architecture and fabled settings. Betrothed couples have always had a wide choice of memorable locales in which to hold their weddings. In recent decades, as social rules have relaxed and conventions have been challenged and overturned, New Yorkers have been tying the knot all over town. Their reasons for choosing a setting are as varied as the styles of their weddings and wedding attire.

Wedding Dress, 1969

Pleated arnel

Gift of Martin Snyder, 72.71a

Worn by Judith Acosta at her marriage to Paul Brno in Central Park near the Shakespeare Castle on May 4, 1969.

"It was a long time ago," the groom recalls, "the Age of Aquarius and all that. I wore a black Edwardian suit that I bought on eighth Street. I looked like a cross between Hamlet and one of the Beatles. The park just seemed like a good idea at the time—so much nicer than being married in some stuffy old church. An actor friend of mine performed the ceremony. He read something from Sidhartha. I think it was legal. It was a beautiful day and thousands of hippies were hanging out on the Great Lawn, so they came. Love was everywhere."

The marriage was annulled a year later.

Wedding Dress, 1982

Peau de soie with contrasting lace sleeves

Gift of Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Gullery, 96.94.lab

Worn by Debby Decenso Gullery as one of 2,075 brides married at the Unification Church Holy Wedding held at Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982

"We feel—personally and as Unificationists—that a healthy marriage and family are the cornerstone of a good society. Getting married at Madison Square Garden, along with all those other couples, was a larger statement of that to the world.

"We were matched by Reverend Moon about a year and a half before the ceremony. It was done very personally really; it's not like he just takes forty people and makes twenty couples of them. He has a great deal of spiritual insight. If you saw some of the couples that were married with us, you'd be surprised at how well-suited they seem. Even though they might be black and white or German and Jewish, for example, somehow, they're very similar."

(Caption for picture)

"All the brides wore the same dress, made from a Simplicity pattern chosen by Reverend and Mrs. Moon. A lot of the girls made their own dresses. If they wanted to put a little something on it to personalize it, they could."

Ribbon Cockade, satin screened to read *World Peace Through Ideal Families/Unification Church Holy Wedding Madison Square Garden July 1, 1982*

MADISON SQUARE GARDEN.

July 1, 2007

Dear Anniversary Couples,

Since it first opened its doors in 1879, Madison Square Garden has embraced generations of people who come to express their pride and passion for teams, athletes, performers, and statesmen. As one of America's most famous landmarks, the Garden has also hosted many unique and festive events, one of which you (2075 couples in all!) had the great joy to be a part of on July 1, 1982.

That day, you were united in marriage by Reverend and Mrs. Moon and twenty-five years later, you join in celebrations around the world to commemorate 25 years of marriage.

Congratulations to you as you mark your silver wedding anniversary and with all best wishes for continued happiness and many more anniversary celebrations!

Cara Taback
VP, Communications
Madison Square Garden

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T.V. CLIPS

DATE July 1, 1982
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LOCATION New York City
PROGRAM 10 O'Clock News

ACCOUNT NUMBER 4430

John Roland reporting:

There was a massive wedding in our town. Moon performed it, and picked the brides and grooms.

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Roland: Still ahead, the Reverend Moon beaming as more than four thousand of his followers all said, "We do."

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Roland: Some people got married in Manhattan today, and if one of the men should ever forget his anniversary he can always pick up the phone and ask any one of two thousand seventy-four other grooms. We're talking about a big wedding here. They all got married on the same day in the same place, Madison Square Garden. There was a Moonie wedding, the biggest in history.

Anthony Prisorndorf reporting:

Marriages weren't exactly made in heaven, or like if they were arranged about a week ago across the street in the Unification Church Headquarters. In view for an hour, the unbroken procession of young men and women, all colors, sizes and shapes from fifty-four countries, filed into Madison Square Garden amid recorded pomp and circumstance. The president of the Unification Church, as proud as any poppa on this special day, said no expense was spared, but the church spent a million and a half dollars on this lavish and record-breaking mass wedding. The Unification Church likes to do things, after all, on a cosmic scale. Seven years ago they broke a mass marriage record when eighteen hundred couples were joined in holy wedlock in Seoul, South Korea. All of the brides wore white, today, same white gowns, and the same bouquets. All of the grooms two thousand seventy-five in all, wore red ties, white shirts and identical blue suits, the patriotic garb that has become their uniform, and just to make sure they're good and married in the eyes of the temporal law, the Reverend Moon was registered last week, as a duly authorized minister here in

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Recipe for conjugal bliss

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Several weeks ago that enigmatic religious personality, the Rev. Mr. Sun Myung Moon, made the headlines, but not for offering newspaper editors free trips to the Orient or brainwashing the young or getting convicted for income tax schmuggy. On this occasion the remarkable Korean clergyman united 2,035 of his female adherents to 2,035 of his male adherents in holy matrimony. At least let us hope they were blessed from above.

What is more amazing is that it was said that the matching up of bride and groom was done by Mr. Moon, that in a number of instances, future man and future wife had not met before and some of them did not even speak the same language, some being Korean and some American. Even in a time when people will try almost anything to meet a vaguely eligible spouse this is unusual. It beats Mr. Goodbar, it beats swingles condominiums, it beats putting ads in the New York Review or any of the other hundreds of publications where sensitive W-F seeks to meet W-M, 30 to 40, interested in art, long walks in the country and self-realization.

The reason it beats them all is that it yokes people without regard to love and affection. It utterly violates the foundation of 20th century American middle-class marriage which, if it is nothing else — and frequently it is nothing else — is intimate, affectionate and sexually satisfying. Writing in the late 1920s, William F. Ogborn, one of the early systematic students of marriage, remarked that "affection rather than the law provides the matrimonial foundation in which we have the right to place confidence. People do not marry with less craving for affection than formerly but with more. The fact that there are fewer motives for marrying at all except this desire to join in the fellowship of love makes modern

Nicholas Von Hoffman

ing of the nuptial couch but also, evidently, a slackening of communications between husband and wife, a turning of what was once a union into something more like a walking on uninspired parallel paths.

As marriages have failed we have invented any number of expedients to save them or at least ourselves. For a time we had the open, or swinging, marriage but today only satyrs and optimists put much faith in that. We have conjured into existence whole professions devoted to resuscitating our deflated unions. We have marriage counselors and sex therapists in countless numbers. At length many of us are reconciling ourselves to the marriage serialism, a succession of spouses. We are explaining to ourselves that marriages in the old days only lasted 10 or 15 years because of the high death rates.

But maybe the Rev. Moon has the germ of an idea. Don't marry for love; marry for longevity. Persons might pick each other not for passion but for a quieter sort of compatibility. Certainly a marriage entered into by two people who, without an excess of romantic passion, would like to be long term partners, is a marriage that could be discussed and arranged more sensibly beforehand than one in which the partners are blinded by love and made stupid by lust.

A marriage of convenience might last long and wear better because it wasn't built on unreasonable expectations. Love of the more breathy sort is immortal only if the lovers die young. Had Romeo and Juliet lived to see the far side of 40, they would have become the principal players in a Woody Allen domestic farce.



The Unification Church

Corporate Name:

The Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity (HSA-UWC)

July 1, 1982

Dear Parents and Friends,

On behalf of the 4000 people from 70 nations who are today receiving the marriage blessing, I thank you for being here to share with them the joy, the beauty, and the great promise of this day. The happiness and hope of a couple at their wedding is magnified in our midst more than 2000-fold. An international community of faithful couples, dedicated to loving God, mankind, and one another, is coming to birth today.

As a parent, I too know the happiness of seeing my child's happiness. As a friend I rejoice in the joy of my friends. As a member of the Unification Church, I am moved by the outpouring of God's love that has enabled this historical ceremony to take place, and has made it a concrete step toward "World Peace through Ideal Families."

Thank you again. May God bless you all.

Sincerely yours,

Mose Durst

Mose Durst, Ph.D.
President



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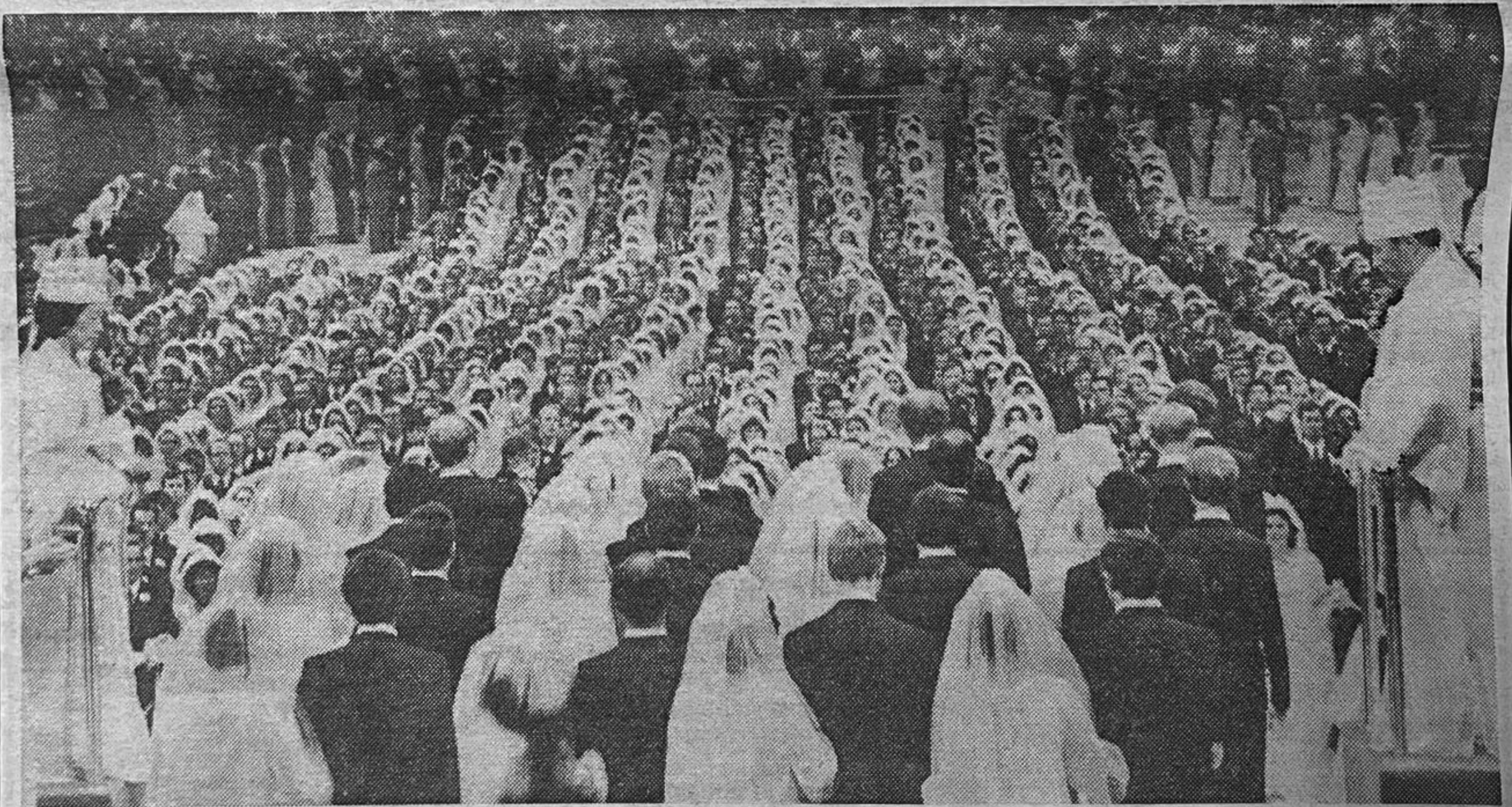
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Sunny, near 80. Details p. 29

COPS PULL 'SLOWDOWN'

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The honeymoonies. Madison Square Garden is packed with brides and grooms as 4,150 are united in communal wedding by the Rev. Sun Myung Moon (r.). That's his wife at left. It was the largest mass marriage in history but not everyone was happy. A bride-to-be was allegedly abducted by her parents two days ago. **Page 3; other pictures in centerfold**

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The Boss & Winfield trade new barbs
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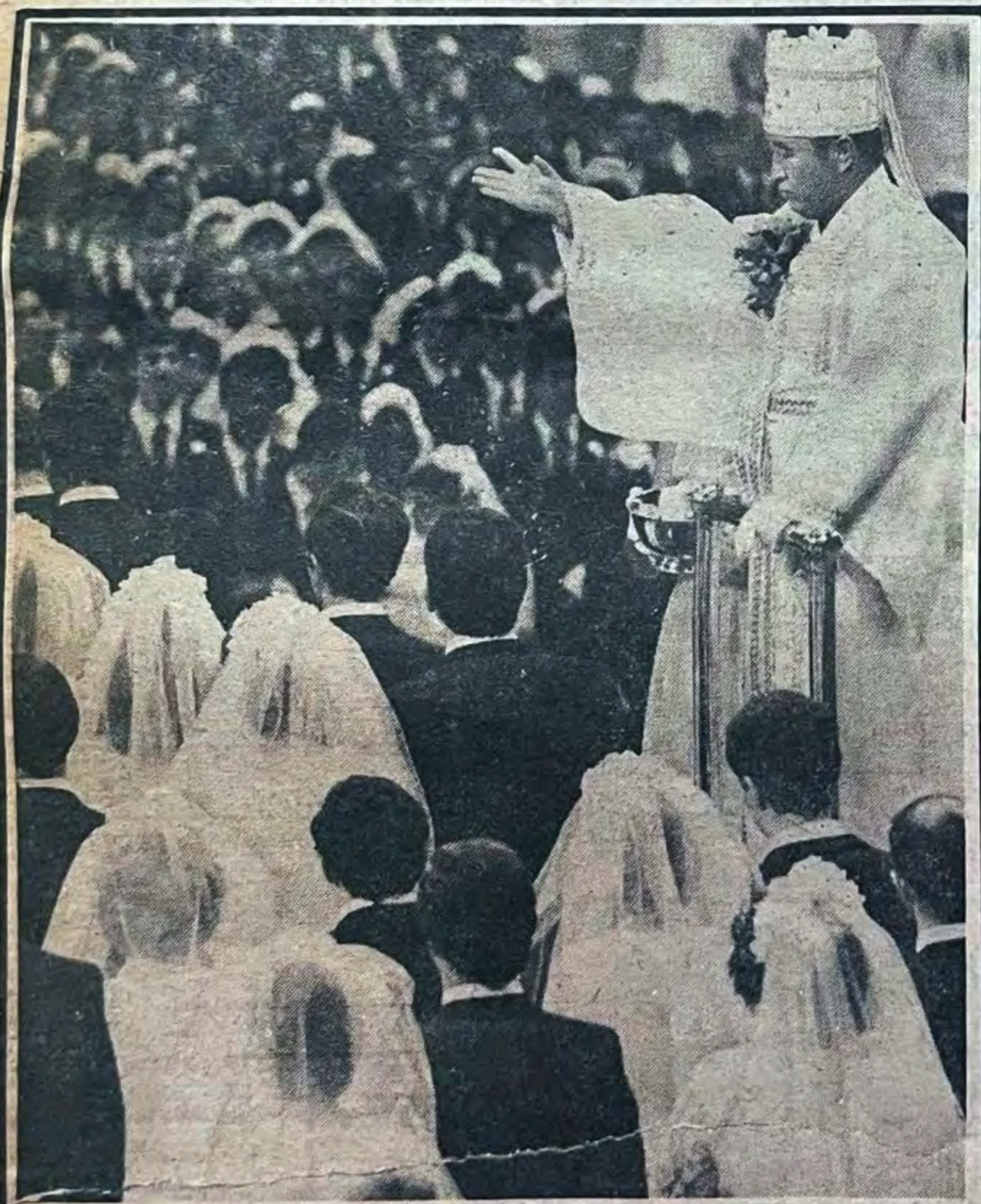
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Honeymoonies say they do, but they can't

THE Rev. Sun Myung Moon, a crown on his head, presides over the biggest mass wedding in history as more than 4000 Moonies exchanged vows yesterday at Madison Square Garden. The Rev. Moon's strict orders prevent the couples from being lovers from anywhere from 40 days to three years after the ceremony. PAGE THREE.

Police swoop on Capitol sin palace

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Tigers jump on Clear for two runs in ninth inning, defeat Red Sox

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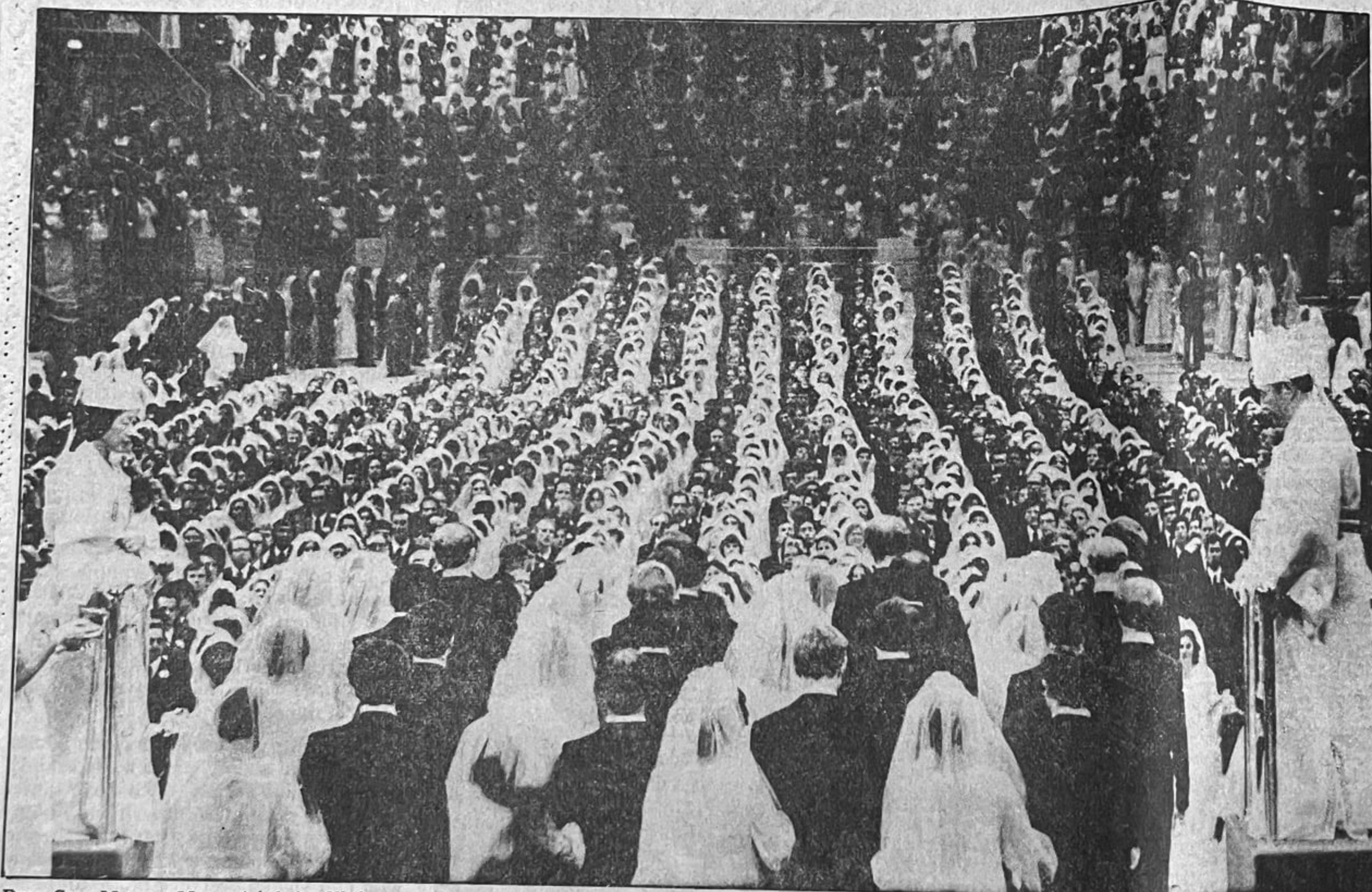
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Rev. Sun Myung Moon (right) officiates at largest mass wedding in history, joining 2075 couples in marriage at ceremony yesterday in New York's Madison Square Garden. Brides, each dressed in white satin gown and lace veil, and grooms, all wearing blue suits with red

ties and white gloves, are members of Moon's Unification Church and represent about 70 nations. Some 6000 relatives and friends of the principals attended service which Moon conducted in his native Korean. Woman standing at left is Moon's wife, Hak Ja Han. UPI PHOTO

Senate pushes tax

By David Rogers
Globe Staff

WASHINGTON — A publican majority on the Finance Committee pressed toward approval of a tax package affecting corporate interest, excise charges and telephone service.

Over the next three years, the proposed new tax package would raise \$98.4 billion in revenue, a major stumbling block for the committee chairman, who began to push through the provisions in a series of calls that began in June.

The Kansas Republican received his most serious setback with a 12-7 defeat on a vote to hold 10 percent of dividend income, which are withheld from corporations. In 1983, this would raise \$4.2 billion of new revenue from the package. Dole won a party caucus last week, raising hopes of salvaging the package.

The defeat came as Democrats beat back Democratic amendments seeking to cut personal income tax rates to take effect next year. With few exceptions,

Invasion stalls US West Bank plan

By William Beecher
Globe Staff

WASHINGTON — At the very moment Israel invaded Lebanon, a

ern Europe to brief America's allies on the new plan.

But the whole project was suddenly put on hold, pending the end of the war in Lebanon, and an an-

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4,000 Members of Unification Church Married in Mass Ceremony

At Madison Square Garden, newly married couples filed past the Rev. Sun Myung Moon and his wife, Hak Ja Han, who sprinkled them with water. The Korean church leader officiated over the ceremony for 2,075 couples. Page B1.

COURT SAYS SCHOOL CANNOT BAR MEN

Policy of a State-Run Nursing
Program Unconstitutional

New York Traffic Deaths Decline; City Ending Enforcement Program

By PETER KIHSS

There were 101 fewer traffic deaths in New York City in the first six months of this year than in the same period in 1981, a 27.5 percent reduction. The police say the reduction was attributable, lights, 34,722 for disobeying signs, 1,240 for failure to yield to pedestrians, 1,283 for improper turns and 22,307 for all other moving violations, such as failing to give signals or making improper lane

Lebanon Quandaries

Talks on the P.L.O. Bog Down in Beirut

By THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN
Special to The New York Times

BEIRUT, Lebanon, July 1 — The negotiations for a peaceful settlement of the Lebanon crisis are mired in the no man's land between failure and success. Many people here wonder whether an agreement can ever be worked out.

For a week the Palestine Liberation Organization has been engaged in a confusing muddle of negotiations with the Lebanese Government — and through it with the United States and Israel — about the P.L.O.'s future, if any, in Lebanon.

A Continued Presence

At first, would-be mediators and countless unnamed sources suggested that the P.L.O. was ready to pack up its arms and take a Saudi jetliner, Soviet steamship or Red Cross bus to a more hospitable Arab capital. All that was supposedly needed was a formula to allow the P.L.O. to execute the move with its pride intact.

In the last 24 hours, however, it has become evident that the P.L.O. is not trying to negotiate an honorable exit from Beirut but is trying to negotiate instead a military and political presence here under the authority of the Lebanese Government.

P.L.O. officials contend that every day that passes puts them in a stronger bargaining position with the Lebanese Government, thanks to some recent Israeli mistakes and growing disagreements between Lebanese Moslems and Christians.

Playing for Time

The P.L.O. officials admit they are playing for time, counting on domestic pressure on the Begin Government and warnings from Washington to restrain the Israeli Army from assaulting the Palestinian guerrillas trapped among the 500,000 residents of west Beirut.

If their strategy is wrong, it could prove politically humiliating at best and fatal at worst.

It may strike some as incredible that the P.L.O., surrounded by a large army

Begin Aides Work Over Lengthy R

By JAMES M. MARKHAM
Special to The New York Times

JERUSALEM, July 1 — While the outcome of the siege of west Beirut is becoming apparent that troops are going to have to reoccupy Lebanon for some time to guarantee political achievements of the invasion.

News Analysis

In Washington and Jerusalem there is much talk of the need for a strong and stable government to extend its control over the country once the Palestinians have been disarmed or destroyed as a fighting force. But seven years of involvement, have left the Government, and its army a ruin.

No Abrupt Withdrawal

Prime Minister Menachem Begin and other Israeli officials insist they have no designs on Lebanon, and Israeli military men say their soldiers can be home soon.

But in the same breath, Israeli officials recognize that a pullout would leave Lebanon a chaotic, possibly permitting the Liberation Organization to reassert its power.

"The big question as far as concerned is whether the Lebanese are capable of having a strong government," said Chaim Herzog, a former delegate to the United Nations and a Member of Parliament.

Mr. Herzog, who, like many other politicians and officials, has spent time in Lebanon in the last month, asked his own question: "I have often asked myself: 'I have often asked myself: 'It's a medieval state of barbarism.'"

A Christian Warlord

Bypassing the remnants of the Begin Government, the Israeli Government increasingly made it clear that it would consider the mainly Christian Forces of Bashir Gemayel, an old warlord, to be the best hope for bringing Lebanon back together.

Since absorbing the Ch

