

## Fourth Annual European Conference in Holland

Teddy Verheyen  
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### **Friday, 14th July:**

In the course of Friday the delegates arrived at the Leeuwenhorst Congress Center. The European countries were represented by their national leaders: Austria, Denmark, England, Eire, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Holland, Italy, Luxembourg, Norway, Spain, Sweden and Switzerland. The national leaders of the non-European countries, Indonesia, Iran, Israel, Lebanon and South Africa had been invited but were not able to attend the conference due to the long distance of travel. The representatives of Belgium and Turkey had wired that they were not able to attend the conference because of unsurmountable difficulties. About ten to fifteen members each of the British and Dutch families also came to the conference.

The Conference Center was a modern building, designed as a seminar for Catholic priests. However, since there are so few seminarians today, the building is rented out as a conference center. The accommodation was hotel style in one-bed and two-bed rooms.

### **Saturday, 15th July:**

After the opening prayer and welcoming speech the morning and afternoon of this day were devoted fully for national reports. The synopsis of the national reports is given in the attached report. The national reports of the countries not represented by the national leaders were given by the representatives of the mother countries. During these sessions, which were for national leaders only, the other members attending the conference went out to the beach for witnessing. After dinner we had a social evening with contributions mainly from the British and Dutch families. The evening was crowned by a play about the history of restoration staged by the Dutch family and by the film of the 777 blessing.

### **Sunday, 16th July:**

The Sunday program was designed to bring all the conference delegates together in a common program. After the pledge we had free personal contacts. At 9:30 we had our Sunday Service with the Dutch family, held in the chapel of the conference center. This was the first time in the history of Europe that the Unification Church conducted a Sunday Service in a Catholic church. We took this as a promising sign for the future. After the Sunday service we had a meeting of the blessed couples, during which we discussed how all the blessed couples, dispersed over so many different countries, could grow closer together. In the afternoon all of us got into our cars to drive to the big center which Teddy had just bought [Glory House]. The Dutch family has bought a very large house with about 80 rooms. This house is located at the beach and has plenty of ground around it. Up to now this house had been used for handicapped children. Although Teddy has been able to buy this house for a fraction of its real value, the purchase has been quite a jump in faith as Teddy has not got the money yet to pay for the house. Nevertheless, we all had a very good feeling about this house. It looks as if this house is a gift from God.

On our return to the conference center we heard a report by Jaap of the Dutch family on his trip to Japan and Korea, illustrated by many slide pictures.

**Monday, 17th July:**

On Monday morning we heard the rest of the national reports. In the afternoon we discussed a variety of problems. A considerable part of this discussion was devoted to the question of how to protect the Unified Front. As some of the delegates wanted to return the same evening we closed at 18:00 with a prayer. In the evening the remaining delegates took a stroll on the beach. Some people played games on the sandy beach: Others went for a swim. Yet others had deep personal conversations.

After the stroll we met at an open-air restaurant and concluded the evening with songs in a very warm atmosphere. With the tension of the conference gone people relaxed, and this evening after the conference was a most fruitful time. We were singing truly as brothers and sisters united in one. Our hearts went out to embrace each other, the wind from the sea and even the stars up in the sky. We were truly united by the love of God.