

THE PRICE OF FREEDOM



Rev. Moon being released from Danbury prison.

On August 19, 1985, Rev. Sun Myung Moon served the last day of his 18 month prison sentence. He served 13 months, having had five months of his sentence reduced for being a model prisoner during his time of incarceration.

From the very beginning, he testified he was fulfilling the will of God by going to Danbury prison. He said that God had a purpose for him to fulfill by going the way of suffering and persecution.

During his imprisonment Rev. Moon became a symbol for religious freedom. Thousands of ministers saw his case as a further sign of the deterioration of religious freedom in America. They knew that the attack on Rev. Moon was also an attack on them—on their own religious freedoms.

Because of this over forty organizations and individuals sent petitions (amicus briefs) to the Supreme Court on behalf of Rev. Moon.

These groups represented over 160 million Americans. Unfortunately, the Supreme Court refused to hear the case, let alone overturn it as requested by the petitioners.

When it became apparent that Rev. Moon would have to go to jail religious freedom rallies sprang up all over the country protesting his imprisonment and the erosion of religious freedom.

At the first rally, on May 31, 1984, over 400 clergymen volunteered to spend one week in jail with Rev. Moon to send a signal to the government that interference in religion will not be tolerated by the religious community. In rallies around the country thousands of other ministers made the commitment to spend one week in prison to demonstrate against the imprisonment of Rev. Moon. (Copies of their commitments were sent to President Reagan.)

The sleeping giant of the religious community of America had been awakened by the intolerance shown to religion by government as exhibited in the case of Rev. Moon.

On August 20, 1985, at 12:01 a.m. Rev. Moon was officially released from prison. The religious community unabashedly opened its arms and welcomed Rev. Moon in the nation's capital, Washington D.C.

August 20th, at 2:00 p.m., Rev. Jerry Falwell held a press conference at the National Press Club to mark the day. He was joined by Dr. Joseph Lowery (Southern Christian Leadership Conference president), Dr. Bob Grant (Chairman of Christian Voice) and twenty-five other religious leaders.

Dr. Falwell noted that they were gathered on Aug. 20th because it was the day Rev. Moon was being released from prison. All those present spoke forcefully for the sake of religious freedom in America. They concluded by asking President Reagan to pardon Rev. Moon.

Following the press conference many of the participants joined Rev. Moon at a private reception to welcome him home from prison.

The same evening beginning at 6:00 p.m. one thousand seven hundred clergymen from across the nation welcomed Rev. Moon at a God and Freedom Banquet.

In the following pages you will find a chronicle of the aforementioned events of August 20th. We think you will see that what took place was not just a welcome for Rev. Moon on the day of his release from prison but the beginning of a new religious movement in America—a movement for religious freedom and for the moral values that all religious people uphold.

The sleeping giant of the religious community in America is awake and is beginning to move.

August 20, 1985, was just the beginning.



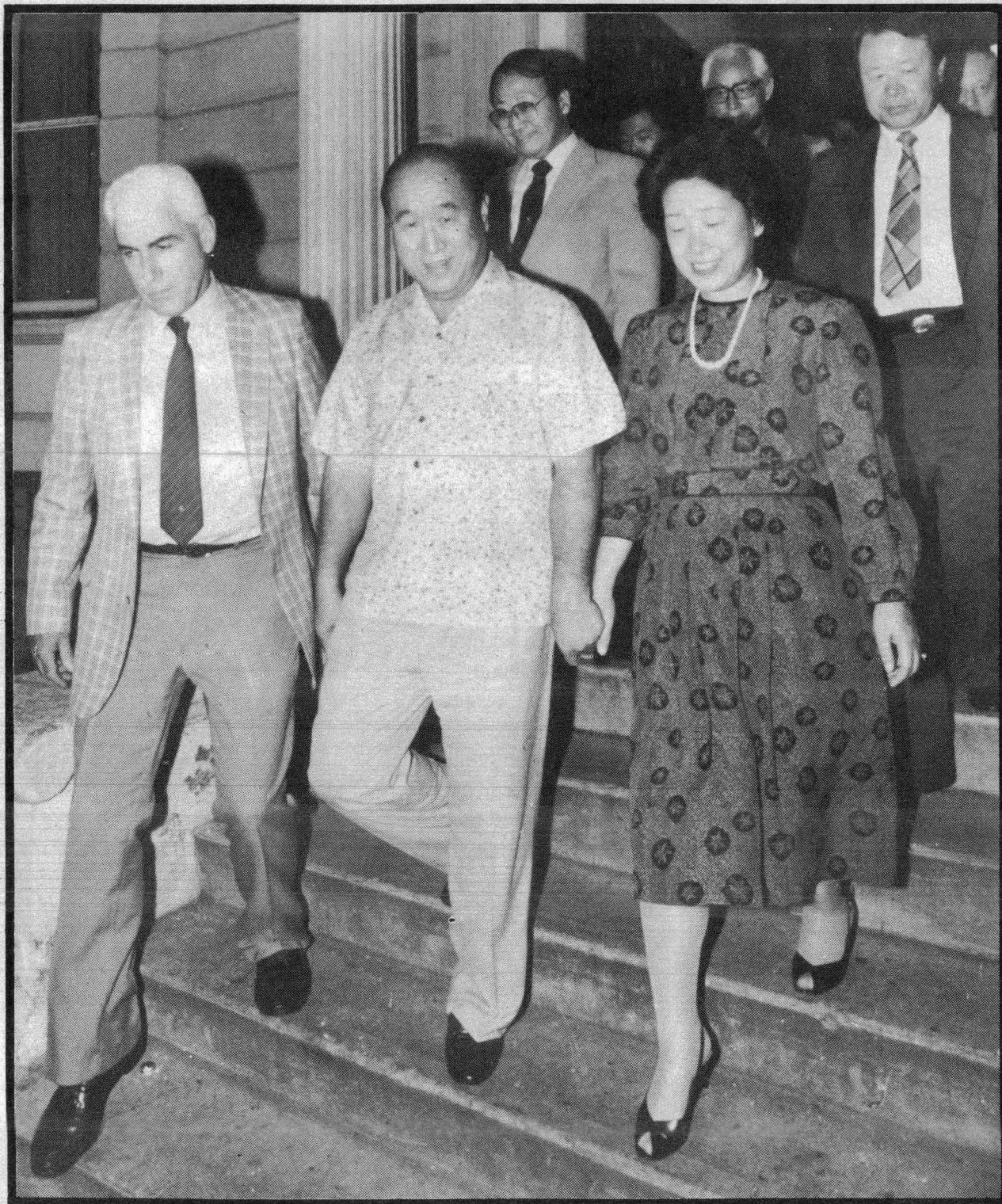
*(clockwise from left to right)
Rev. Moon's last few hours in
the half-way house were spent
packing and paying respects
to those he was with at
Phoenix House. Pictured here
is Mrs. Moon packing books
and clothes.*

*Rev. Moon signing a newly
published book on his life for
his children. From left to
right: Julia Moon, In Jin
Moon, Hyo Jin Moon.*

*Rev. Moon says goodbye to
his two roommates.*



12:01 AM TUESDAY
AUGUST 20TH, 1985
PHOENIX HOUSE, NY



At 12:01 a.m. Rev. Moon was free at last after spending thirteen months in federal custody. Here he is leaving Phoenix House with his wife Hak Ja Han. Rev. Moon said that he had no bitterness or hatred toward his persecutors. He thanked God for teaching him so much through his experiences and for using him to alert America to the tragic plight of religious freedom and moral decline in the United States.

Press Conference

Rev. Jerry Falwell called a religious freedom press conference to be held on August 20. He said it was no accident that August 20 was the day chosen to meet the press. He and twenty-five other religious leaders called upon the U.S. government to uphold religious freedom in America. All those who participated in the conference deplored the persecution and imprisonment of Rev. Moon and unanimously asked President Reagan to give him a full presidential pardon.

Rev. Jerry Falwell, President of the Moral Majority:

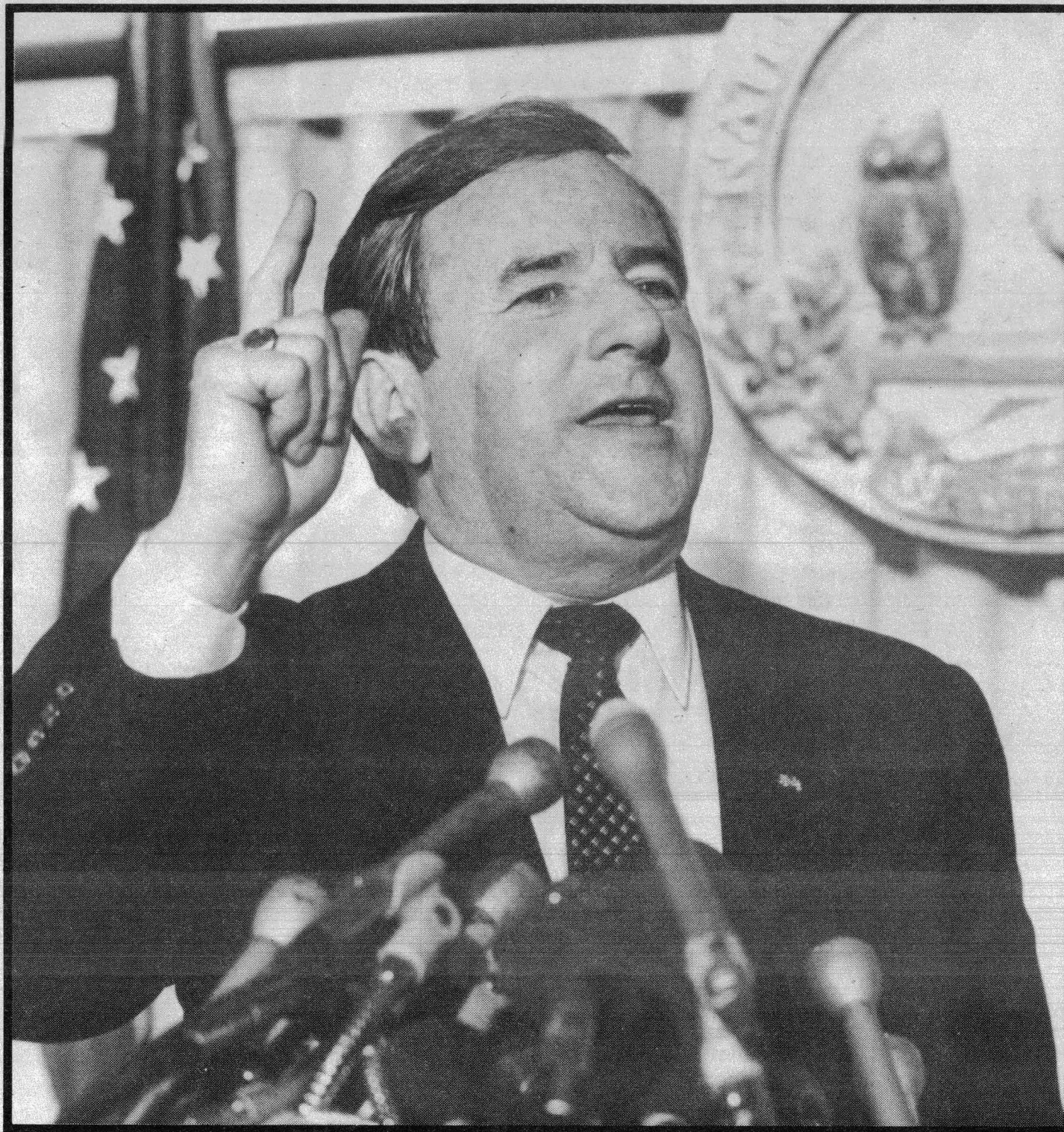
"Today has been selected as the day for this religious freedom press conference because today is the day that Rev. Sun Myung Moon is being released from prison. He is leaving the half-way house today.

"I have never met Rev. Moon. Most of the men here have not. I've never corresponded with him, I've never talked with him, I've never had any contact whatsoever, and theologically we disagree. All of that is irrelevant to the fact that I think he was treated unfairly, that because of the unpopularity of his religious faith, he received a one-year prison sentence when E. F. Hutton has committed hundreds of violations and hasn't even been tapped on the wrist yet.

"While the Unification Church may be the unpopular church today, next year it may be one of the rest of us standing here . . .

"I think the president should pardon Rev. Moon. I think he was the victim of a railroad job, and I think we all in the religious community are losers because of it."

2:00 PM TUESDAY
AUGUST 20TH
NATIONAL PRESS CLUB



Rev. Jerry Falwell.



JERRY FALWELL

NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Dr. Jerry Falwell, Dr. Joseph Lowery, Senator Eugene McCarthy, and Mr. Bob Grant, and other religious and moral leaders are conducting a press conference on Tuesday, August 20, 1985, at 2:00 p.m. to call for a Reagan administration response to the growing threat to religious freedom in America. The press conference will be held at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. in the East Room.

Dr. Falwell and Dr. Lowery are representative of an amazingly diverse group of religious, political and moral leaders who, while differing on a host of other issues, find themselves agreeing on the need to petition the Reagan administration to take specific steps to curb the growing threat to religious freedom in America.

During the administration of a president who has shown himself personally sensitive to the concerns of God-fearing Americans, state and federal agencies have moved against churches

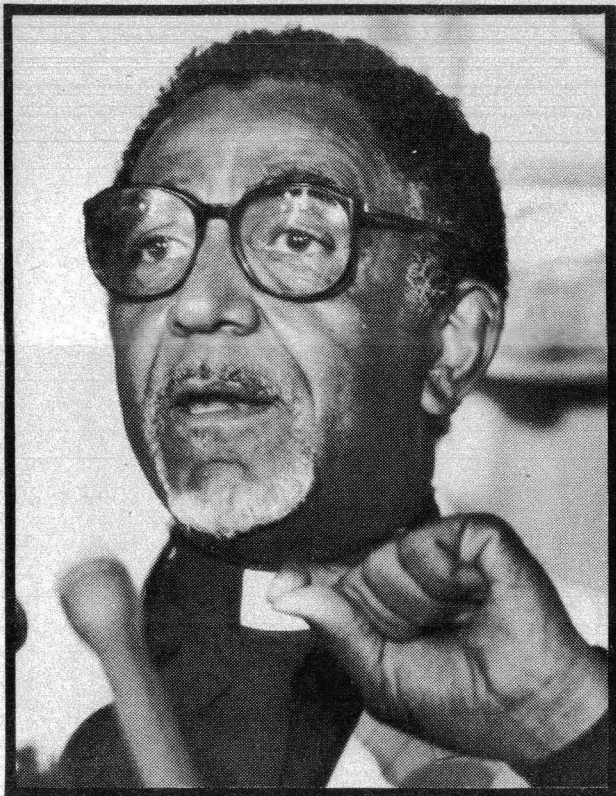
and the leaders of those churches an unprecedented number of times. In fact, from Nebraska to California to Georgia to West Virginia and dozens of other points between, excessive actions against religious leaders by government representatives are occurring by ever-increasing numbers.

Dr. Falwell, believing it is time to set aside sectarian differences in the interest of protecting the religious freedoms of all Americans—even those who lead or belong to potentially unpopular churches or religious groups—has purposely invited a highly diverse group of spokesmen to articulate their concerns on this important constitutional issue.

Therefore, it is not an accident that the press conference will be held on August 20, 1985, the very day Rev. Sun Myung Moon will be released from federal prison. Dr. Falwell was among a very large group of individuals and organizations who petitioned the Supreme Court to overturn the conviction of Rev. Moon.

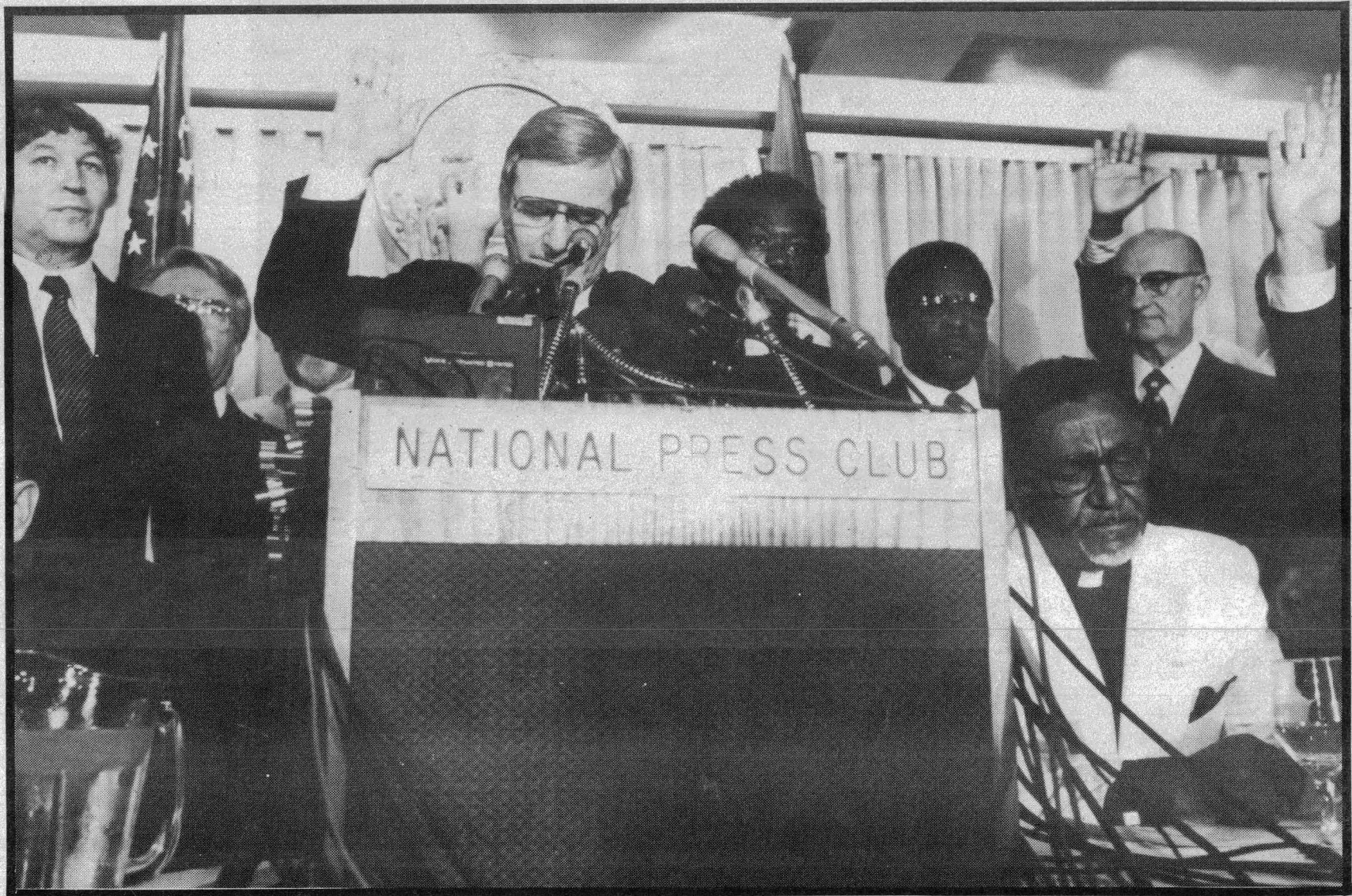
Dr. Falwell has stated in the past, "We will not stand idly by while our religious freedoms are being gradually chipped away. Excessive entanglement by the government in the affairs of the church is reason enough for God-fearing Americans to sound a national alarm."

Twenty-four television cameras and over seventy-five reporters gathered to cover the religious freedom press conference.

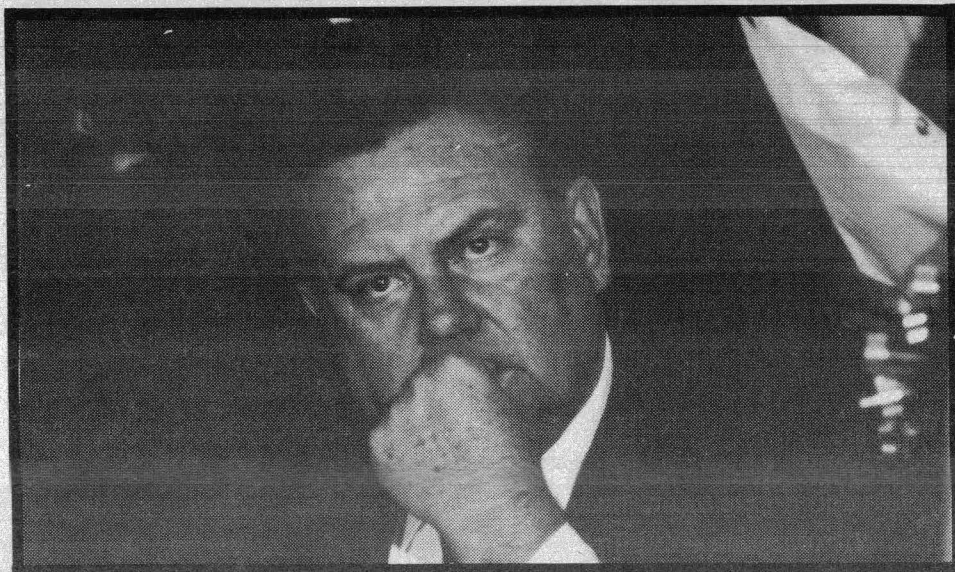


Rev. Joseph Lowery, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference:

"The Moon case is particularly frightening. Not only is the issue of religious liberty involved but also the issue of racial discrimination. Governments that jail the unpopular to please the crowd will soon jail any crowd it pleases. We call upon our friend President Reagan to name a task force to investigate the erosion of religious liberty."



Members of the press asked if it was just Rev. Falwell and Rev. Lowery who were asking for a presidential pardon. The participants were asked to raise their hand if they were in agreement. The showing of hands indicated that the sentiment was unanimous.



Rev. Everett Silivent, Pastor of Faith Baptist Church, the first church padlocked in America.

Dr. Robert Grant, Chairman of Christian Voice,
“The first thing I would observe and draw your attention to is that this is a case where liberals and conservatives banded together in the defense of an unpopular religious figure. Approximately forty major organizations and leaders submitted amici briefs to the Supreme Court in defense of Rev. Moon. Most, if not all, of those signers have never met or had any contact with Rev. Moon. I have never met the man personally. . . .

“I suggest to you, and I speak on behalf of Christian Voice and the Coalition, and I think on behalf of Sen. Orrin Hatch and a host of other organizations, that President Reagan ought to grant a full pardon to Rev. Moon.

“That is the least that can be done. And I point out that it may be an unpopular thing for him to do and may have political consequences that are perhaps not the wisest from a political standpoint, but he ought to do it, because it is the right thing to do.”

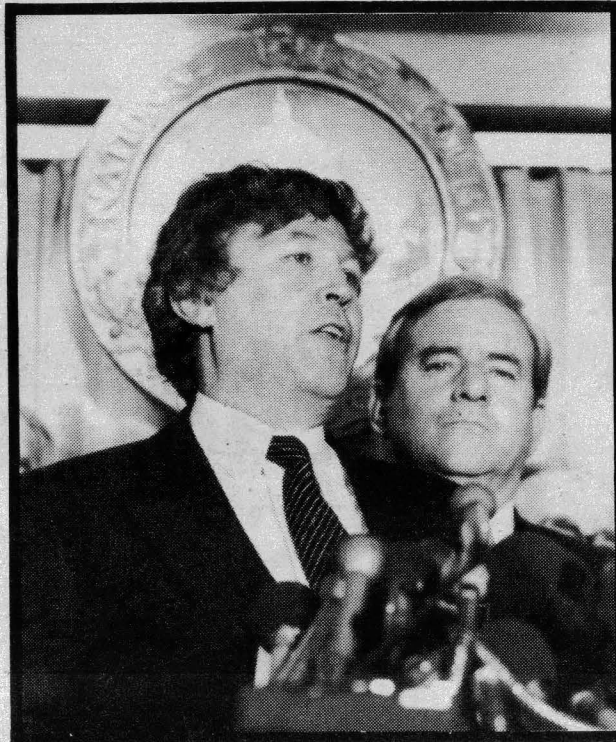
Dr. Donald Sills, President of the Coalition for Religious Freedom:

“Ladies and gentlemen, we come before you today simply because of the fact that the last nine years have been an explosion as far as government encroachment into the affairs of the church. In 1976 there were about 45 cases in government litigation; today there are over 8,000. The figures are frightening in themselves. There are a number of very disturbing cases. One of the most disturbing is the government’s callous disregard for religious freedom in the case of Rev. Sun Myung Moon.

“He has been released from prison, but to be convicted of a crime, to be placed in prison, to serve your time is not a victory for anything, it is a miscarriage of justice.

“We, the Coalition for Religious Freedom, are calling upon the President of the United States for a presidential pardon. I have here a petition for a pardon which we will submit to the President.

“This precedent, this travesty of justice should be corrected as soon as possible. It is a blight on the pages of American history.”



Dr. Robert Grant



Dr. Donald Sills

Head Table Reception

Prior to the God and Freedom Banquet a private head table reception was held at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. The head table was made up of those who formed the nucleus of the religious freedom movement which began during the time of Rev. Moon's incarceration. They represented every region of the United States and represented a range of people—ambassadors, state legislators, former congressmen, civil rights leaders and representatives of religious organizations.

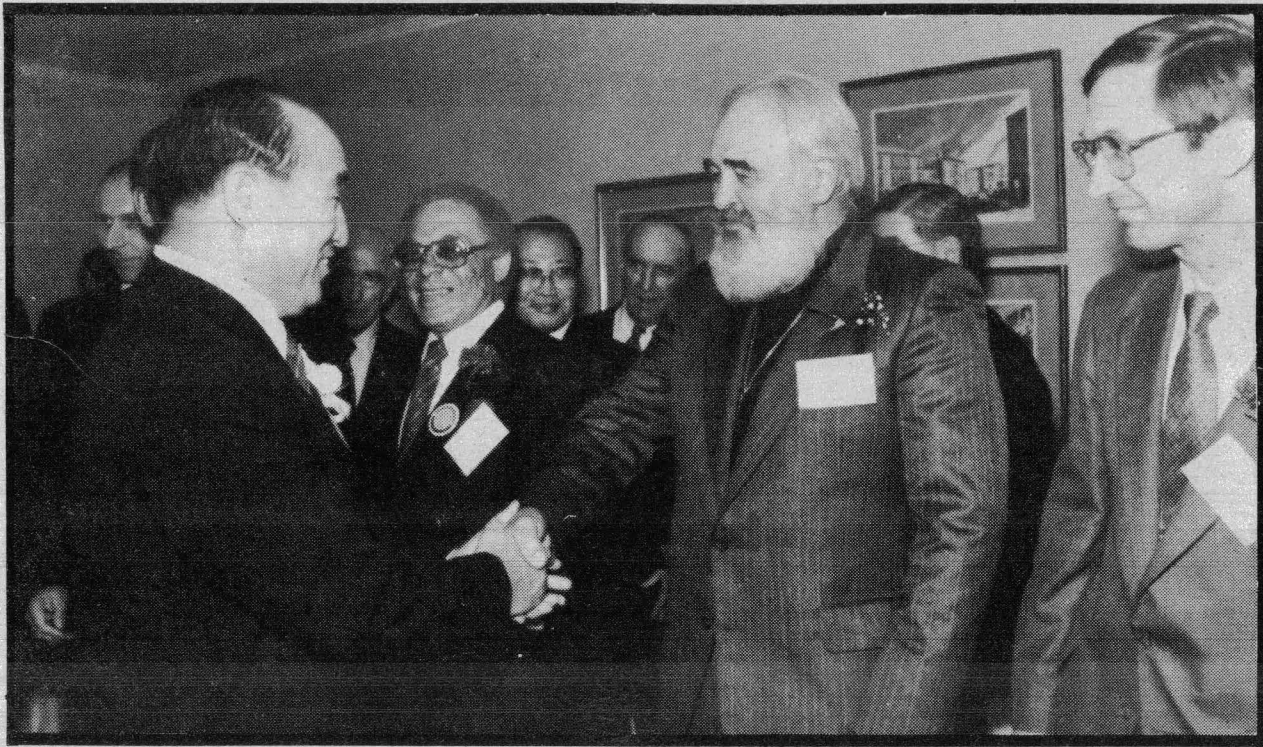
Many of these men and women met Rev. and Mrs. Moon for the first time at the reception. Following the reception the banquet commenced with the introduction of the head table and the guests of honor, Rev. and Mrs. Moon.

5:00 PM TUESDAY
AUGUST 20TH
SHOREHAM HOTEL (D.C.)



Reverend Sun Myung Moon and Mrs. Moon

Reception



Head table guests greet Rev. Moon at a reception before the God and Freedom Banquet begins.





GOD AND FREEDOM

Welcome Rev. Sun

THE GOD & FREEDOM NATIONAL COMMITTEE

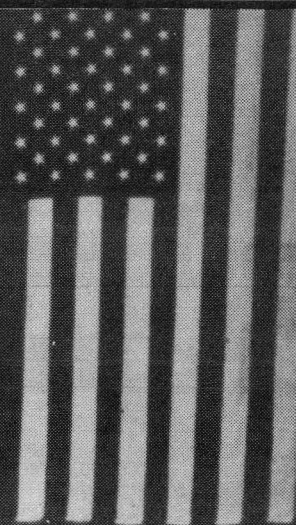


Over 1700 clergymen from every state of the U.S. gathered to welcome Rev. Moon on his return from prison.

DM BANQUET

Myung Moon

EE Washington, D.C. August 20, 1985



God and Freedom Banquet

Statement of Purpose

The Committee for God and Freedom is a broad-based, inter-denominational, interracial and international group formed to advance the Spirit of God and the ideals of freedom.

The Committee opposes the rising intolerance, bigotry and abuse of religion both in this country and worldwide. It stands against totalitarianism and the worldwide threats to freedom. Furthermore, it seeks a spiritual awakening, transcending denominational boundaries, to revitalize the moral fiber of America.

Tonight, the Committee for God and Freedom honors Reverend Sun Myung Moon as a champion of God and freedom on the day of his release from federal prison. For the past 13 months, Reverend Moon has been the victim of government abuse for conducting his church's affairs no differently than many other ministers. Over 40 major groups and individuals protested his conviction to the Supreme Court, only to be denied a hearing. This is the first time the founder of a worldwide religious movement has been imprisoned in America for the manner in which his church was organized. Reverend Moon has become a symbol for the cause of God and Freedom.

God and Freedom Banquet Sponsoring Organizations

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American Christian Cause: Dr. Robert Grant, Chairman
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Los Angeles Council for Church and Community Change:
Rev. Robert Wright
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Colorado Committee for Religious Freedom (Inc.):
Rev. William Ephriam, Vice President
Colorado Muslim Society: Mr. Ememudin Ghiasi

6:00 PM TUESDAY
AUGUST 20TH
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Sponsoring Organizations Cont.

DELAWARE

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Delmarva Ministerial Alliance: Rev. Bud Truitt

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Illinois Committee for Religious Freedom: Rev. M. Earle Sardon
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IOWA

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Maryland God and Freedom Committee:
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Haitian-American Community Development Corp.:
Mr. Paul Fleurival

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Minnesota Committee for Religious Freedom:
Rev. Howard Elseth

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Foundation Restorers: Mrs. Meta Hogue, Originator

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International Pow-Wow Society: Robert Gopher, Director
Montana Coalition for Religious Freedom: Rev. Kliber, Director

NEBRASKA

Nebraska Committee for America's Renewal (ad hoc)

NEVADA

Reno Martin Luther King Hall: Rev. Vincent Thompson

NEW HAMPSHIRE

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New Jersey Coalition for Religious Freedom:
Rev. Patricia Limerick-Andries
Northern Jersey Council for Social Improvement:
Rev. Michael Sykes

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New Mexico Crusade for Religious Liberty (ad hoc):
Rev. Jerry Isaacs

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PENNSYLVANIA

Committee for Religious Freedom of Greater Philadelphia
and Pennsylvania: Rev. Thomas M. Porter



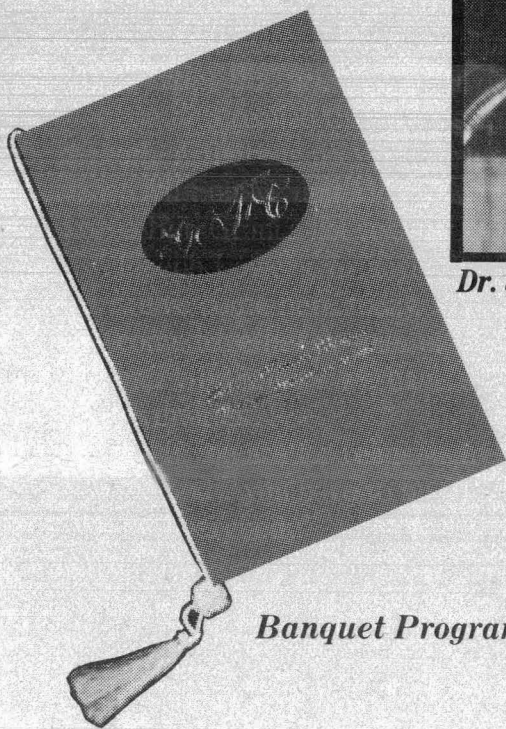
Dr. Warren Cutts opens the program with the National Anthem.



Observance of the National Anthem.



Dr. Joseph Paige gives the invocation.



Banquet Program



Rev. and Mrs. Moon take their seats along with all the other banquet guests.

Sponsoring Organizations Cont.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Charleston Trident Area Council for Social Action:
 Rev. Edward McClain, Jr., President
 Charleston Coalition for Religious Freedom:
 Rev. George Exoo, Chairman
 Greenville Committee for Religious Freedom:
 Rev. Earl Beeks; Rev. O.S. Edmonds, Co-Chairmen

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota Alliance for Religious Freedom: Rev. John Bordeaux

TENNESSEE

Memphis Council for Church and Social Action:
 Rev. Ed Currie, President

UTAH

Associated Christians of Salt Lake City: Elder Irvin Luker
 City of Freedom, Inc.: Mr. Fred Willoughby
 Utah Committee for Freedom and National Renewal (ad hoc):
 Elder Kim Shinkoskey

VERMONT

Vermont Coalition for Religious Freedom: Dr. C. Lynn Fife

VIRGINIA

Tidewater Council for Church and Social Action:
 Dr. Milton A. Reid, President
 South Western Coalition for Spiritual Renewal:
 Dr. Charlie P. Johnson, Chairman

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 Tri-State Coalition for Religious Freedom:
 Rev. Walter Johnson, President

WISCONSIN

Wisconsin Alliance for Religious Liberty:
 Rev. Joseph Deshazer

WYOMING

Wyoming Freedom Society (ad hoc): Rev. Leander Coates

During the dinner Rev. and Mrs. Moon were greeted and congratulated by hundreds of the dinner guests. They thanked him for the sacrifice he made by staying in America to serve his prison term, and to continue his fight for religious freedom and freedom from the threat of communism.



Rev. and Mrs. Moon greet Mr. Ron Godwin, Executive Vice President of the Moral Majority.



Rev. Moon shakes hands with Mr. Paul Victor from Idaho.

Presentation



Rev. Moon is greeted by Mrs. Francis Merrill, a state legislator from Utah and a sister of Sen. Orrin Hatch. Mrs. Merrill read a special message from Sen. Hatch to banquet guests.

Rev. Moon is presented a ceremonial drum from Chief Robert Gopher, director of the international Pow Wow Society.

Mr. Gopher said, "The drum is presented to the person most dedicated to the Creator. He is the one who loves the Creator and the people of all races."

Message from Senator Orrin Hatch, Senator from Utah.

I have the honor tonight to read a telegram that my brother sent to Reverend Moon. "Welcome back Reverend Moon from an unjust time in prison. It was a miscarriage of justice and in my opinion, an embarrassment to the United States. You are an example to others advocating freedom of religion and we look forward to your continued fight for religious alternative to communism. Sincerely, Senator Orrin Hatch."



Representing the northwest states, Representative Robert Forey and Representative Dieter Baer from the state of Idaho present Rev. Moon with a special card and trophy.

"We want to honor the man who has inspired the CAUSA movement because it means so much to us. We have for Rev. and Mrs. Moon a little card which is handmade and lined with little strips of wood and there is an inscription inside, a little tribute I want to read to you."

"We express our sincere gratitude for the efforts and ideals of CAUSA and its founder, Rev. Sun Myung Moon. We regret that he has been misunderstood and has faced injustice in the nation that God conceived in liberty. May we not forget his sacrifice and devotion for our nation during the time of his unjust imprisonment. May God guide the efforts of CAUSA at this time, a crucial moment in history, and may America respond to the challenges we face together. May God grant you, Rev. Moon, the strength and courage to continue your good work."



Welcome Reception for Young Moon
DOM NATIONAL COMMITTEE Washington, D.C. At



Thank You Kiss



*Rev. Moon kisses a trophy that was presented to him by Idaho State Representative Dieter Baer.
(Photo by Ron Edmonds of Associated Press circulated worldwide through their wire service.)*

Guest Speakers



Dr. Robert Grant, Chairman of Christian Voice and Corporate Board Chairman of the Coalition for Religious Freedom:

"... How then would George Washington and Thomas Jefferson view the case of Rev. Sun Myung Moon if they lived today. They would, I suspect, applaud the some 40 major religious organizations who joined as amici friends of the court, in support of Rev. Moon. They would have scorned the bureaucrats who bent all the rules to get this man, they would lament the establishment of precedents that have overturned the basic right of an accused to choose either a jury or a bench trial, they would denounce the presumptions of civil judges and courts to dictate to churches how they should handle their money and govern their internal affairs, they would bemoan the failure of a Supreme Court to stand as the final arbiter of justice and defend the one who is being unfairly treated and they would join together, I suspect, to pray devotedly for the soon-demise of those politicians, those judges, those bureaucrats who abuse the power of their office by striking at the very heart of our God-given religious right....

"I'm encouraged tonight. God is still on the throne, He is sovereign. This is a battle that we can win, my friends, and with God's grace we're going to do so."

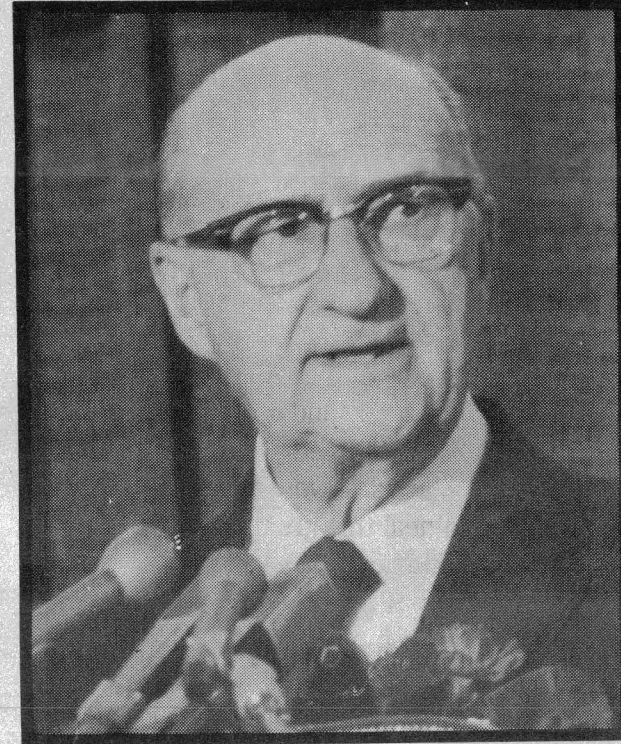


Dr. Joseph Lowery, President of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference:

"I'm delighted to have an opportunity to say just a word on the occasion of Rev. Moon's release. In this context some months ago at the beginning of this struggle, I said that God moves in a mysterious way, and out of the imprisonment of brother Moon has come a new realization. Of the need of the community of faith to come together to protect those liberties that are dear to all of us and we've come to realize that unless we protect each other, there is no security for any of us....

"If Sun Myung Moon is not secure, neither is Bob Grant's liberty, nor Don Sills, nor Joseph Lowery, or anybody. And that's why we've come here today, to say that we shall come together in spite of our many diversities and God knows we have some real diversities....

"If you are for religious freedom for anybody, you have to be for religious freedom for everybody."



Dr. Cleon Skousen, Founder and Director of the National Center for Constitutional Studies in Washington DC:

"Rev. Moon, I bring you the greetings of my wife and my children, and my 42 grandchildren.

"There are three days in August that I shall always remember: August 13, my wedding day; August 29, my wife's birthday and August 20, when we welcomed Rev. Moon back to freedom.

"When Rev. Moon came to the United States in 1971, he couldn't speak a word of English. Sort of a fantastic situation, really. But he had a message for America from the Bible and it's the same in Korean as it is in English.

"If my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my faith, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, I will forgive their sins, and heal this great land."

"Now, the peoples of this land are God's people. They are not the only people that belong to God but in a sense they are a special people because either they or their ancestors fled from places around the world to come to this land where God had created the first free people.

"However, today, we've found that innocent people are beginning to be put in prison, we've

found our churches had chains that crossed their doors with padlocks, we've found ministers being arrested from a posture of prayer and put into prison. We've found mothers and fathers jailed just because they didn't want their children exposed to some of the books, the humanistic and false philosophies taught by some of the teachers, and they did not want their children to be other than just fine, upstanding American people. They didn't want them in these government schools; they were arrested for that.

"You see, something had changed, something was wrong. So Rev. Moon came to America in 1971 under the inspiration of the diamond dust of God's great spirit that drifts down on the human family if they listen to it. And he came here to tell us to humble ourselves and to pray and to seek His faith and turn from our wicked ways, because God would hear us and He would forgive our sins and He would heal this great land.

"Well, how do you do this?"

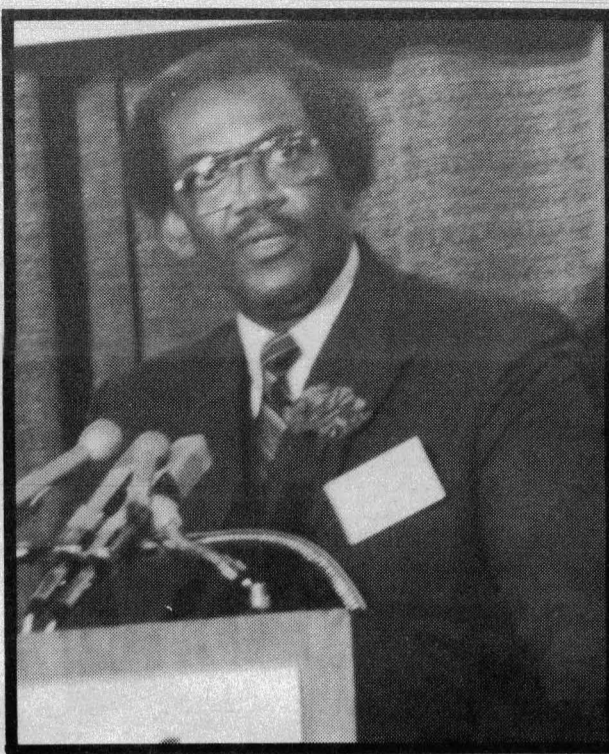
"He started out by saying that you've got to have at least a major newspaper that tells the truth. So he invested 150 to 200 million dollars in *The Washington Times* which has now become a national newspaper. My son who works in the White House tells me it's the most widely read paper in the 'royal palace.'

"Then he said we ought to get all of those who are the leaders of the congregation of the churches of God assembled together, united in a program that will make them feel comfortable with each other and fight together against evil. Now that's a great achievement if you can do it. He didn't ask us to change our theology, he just said let's eat together and let's talk together and let's pray together and learn together and after that, we'll work together against evil.

"The greatness of Rev. Moon is that he not only says these things but he's inspiring us to do them.

"Rev. Moon, we're glad you're with us tonight. Welcome back to the frontline trenches in this great battle.

"Welcome back."



Dr. Milton Reid, Pastor of the Gideon Missionary Baptist Fellowship:

"Certainly I had heard of Rev. Moon prior to our struggle of three hard and difficult years in the city of Norfolk. Our church befriended Unification missionaries in the area for at least seven years. They worshipped with us, they worked with us, and had fellowship with us. But it wasn't until Rev. Moon's case reached media attention, mostly negative, across the nation and many parts of the world that I got to know him and to know perhaps one of the most misunderstood religious leaders since Jesus of Nazareth.

"I feel honored to be with Rev. and Mrs. Moon tonight and to welcome him back from an unfortunate leave of absence from his family and the freedom that is normally assumed by other Americans and those who visit our shores with a vision and revelation, if you will, for a better world under the lordship of Jesus Christ.

"Perhaps it was the will of God that Rev. Moon was imprisoned here in the land of the free and the home of the brave. Chances are had he not been imprisoned we would not be here tonight, concerned about the vanishing vanguard of religious freedom in America.

"The fact is that religious liberty is eroding in this last bastion of freedom in the world and too many churches are at ease in Zion not knowing, not understanding as the government and the courts are taking over.

"Rev. Moon has had the courage to say what few Christian ministers in the west would dare say. That is, God is giving him the task of completing the works of Jesus. Now, to some of us, that is threatening. It was threatening to me when I first heard it because I thought I was to do that. As I read my Bible and analyze the hermeneutical vision of the ecclesiastical community, which is the body of Jesus Christ, not only Rev. Moon, I get the understanding that it is the task of Christians, ministers included, to complete the work of Jesus Christ.

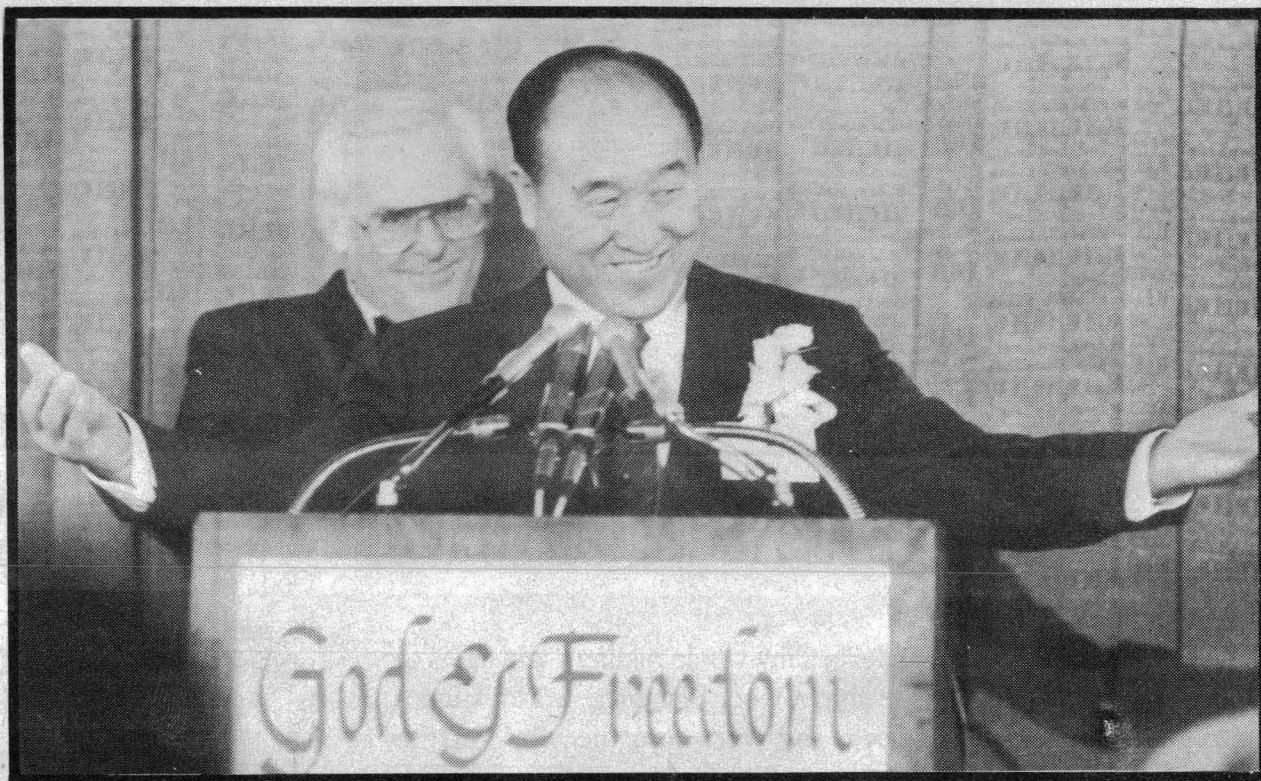
"I was privileged to travel to Korea and Japan in July to study Rev. Moon's Korea in the providence of God. It was one of the most amazing trips I've taken outside the confines of continental USA. If you ever have an opportunity to go I would recommend it.

"I was impressed by the growth of Rev. Moon and the Unification Church, which in the last thirty-one years has grown from a mud hut to missionaries in 130 countries of the world, all working on man's restoration as a divine principle of life's commitment.

"The highlight of the trip for me was the commissioning of 2,000 missionaries between the ages of 18 and 25 who were celebrating life in Jesus while fulfilling his mission on earth. His ministry is not only reflective of educating the mind, exploring the revelations, feeding the hungry, providing thousands of jobs, unifying the Christian family under Godism."

Keynote Address



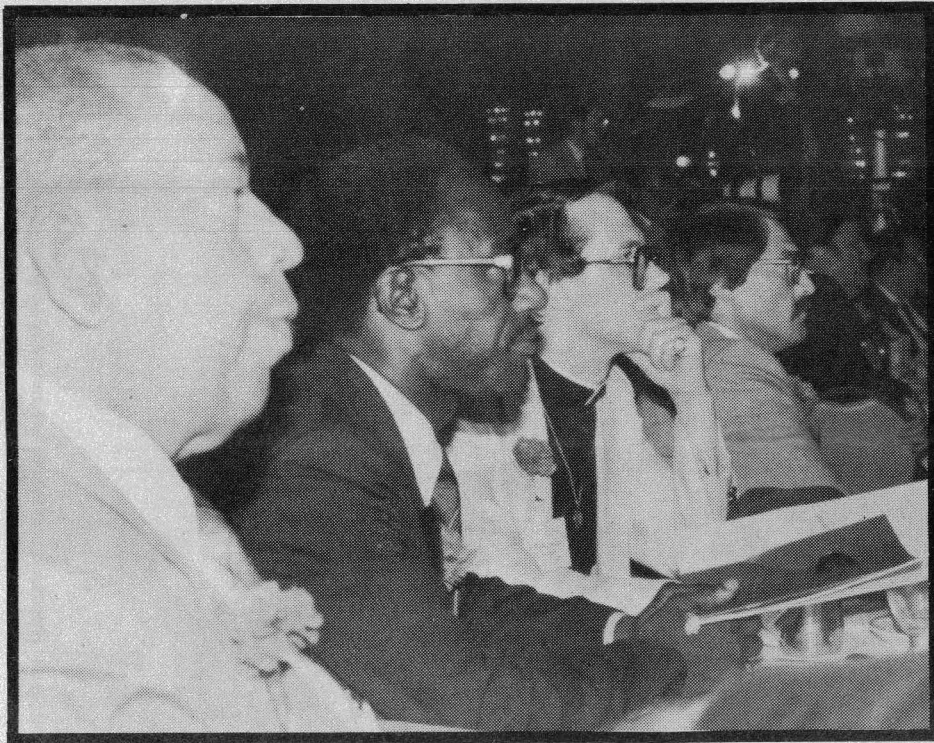


The Will of God

Honorable Chairman and members of the God and Freedom Committee, distinguished clergy from all parts of the country, ladies and gentlemen.

I am truly grateful for and humbled by your welcoming me back from prison in such a deep way, representing all parts of the United States and so many denominations. I would also like to extend my sincere appreciation to those of you who have supported me during my court battles, in the filing of the amicus briefs to the Supreme Court, in the meetings and rallies for religious freedom, in prayer meetings, in the Common Suffering Fellowship, and in the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance. Also, I thank you for your prayers, and for the many letters I have received from you while I was at Danbury, which I will never forget.

I have suffered imprisonment six times in my lifetime. As in the past, this time in prison provided me a moving experience with God. I was not there because of my personal actions or mistakes, yet I did not brood with resentment or hatred for those who persecuted me, nor did I spend my time in prison pleading my innocence. Rather, I dedicated the time to prayer and meditation, for understanding what America must do to fulfill God's will for the world.



The determination which underlies my whole ministry and life is to relieve the great and long suffering of God. Since the world is ignorant of God's heart of suffering, my work and the work of the Unification movement have long been misunderstood and persecuted. However, I understand the urgency of my mission before God, and despite the lack of understanding on the part of my family, not to mention the general public, Christian churches, nations or even the whole world, this persecution has not really mattered very much to me. Throughout my life I have communicated deeply with God, and through numerous spiritual experiences I have come to know His heart and His love. I have always testified to this. To me God is not a vague God residing in the realm of the imagination. God is alive, and I relate to Him directly in my heart. I experience Him in every cell of my body.

I know that I am addressing clergy who also have been participants in the fulfillment of God's will. Your welcoming me here today, then, as you and I know, is not a personal welcome for the individual, Rev. Moon, but is a testament to that will of God for which I have lived my life. To do the will of God is *our* common and utmost concern. Therefore, I would like to share with you some of my realizations about the will of God.

God's Purpose of Creation

Our living, personal God is eternal, absolute and unchanging. Therefore, His will also is eternal, absolute and unchanging. When God created human beings, He must have had a *purpose* and an *ideal*. God's purpose and ideal is a world united through true love, with

God as the parent of all people. Under the true love of God, all people would be brothers and sisters living in one harmonious world family. God's ideal, then, is the creation of one world under God.

God, who is the essence of love, created all creation for the purpose of love. An individual cannot love independently; it takes both a subject and an object to love. What God needs absolutely, therefore, is an object who He can love. God created a universe motivated by love. Especially human beings, who are created in His own image, as we read in Genesis 1:27, are the visible and substantial objects of God's love.

To all mankind, God is the eternal, *invisible* and *internal* parent and ancestor, and perfected Adam and Eve were to be the eternal, *visible* and *external* parents and ancestors to all humankind.

The greatest, holiest love takes place when subject and object become one through giving and receiving love, eternally centered on God. In this true love, perfect unity comes about naturally, all life becomes interconnected, and the ideal of God is realized. God's original will was that His beloved children, Adam and Eve, would become the living visible reflection of their invisible creator, and thus would have eternal love, consummating the ideal of love and life.

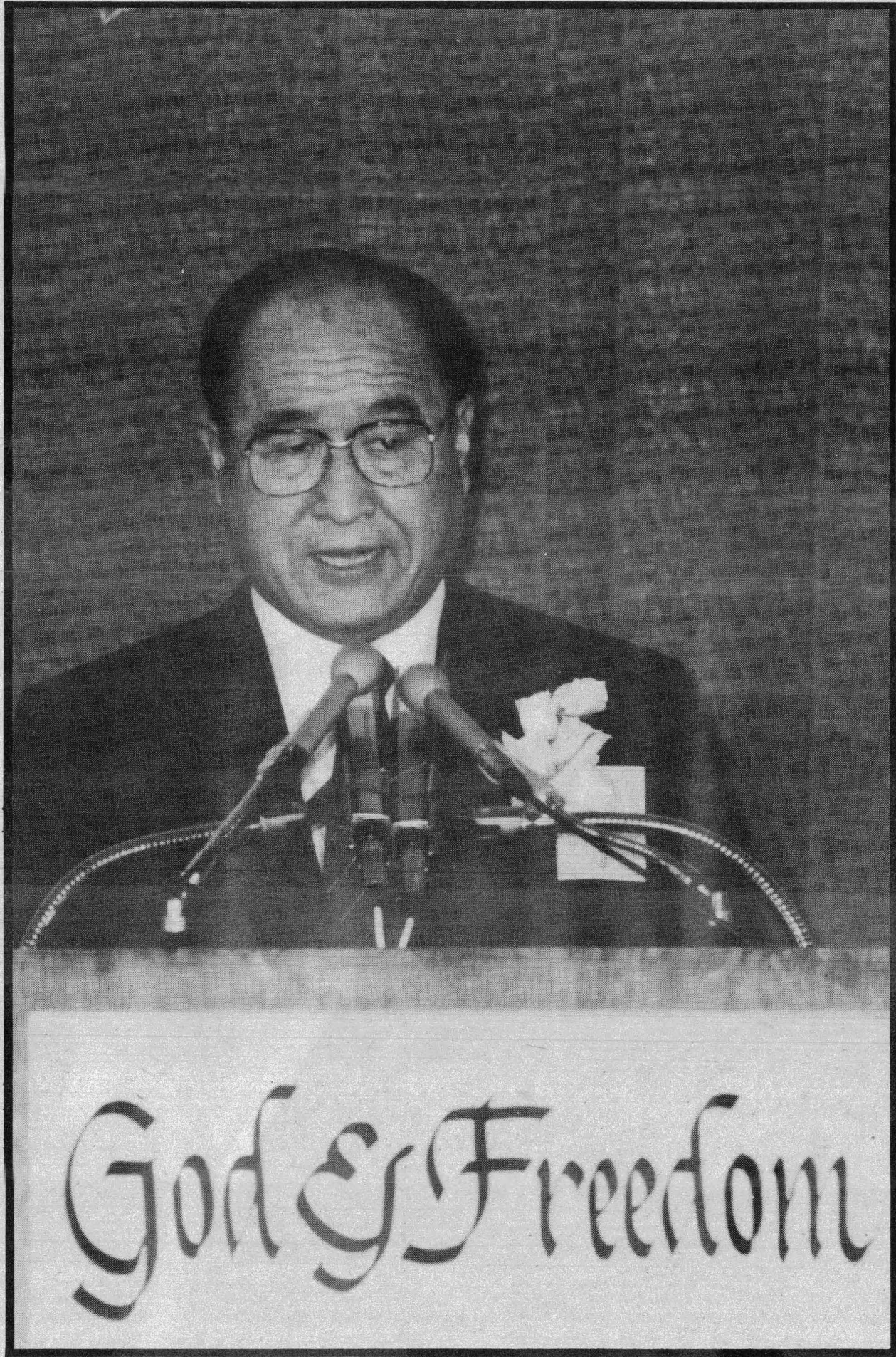
The Foundation for Love

It is commonly thought that the creator and the created being can never be equal. If this is so, then the ideal of love is never possible with God. God's ideal of love was to let His children, Adam and Eve, be His visible, substantial objects and become one with Him. Indeed, as is stated in First Corinthians 3:16, God desires to dwell in man.

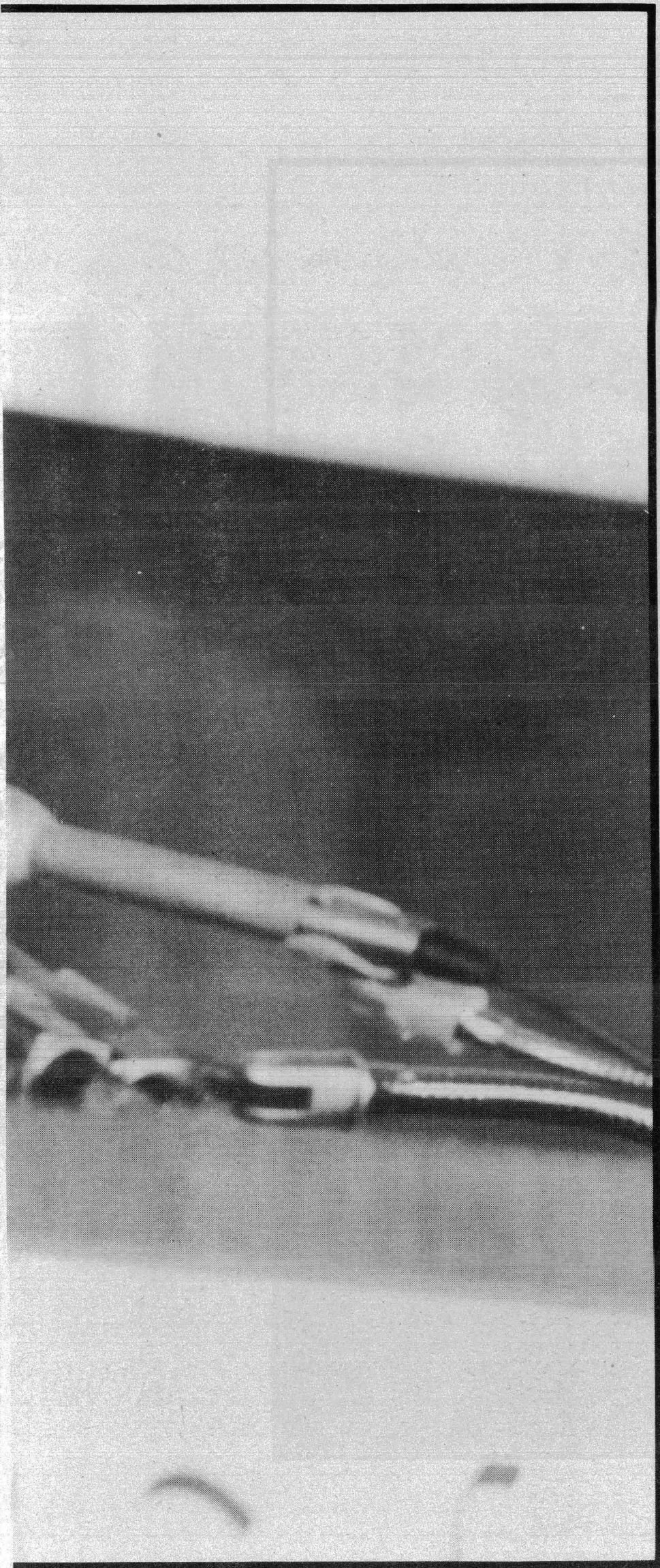
The ideal of love of the invisible God is realized when men and women (Adam and Eve) in essence become perfected. When a person, centering on God, attains complete unity between mind and body, then he or she attains maturity of character, and true objectivity to God. This means that he or she becomes an eternal object of God's love, God's ideal, and God's life.

When Adam and Eve attained this ideal as God's true, substantial children, they would naturally have propagated, to create an ideal family, and eventually from that family would have developed an ideal society, nation and world. As a result of humankind's complete response to God's absolute love, all would have attained the highest joy in life, the ideal of happiness, and eventually the Kingdom of Heaven.

God created Adam and Eve on the earth, so that heaven would be realized first on earth. After life on earth, the spirits of those who lived ideal lives on earth would go to heaven in the spiritual world, where they would live eternally.







All things are created in pairs, and are created for the sake of human beings. This enables all things to dwell in harmony under the principle of love. With God's love flowing through human beings, all the creation participates in realizing God's life and ideal.

While Adam and Eve were growing up, all things of creation were nothing other than a textbook of love for them, displaying an endless variety of love's manifestations. Adam and Eve, representing God's masculinity and femininity, were to gradually awaken to love through their life in God's textbook of love, which is nature. They were to become perfectly mature, and realize the ideal of marriage.

Such was the ultimate purpose of God in creation. God's love was not only directed to the vertical relationship of love between Himself and human beings, but also, after the perfection of vertical love, to the horizontal relationship of love between Adam and Eve. God, who has existed as invisible subject ever since the beginning, was yearning for someone who would respond to His love, and was waiting to meet His perfected visible objects, man and woman. How stimulating, how fulfilling that love would have been! That moment was the very moment when God, the internal parent, was to have resided within Adam and Eve, the external parents, to be completely one with them. In that moment the ideal of love would have been accomplished. The invisible parent, God, would have resided in the visible parents, Adam and Eve, and would have become the eternal parent in the visible world. By this, Adam and Eve were to have become the True Parents, the true original ancestors of all humankind.

Violation of God's Ideal

So precious was this true love, that to violate such love was the ultimate crime, a crime of universal magnitude. Immorality, the corruption of youth, the break-up of families, incest, homosexuality and other unspeakable crimes are the world's reality today, over which God is agonizing. The ideal of creation is to achieve the perfect family, founded upon noble and eternal love, but how did today's tragic reality come about? As the last days draw near, the crime of the human fall is manifested clearly in society. We are reaping what has been sown.

I do not have time to discuss the details of the human fall, but I will say that I struggled for years to discover the truth of the fall, and I testify that its cause was immorality involving the first human family and an archangel.



In the Unification principle, Satan is not a conceptual being or a hypothetical entity. He is a real being, the very villain who destroyed the ideal of love, and shifted the human lineage from God's dominion to his own dominion. Jesus himself said very clearly, in John chapter eight, that the devil is the ancestor of humankind. The devil, Satan, is the *very adulterer* that ravaged the ideal of love which God meant to realize through Adam and Eve, the love which would have raised Adam and Eve to the position of God's own external self. This may be new to many of you, but this is the truth. It was discovered through hard-fought struggles I endured in the spiritual world, as I sought for the answers to the most fundamental problems of life. If you pray, seriously and deeply, you will find affirmation of these answers.

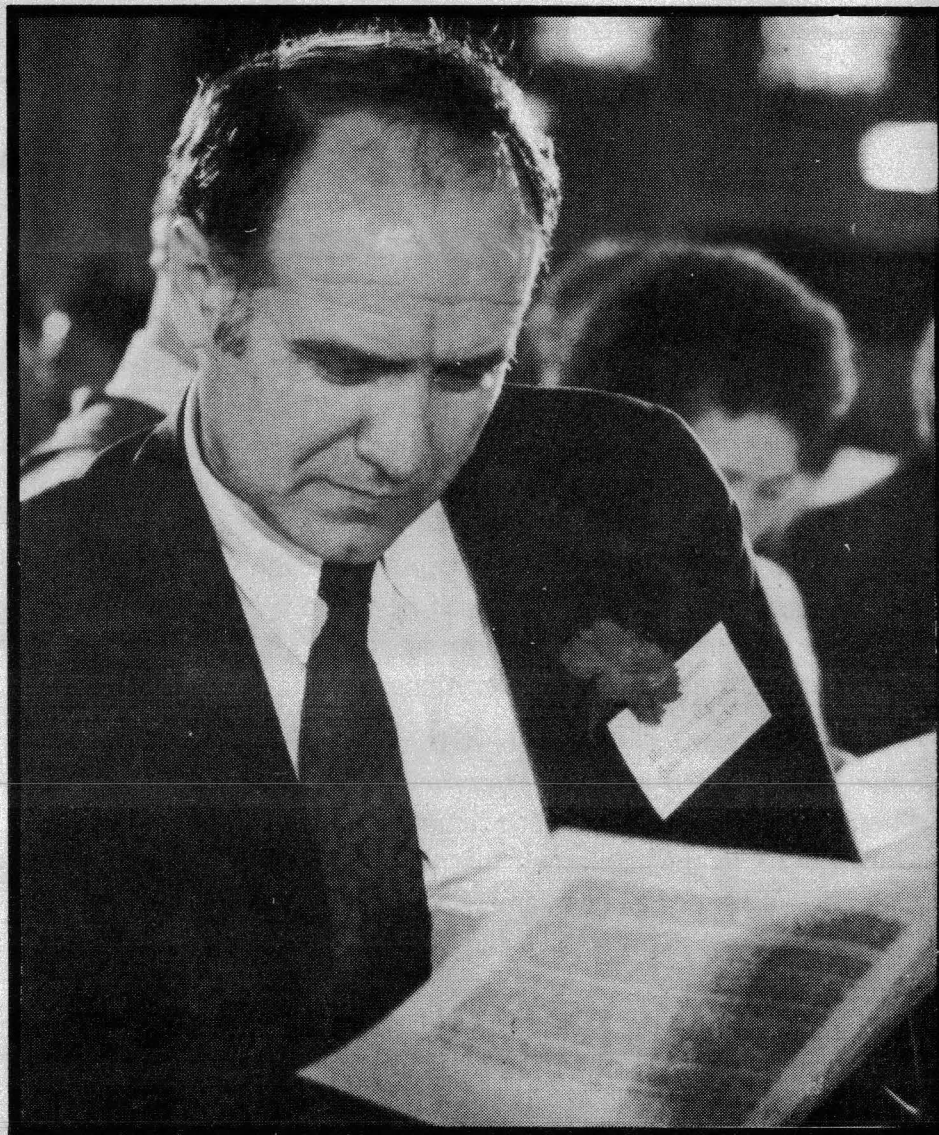
Then why has it taken so long for God to punish Satan for his crime? Satan stole the ideal of love from God, and possesses humankind as a false parent, through false love, usurping God's position. Therefore, God had to begin by reclaiming human beings from Satan's dominion by shifting their lineage.

The Potential for Rebirth

Because of the fall, the relationship between God and man was severed, and the righteous relationship between people, through original give and take centered on true love, was also lost. Harmonious unity among people, based on true love, was destroyed, along with the joy of life, and individuals became enemies. The world became hell, full of distrust.

God's plan of creation was to create men and women as true olive trees, and make the earth a plentiful garden. The fall brought instead the dominion of Satan over the human ancestral lineage, creating a wilderness of wild olive trees, which are possessed by Satan, without some foundation being made. The very reason God established religion was to create his own garden, in which He could cut the wild olive trees and engraft them with the true olive tree. On the foundation of religion God will send the Messiah, and graft humankind to Him through the Messiah, the true tree. This is the essence of the messianic ideal.

From this point of view alone can we correctly understand the biblical doctrine of rebirth. God pulls people away from the false dominion of Satan, giving them rebirth through a love which is much stronger than Satan's love. Since all people are born from parents and ancestors of false love, into a lineage of false love, all people must be born a second time, this time from parents and ancestors of true love, into a lineage of true love, becoming true children and people of God. The blood of Jesus and the Holy Communion both indicate the process of the shift of human beings from Satan's lineage to God's lineage.



All people must be born again. This is the destiny of all fallen human beings. No matter how difficult this may be, we must all tread this path. Salvation cannot be had but by rebirth, being grafted into God's lineage, out of the Satanic lineage. Since we are born into Satan's lineage, the process of rebirth requires complete denial of the self, including willingness to deny one's possessions, one's own tradition or culture, even one's concepts about the world. What we already own in the Satanic realm can never be recognized by God. We must renounce them to be born again. To engraft ourselves to the true tree, we must sever everything.

Jesus, who came as the true olive tree, is the True Parent himself. Since he came as True Parent, to give us rebirth, he told us to sever all our old relationships and attachments before coming to God. In Matthew 10:36, Jesus warned that a person's enemies will be the members of his or her own family, and that one must cut off his or her own parents and family, if they stand between the person and following Jesus.

Our Response to God

My dear clergy, our task is to learn about God's will and to carry it out. We must become men and women who are bound in God's hands. We must become those who are willing to respond to the call of God. We must never ask God only for our individual salvation or personal heaven. Is it not our privilege as true Christians to respond to the call of the Messiah and to live and die for him and his cause?

Our religion, our denominations, must exist for the will of almighty God, not just for the propagation of narrow views. God cannot reside within narrow views. God is not a sectarian; God sees far beyond denominationalism. He is not confined within exclusivistic dogmas. He is, rather, a parent to us all, and His unbounding love distinguishes no race or color of skin. He does not recognize the walls of nationalism or cultural tradition. He is trying His very hardest today to embrace *all* of humanity.

My dear clergy, do you think it is mere chance that in America, the haven of religious freedom, a nationwide movement for religious freedom flared up as a result of Reverend Moon's imprisonment? In truth, this is not an accident, but God's dispensation working behind the scenes. And would you consider it a coincidence that America, as a nation which carries the banner for the free world, and which has come to scoff at the real threat of communism, is now becoming aware of the seriousness of the present danger through the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance? The CMA is a truly interdenominational movement, without walls, which has spread like wildfire across this nation. Can we call this a mere accident?





We Must Unite

America is a nation founded on the spirit and love of God. Especially after World War II, God raised up America as a leader of nations, for the salvation and freedom-loving unity of the world. Internally, He was preparing this nation for the second coming of the Messiah, and to be the country that cares for the world.

Unfortunately this country continues to ignore the monumental will of God. America is withdrawing more and more from its global responsibilities, preferring to enjoy false comfort as if this nation were a world unto itself. This attitude, of course, merely multiplies America's problems, both within and outside its borders. Serious racial problems, deterioration of social, ethical and moral values, decline of religious life and Christian faith, and the rise of materialism and communism will not disappear just by ignoring them.

God called me to come to America because of these problems. Christianity must repent with great anguish, and must unite. We clergy must re-examine ourselves and also repent. We are reliving the time when Jesus came to earth and called the world to repentance. That call is being repeated now. We must fulfill the world mission which God has bestowed upon us. Without question, America must change. A new religious reformation must take place. Christianity must transcend denominationalism and ascend to a higher dimension. We must realize and consider seriously the mission of Christianity to lead a supra-denominational, cultural revolution on a worldwide scale.

To commemorate this reunion tonight, we must determine to pursue the original path of Christianity. We must march forward on that way, that we might receive our coming messiah, and help fulfill the will of God.

May God's abundant blessing be with you, with your families, and with all the churches of America.

Benediction



Rabbi Leifer congratulates Rev. Moon.



Rabbi Leifer gives the benediction:

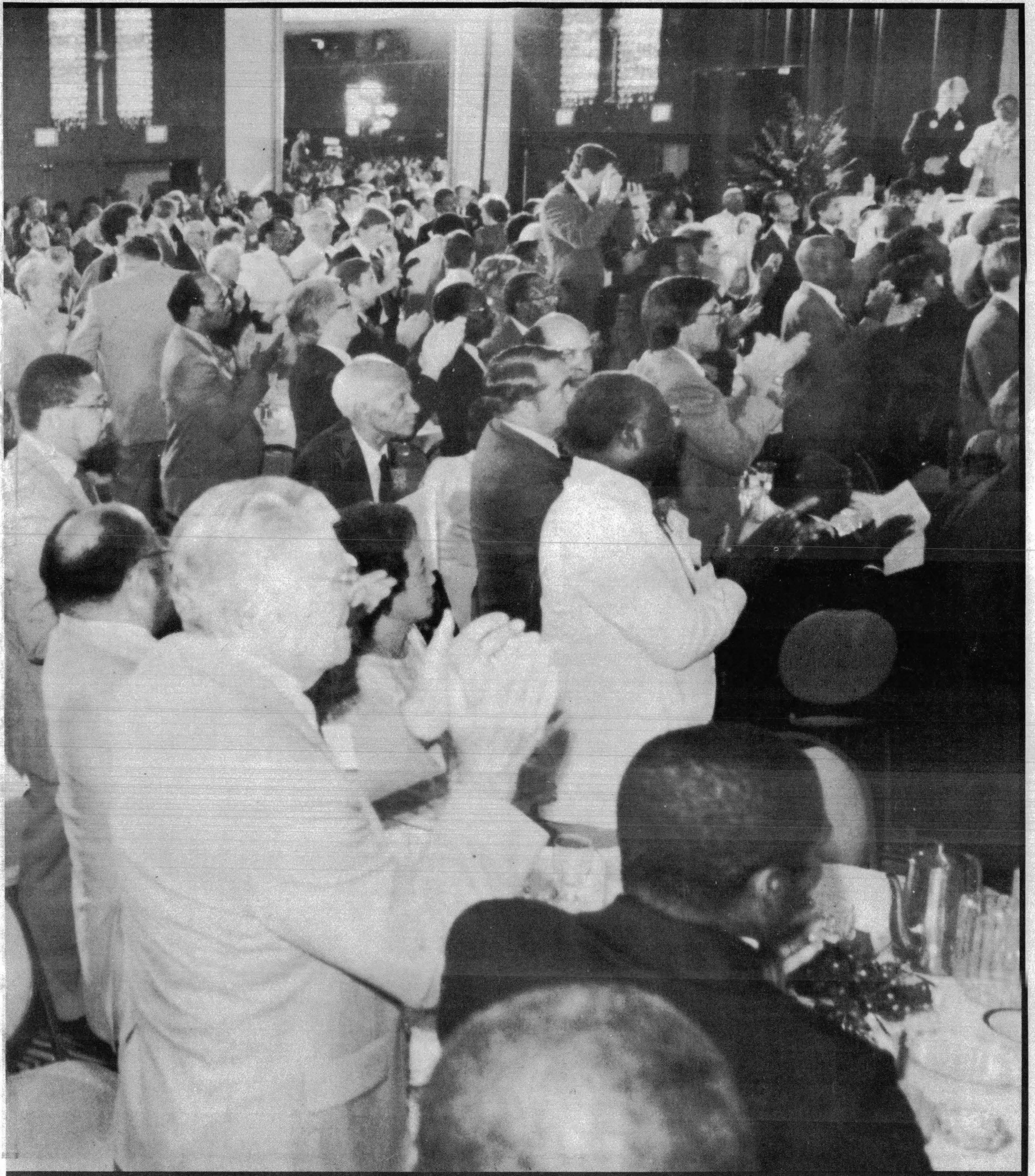
“Blessed are Thou, oh Lord, our God, king of the universe. We thank You so much for granting us the blessing to have our great leader Rev. Moon back among us. Once again we thank You for Thy blessing upon our celebration. Guide us, oh Lord, as we have spoken our thoughts this night, that whatsoever we have said we commit with reverence to Thy everlasting presence. Help us in all things to express our thoughts honestly and courageously and in a true spirit of friendship and fellowship.

“Although our viewpoints may differ, help us to see, oh Lord, that each of us is striving for what we think best serves the needs of our communities. Help us to remember that we are at one in trying to bring glory to Thy name among men and women and let us say Amen.”



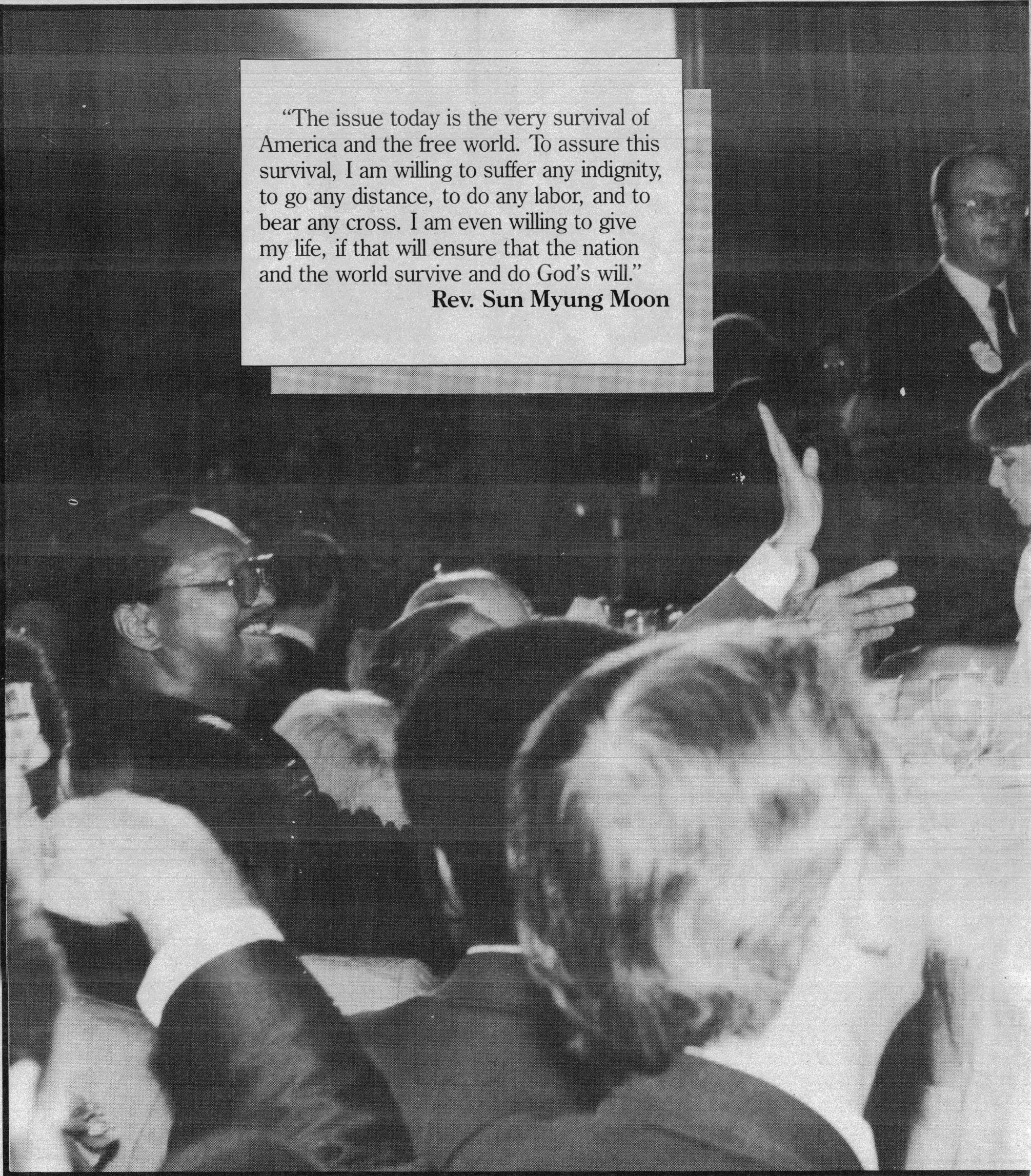


Banquet guests give Rev. Moon a standing ovation.



“The issue today is the very survival of America and the free world. To assure this survival, I am willing to suffer any indignity, to go any distance, to do any labor, and to bear any cross. I am even willing to give my life, if that will ensure that the nation and the world survive and do God’s will.”

Rev. Sun Myung Moon





Rev. and Mrs. Moon and other head table guests bid farewell to friends and well-wishers.

Welcoming Rev. Moon

Hours after his release from a New York City halfway house, where he had been serving a term for tax evasion, Moon was received as a hero, a martyr and a symbol of last night's "God and Freedom Banquet" at the Omni Shoreham Hotel. About 1,700 religious leaders, Moon supporters and friends attended what was called "a welcome home party" where everyone honored Moon, decried his trial and imprisonment as examples of religious and racial persecution, and claimed a new wave of racial and religious intolerance is influencing the government and the nation.

The Washington Post

Wednesday, August 21, 1985

Clerics urge pardon for Rev. Moon

A group of religious leaders ranging from the political Right to the political Left marked the release of Rev. Sun Myung Moon from prison Tuesday by calling for a presidential pardon and urging that the government resist the erosion of religious freedom.

Rev. Moon told the audience of more than 1,600 that his imprisonment had given him an opportunity for prayer and meditation on "what America must do to fulfill God's will".

"I was not there because of my personal actions or mistakes, yet I did not brood with resentment or hatred for those who persecuted me", the leader of the Unification Church said to a standing ovation.

Chicago Tribune

Wednesday, August 21, 1985



Moon finishes sentence

Unification Church leader the Rev. Sun Myung Moon ended a 13 month sentence for tax evasion Tuesday, and an unlikely coalition of clergymen called for his pardon.

Fundamentalist Jerry Falwell and civil rights activist the Rev. Joseph Lowery joined other religious leaders in urging President Reagan to grant the pardon

Moon, honored by 1,600 persons at a "God and Freedom" banquet in Washington D.C., Tuesday night, said "It was God's dispensation" that "a nation wide movement for religious freedom flared up" because of his imprisonment.

USA TODAY

Wednesday, August 21, 1985

Churchmen decry U.S. intrusions, urge Reagan to pardon Rev. Moon

The Rev. Jerry Falwell, a Baptist, head of the Moral Majority, and the Rev. Joseph Lowery, a Methodist, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, both urged Rev. Moon's pardon and said the number of church-state cases is growing at an alarming rate

Many of those at the news conference attended a "God and Freedom" banquet in Rev. Moon's honor last night—again to call attention to what the clerics believe is a growth of government intrusion in internal church affairs.

At the dinner, where 2,000 persons overflowed two ballrooms, Rev. Moon thanked those who worked in his behalf with a tribute to America

The Washington Times

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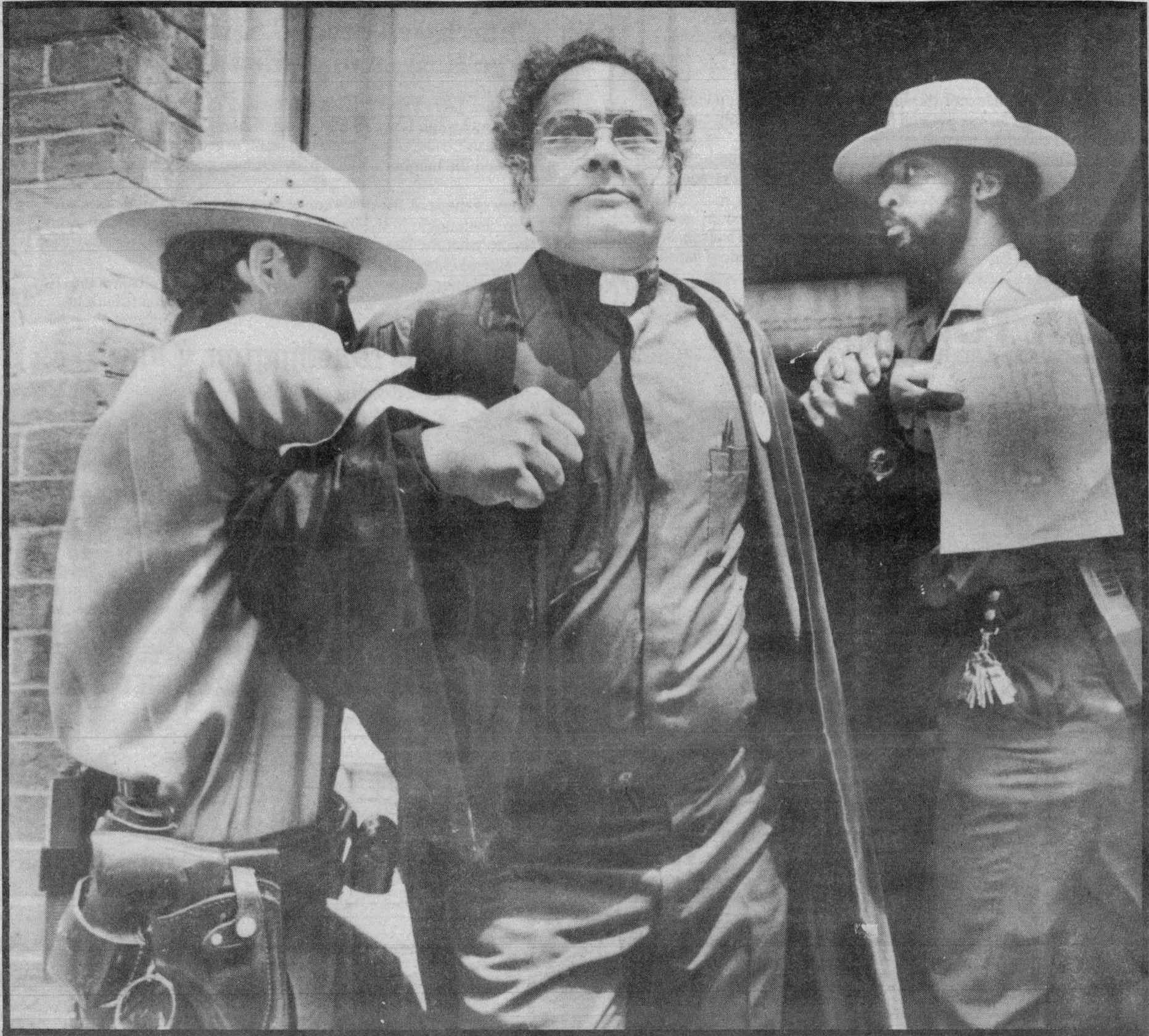
U.S. Releases Moon, Ending Prison Term On Tax Fraud Count

In Washington yesterday, the Rev. Jerry Falwell, head of the Moral Majority, and the Rev. Joseph Lowery, president of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, called on President to pardon Mr. Moon. They said government was increasingly intruding in religious matters.

The New York Times

Wednesday, August 21, 1985





Rev. Wycliffe Jangdharrie is seized by U.S. Park Rangers while demonstrating last July against Rev. Moon's imprisonment during a religious freedom rally at Independence Hall.

**“The price of freedom is
eternal vigilance.”**

Thomas Jefferson

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