



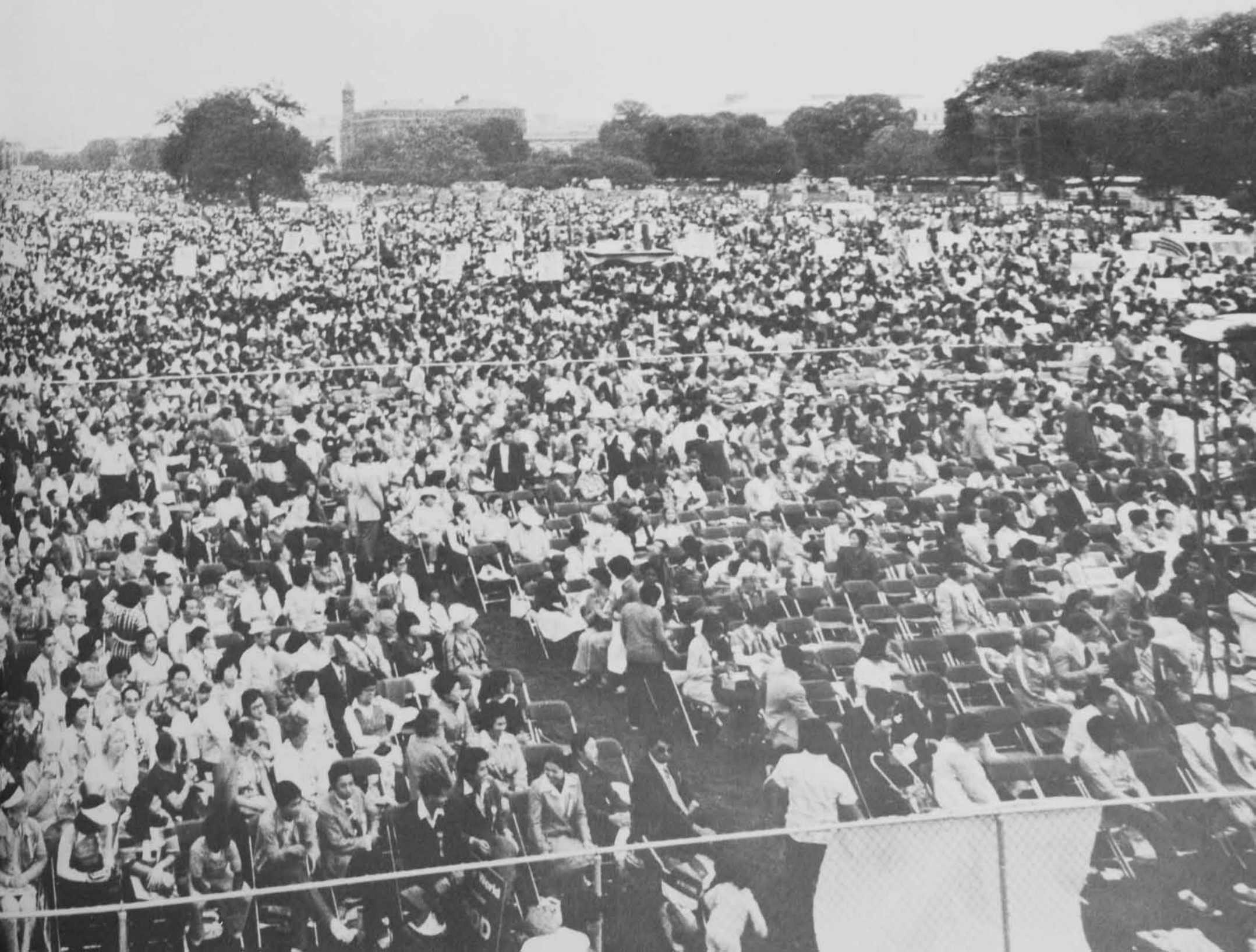


The Washington Monument Rally

The Bicentennial God Bless America Festival



at Washington Monument,
September 18, 1976



Preliminary Campaign

The Plan is Laid Out





Washington Campaign Underway In Washington

At a press conference on Monday, July 26, President Salonen officially announced the September 18 rally. In explaining its purpose to the press, he said: "We want this event to be a very deep and most meaningful Bicentennial observance of this year. Our purpose is to honor God for all the blessings He has given. The prosperity of this country is a direct result of God's blessing. We believe that the extent to which America has lost faith in God is the extent to which she has also lost God's blessing. Therefore, the way to renew our hope, our prosperity, and our vision is to renew our relationship with God. The core of the problems within our nation and of the problems we are having around the world are due to the fact that America is losing her relationship with God."

Members working in Washington are equally distributed among ten tribes, which each have responsibility for a geographical section of the Washington area. Tribe leaders are: Lokesh Mazumdar, Mr. Seino, George Whitfield, Phillip Payne, Bento Leal, Tadaaki Shimmyo, Walter Gottesman, Klaus Lindner, and Hiroshi Matsuzaki. Strategy for the early phases of the campaign is meeting Washingtonians in their homes and neighborhoods, with each tribe encouraged to take creative initiative in serving their areas. Accordingly, members of the God Bless America Committee's community relations staff are working with each tribe in their communities, contacting local leaders interested in helping with rally mobilization and assisting the tribes' projects.

Tribes have acquainted themselves with their communities by visiting families door-to-door. Initially members took a survey on attitudes towards Reverend Moon. "We were glad to find out that most negativity was superficial, based more on what people have heard than on personal experience," reports Jonathan Slevin, assistant to Mr. Sudo.

Next, members surveyed neighborhoods about local problems, explaining that, as members of the Unification Church, they wanted to set up summer programs.

"The unselfish way of life," has been a theme for many of the projects. One tribe has sponsored weekly clean-up contests, honoring the children who can assemble the most trash in a given time and finishing up with watermelon for everyone. A weekly "Summer Fun and Learning" program has taken suburban children on outings.

One tribe has shown films in its neighborhood, another visits old-age homes, and yet another gives folk dancing instruction. Members have found that block parties are a popular activity in the summertime. The mayor of Seat Pleasant, Maryland, attended a block party in his neighborhood on July 17 (See feature article for more activities.)

Many tribes have set up storefronts in their neighborhoods, reports Jonathan. "We also have been consistently contacting the local media. Through going out and meeting the people, we hope to create a credibility gap between what people have read about us and have experienced first-hand. And it's happening."

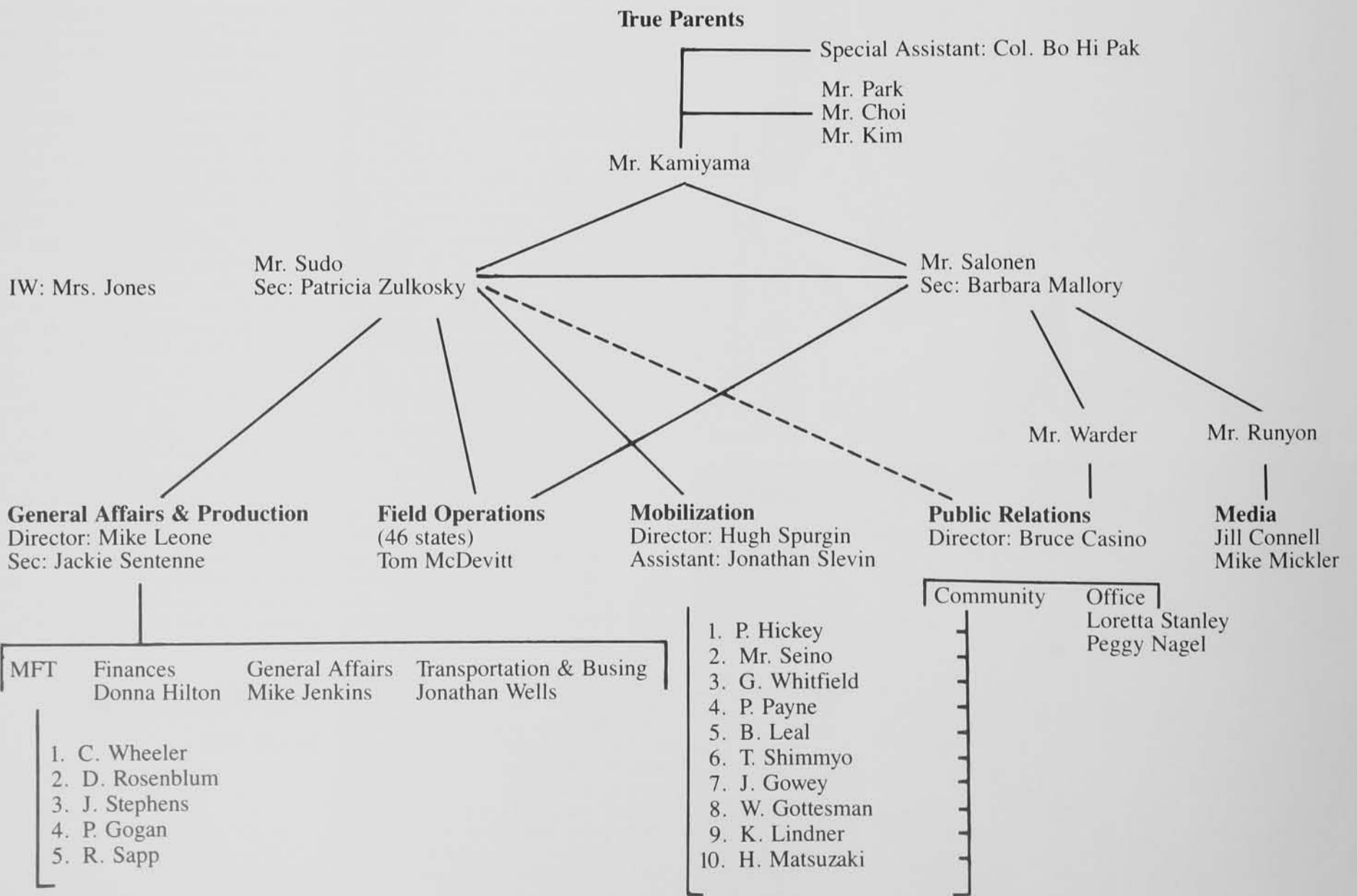
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Organization of Washington Monument Mobilization



Father Encourages Leaders Campaign Moves Ahead

Plans are steadily moving forward for the September 18 God Bless America Festival in Washington, D.C. Shortly after Yankee Stadium members arrived into the D.C. area. By early July, several hundred members, including Unification Theological Seminary students on their summer vacation, were working throughout the Washington area.

State members are carrying on an

He said that they should work in their states "with a burning zeal, abhorring inequality and injustice." He urged them to take initiative in reaching the goal— one world under God. States, he said, will be a major focus of our work after Washington Monument. He outlined future plans: he wants the daily newspaper to start and a new class to enter the Seminary after Washington Monument. Teaching the Divine Principle using modern media, including videotape, he said, will be coming up. Another leaders' meeting will take place in August.

On Saturday, July 17, he spoke to the Washington area leaders. After hearing reports, he explained the meaning of indemnity (See article on July 1 sermon.)

To Help Us...

After Father's speech on July 25, Col. Pak showed members the newly-produced full color introductory brochure for the Washington Monument rally.

A one-hour T.V. documentary on the Yankee Stadium rally has been completed and will be shown in many cities prior to Washington Monument. The videotape begins as the storm ripped through the stadium and flashed back to campaign preparations. When the film introduces Rev. Moon, it does a biographical sketch. In the second half hour, his full speech is televised. The film uses modern techniques to create visual special effects.

Also an aid to the campaign is the New Future Films movie on Yankee Stadium. Father gave films to every state and to Washington, where it is now being shown. (See article on the film's production.)

Our Leaders

Father has given Col. Pak primary responsibility for the campaign. Mr. Kamiyama, who will assist in later phases of the mobilization, is visiting MFT teams. Mr. Salonen, also visiting the teams, is working on many details of the campaign. Three members of the 36 couples are working to mobilize the Korean community. (See story on Gettysburg workshop). Activities in Washington are being directed by Mr. Sudo.

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intensive witnessing campaign to prepare to send members east to assist with the campaign in late August. States east of the Mississippi are evangelizing for membership until mid-August, when they will work to fill busses going to Washington. New York Churches will be contributing a number of members starting August 1.

Encouragement

Father has met with both Washington area leaders and state leaders. He called a state leaders conference at Belvedere on Saturday, July 10. He encouraged them in their responsibility of bringing members.



“Let Us Go Over the Hill of Indemnity”

Father spoke to Washington leaders on July 17 and to New York members at Belvedere on July 18 concerning indemnity. The following is a summary based on notes taken during his July 18 message, “Let Us Go Over the Hill of Indemnity.”

Father began by explaining that his Sunday sermon would be similar to his talk given the preceding evening in Washington because the subject was very important. First, Father spoke of the results of the fall. If it were not for the fall, he said, we would not need to pay indemnity. The result of the fall was a shift in the membership of the world. If it had not been for the fall, everything would have been under God and the creation would have been under man's dominion with the blessing of God. We would not have known Satan; God would have been our master. But since Satan has been the master, we are heading in the opposite direction from the ideal. “Fall,” explained Father, “means reverse”. Due to the fall, the world has had a miserable history. We cannot get rid of Satan

unless we restore ourselves. Father went on to say that we must find ourselves, but that we must strive to center ourselves on God rather than on ourselves during this search. Religions help us find ourselves because they re-establish the lost relationship between God and ourselves.

Father explained that Adam united with the archangel because he was self-centered. To go back to the original ideal, we must therefore rid ourselves of this self-centered nature. “Only through self-denial can we completely find ourselves,” said Father. He then gave three keys for restoration: self-denial, subjugation of Satan, and denial of possessions. Before being self-centered, we must center on God. We must overcome the conditions linking us to Satan. And we must deny our possessions because all things belong to God before they belong to us.

Father went on to discuss our own responsibility in this course. As Unification Church members, he said, we must deny Satan's world and recognize God and His world; we have to overcome Adam's self-centeredness. He cautioned that, because mankind denied God for so long, we must be obedient to Him even when He appears to be rebelling

against us. “If you are in the place of Adam,” he said, “you must be responsible. You must be responsible for all mankind because mankind rebelled against God.”

Both Jacob and Moses underwent this course, said Father. Jacob was successful in gaining the birthright from Esau, wrestling with the angel, and winning back Esau's good will because he did all these things in the name of God. Moses, he said, could have easily lived a glorious life in Pharaoh's palace but instead chose to be persecuted wherever he went in order to fulfill God's Will. Jesus denied himself because he had to win over Satan at all costs. He cried, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” on the cross yet he was obedient to God, who had seemingly abandoned him. By asking God to forgive those who harmed him, Jesus was taking responsibility for all mankind.

Father spoke more specifically of our situation as Unification Church members. Since the restoration is to be both physical and spiritual, we can expect difficulties on this course. Without the Divine Principle it would be difficult for us to understand all of the paradoxical things which may happen to us. But, said Father, the Unification Church is significant in that it teaches the principle of

many different kinds of indemnity.

Father reminded the members of the value of paying indemnity: “We will enter Canaan in our time . . . The greater the indemnity, the greater height we attain. You will reach heaven in the proportion to the depth of hell you go through . . . If you knew that you were going to lose by going this way you would not go . . . Reverend Moon is the champion of the course of indemnity. You are trainees in the arena.

“You must not let go of God,” continued Father. “You must willingly go through rejection.” He then told of his suffering in prison, relating times when his feet bled so much that he was barely able to walk. At such times he offered strong prayers and rededicated himself to God.

He then told us that just before he spoke at Yankee Stadium, he saw someone tear down his picture from a poster. “I then prayed to win victory,” he said. “We were all under the pall of death and then came the resurrection . . . At Yankee Stadium we went through the cross and got the victory of resurrection. We have final victory ahead.”

He spoke more of his feelings, saying that he is often lonely, having to go over the hill of indemnity himself as God watches. “I will risk



indemnity. He explained that we must set conditions level-by-level in paying indemnity.

Father then inspired the members to willingly pay indemnity. “Look for the strongest Satan to fight, and win over him.” He warned that money, position, etc. may be obstacles on the way, saying that we have to be willing to go the path of indemnity despite difficulty and temptation. He said that fundraising is the best way for us to deny ourselves, with witnessing in next place. “The more you are persecuted, the more indemnity you go through,” he said. The United States he added, provides an arena for

my whole life to go over the hill of indemnity,” he said. He concluded that the Washington rally would represent crossing Golgotha on a worldwide level. “Let us go over the hill of indemnity at all cost. No one has gone through our battle. You are carrying out the great mission endowed by God. God has never seen such a breathtaking moment. If we can win victory, God will be so elated.

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Col. Pak Inspires Members to be "Heavenly Nathans"

Excerpted from a sermon to Washington members on July 4, "Heavenly Nathans"

Two hundred years ago today in Philadelphia the most important document in American history, the Declaration of Independence, was signed. That gathering in Independence Hall was much smaller than this group. And at that time, I presume, many of them could not foresee the complete achievement of the independence of America. Perhaps some even felt that their cause had a chance to fail, knowing the invincible power of the British Empire and the

Satan must be completely crushed before the coming of the Kingdom of God. The head of the serpent has already been crushed, so it is our job to finish silencing the serpent.

We are privileged to be participating as co-workers in building the kingdom. God did not create us as robots; He created us to be unique. Although God created us, He also wants to elevate us into creatorship.

Before I joined the Unification Church in 1957 I was desperately trying to become a good Christian. During the Korean war, my life was exposed to danger many times. I wanted to grasp the meaning of life before it was too late. I decided to become a Christian. I was baptized at Fort Benning, Georgia in 1952. Since then I often read the Bible. But something was lacking. I asked myself, "Why could God, if He is all-powerful,



discipline of the British Army. But I do know that they had one common conviction—that they were doing the right thing. By signing their names to the Declaration, they committed their honor, their integrity, and above all, their lives. They had no regrets for the cause of righteousness, of freedom, of the birth of a new nation.

Today we gather in the declaration of the independence of the Kingdom of God. We are launching the crusade that will bring the dawn of the Kingdom of God here on earth. We know that the solemn declaration of the kingdom has been made. It is for you and I to consummate the mission.

allow man to fall? Why does He allow evil to exist? How can He tolerate the power of Communism?" Because of these unsolved questions, many people do not believe in God. I was especially troubled by the rise of Communism. Until that question could be resolved, my heart was not willing to move.

When I met Reverend Moon in 1957, he taught me the answer to that question. I learned from the Divine Principle that God, although He is capable of judging the world in one moment, will not eliminate our chance to participate as creators. If He should resort to miracles to bring

down the Kingdom of God, then you and I would become machines, not sons and daughters of God. When I learned this, it was so beautiful that I began to weep for God. Then I truly grasped the heart of God, Reverend Moon's greatest declaration to this world is that the heart of God is grieving, suffering and broken.

Some members become disillusioned when they don't see signs of the Kingdom of God right after they join, thinking that they can better apply their energies elsewhere. But the Kingdom is not merely something which is going to come. You are not going to start eternal life tomorrow or next week. Eternal life begins with our spiritual rebirth. We are already living in the Kingdom. Like Jesus, we are in this world but not of it. We belong to the Kingdom. The Kingdom of God is not where you live in a glorious palace but where you have eternal life. If you have the conviction that death has been overcome, you are already in the Kingdom.

How many years can you live? Nobody really wants to live over 100 years. Even if you should live 150 years, what is that extra fifty years when compared to eternity? Or the 21 years that Nathan Hale lived? In the truest sense, Nathan Hale is still living. In 1776 he was 21. 200 years later, in 1976, he is 221. As long as America survives, Nathan Hale will never die. He had the courage to commit himself for the cause of the birth of one nation, even though that nation could not promise him eternal life.

Today, 200 years later, America enjoys great prosperity. But Nathan Hale, as well as those who signed the Declaration of Independence or who stood with George Washington at Valley Forge, did not have prosperity. But they laid the cornerstone of America. We will lead lives of pioneering and pathfinding. Like our forefathers, our job is to establish a tradition. If we set the right tradition,

billions of people can follow us.

America is a sick nation. At Yankee Stadium, Father said that blessing always comes with responsibility. All across the country Americans are celebrating the 200th birthday of America. But celebration is not enough. This should be a time for recommitment and re-awakening, a time for a new challenge and a new direction. If America fails to respond to a new commitment for the salvation of the world, the future will be dismal and tragic.

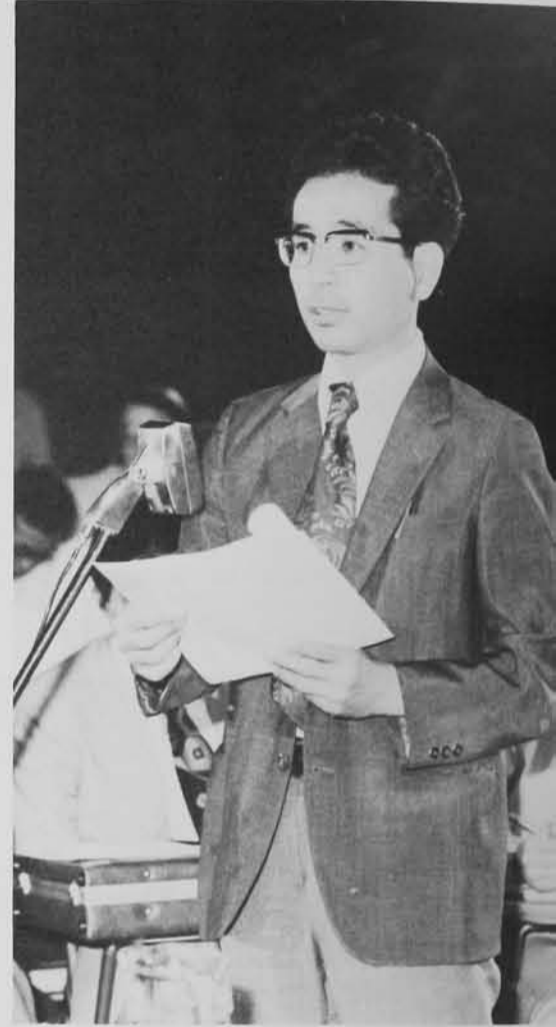
We are summoned to turn the tide of this nation. We are challenged to give America a new birth, a new awakening. You and I will never find any greater cause. The one who assigned this cause is none other than God, our Heavenly Father. The Commander-in-Chief is the spiritual George Washington of the world, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

When the order to execute Nathan Hale as a Continental spy was given, he requested a Bible. This request denied, he spoke his final words, a testimony to the new birth of America: "I have only one regret—that I have only one life to give for my country." Patriotism alone could not give birth to that kind of courage. Only with the conviction that he was serving God's purpose, knowing that America was in God's providence, could he have that power.

Today, let us be heavenly Nathans. Our only regret is that we have only one life to give to the cause of God. Since we have only one life, our application of that life has to be very serious. Each one of you are champions in the upcoming event of the Washington Monument rally. As heavenly Nathans, let us commit our lives to the coming victory!

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Leaders discuss the results of the Yankee Stadium Rally and make plans for the Washington Monument Rally to be held on September 18, 1976.



The Campaign Begins

Father Issues Call to Action, Reveals Future

Church leaders from Asia, Europe, and the United States gathered at Belvedere on August 10, where Father told them, "From today, our entire effort, heart, and soul must be dedicated to success at Washington Monument." The wide-ranging meeting included remarks by Father, a report by Col. Pak on campaign progress and strategy, the instructions by Father reflecting not only the immediate concern but also revealing the broad range of his future plans.

In his preliminary remarks, Father addressed himself to the question: "Why will God's side eventually win?" The theme of his remarks was the characteristics and responsibilities of the Abel figure (The following summary is based on notes). Since the motivation of the fall was selfishness, Abel is to create an unselfish, public-minded world. The characteristics of a public-minded, Abel person are to think first of God, then of others, and then of the future. Adam and Eve disregarded all of these; they forgot about God, they thought only of themselves, and they brought ruin to their children. Consequently, to restore the fall, we must: "Restore God as the absolute center, think of others, and look towards the future." Cain's world, since it started first, is well-established; Abel's world is just now being pioneered.

What should be Abel's strategy? Abel must cut himself off completely from Satan and center absolutely on God. Secondly, he must go back to the Satanic world to work for God. In doing this, he must set a standard superior to Adam, or else he cannot command leadership. Persecution serves two purposes in this strategy: it separates us from Satan and it helps us demonstrate excellent characteristics. "You must not be affected by persecution. Unless you reach that level of triumph, you cannot elevate yourself to the Kingdom of God."

In the religious world, the Messiah, who is the substantiation of the truth, is at the core and in the Abel position, while churches are in the Cain position. When the Messiah and Christianity unite together they will work to unite with their religions and finally to win over the greatest Cain, Communism. While this could take a long time, it is God's desire that the Satanic world can be quickly won over.

"Every echelon of the Satanic world is trying to defeat the Unification Church," said Father. "We must withstand and survive so that God can declare victory on a universal scale..."

Father concluded his opening remarks by stressing the importance of the next forty days. "This is the highest point in the history of our movement, what is done in the next forty days for the sake of Washington Monument. I am giving my whole energy, conviction, and enthusiasm. We must go on under stony rejection to elevate ourselves as heavenly Abels. Then God will be fully on our side."

Father then asked that the full support of the movement be given at that time for Washington Monument. He asked each state to make a commitment of members immediately.

Col. Pak, in charge of Campaign Control and Coordination, gave a report to the leaders. He summarized Father's plan for moving outstanding Church leaders near Washington and his speech in Washington on August 5. Then he gave a description of the rally program and strategy. "I am learning a great deal about fireworks," he commented. The "World's Greatest International Fireworks" will represent at least 12 nations and all continents. Since ground pieces proved to be ineffective on July 4, the show will consist primarily of aerals. "It will be," said Col. Pak, "the most intense showing of fireworks that history has ever known." The fireworks will be the program's finale, occurring after dark. Father will speak just before the fireworks at about sunset. Entertainment will include the New Hope Singers, Korean Folk Ballet, Sunburst and the new 80-piece Go-World Brass Band as well as some outside groups.

Col. Pak emphasized the importance of the busing strategy. With fireworks, he said, he is confident that even a million people could come to the rally. But the key point will be the mobilization of at least 100,000 people who are seriously interested in Father's message.

Precise planning, which Father referred to in his sermon the day before as "Apollo 11 procedure" is especially important for this rally, said Col. Pak. "Order will be the name of the day," he reported, indicating that detailed plans were being drawn up about parking, etc.





After Col. Pak's report, Father gave his instructions. Following are excerpts:

Washington Monument Rally and our responsibility:

Needed are: immediate mobilization, unity of heart, and a consciousness that we need to be good representatives of Father to change public opinion. We must be aware of our responsibility to educate the public as to the true nature of our movement during this campaign; also we must think in terms of building a lasting foundation for the Unification Church.

Father and America:

Father's name is well-known, but people are confused about his philosophy. Therefore we should try to help the people understand the many reasons why Father is needed; among them: for the education of young people, to restore the order of the family, to reconstruct patriotism, to revive declining religious life, for our defense against Communism, to solve basic human problems, to unite God and man, and to unite the world of the heart.

International strengthening:

Offices for our international representatives will be consolidated in New York.

Father desires IOWC teams on each continent. Teams should start with 300 members and increase to 3,000.

Preparation for next year:

Standardization of Divine Principle lectures: Videotapes and movies are excellent teaching aids which can be used throughout the country. Therefore, right after Washington Monument, a committee will draft a standardized format of the Divine Principle which can be shown in two-hour segments from two to twelve hours. The video presentation will have the advantage of being able to present the lectures with ample illustration. In addition, cassette tapes of the lectures are being considered. President of HSA-UWC, Mr. Young Whi Kim, who arrived in the United States for the conference, will stay to supervise the work of the committee.

Newspaper: We will first establish a daily national newspaper here and then another in London, so that the World Daily News will be located in the news centers of Asia, the United States, and Europe. All international and national leaders should think in terms of learning how to report for the newspaper.

Science Conference: Father encouraged national and international leaders to assist Science Conference participants from their state or country in any way possible.

Fishing: Father sees the sea as a vast untapped resource. Accordingly he has been researching the sea for the past three years. "We will be a sea-going movement," he said. Father would like to train our members for a year and a half on board a ship: "The best discipline can be learned in a storm and under heavy rains." Fish and fish products have scores of uses from highly nutritious and healthy food to fertilizer, etc. Possibilities for expansion in this field include, in addition to fish products themselves, marine transport, overland transport, and trade.

"Exciting days are ahead of us," said Father. "Now you see the direction of my thinking. Go back and pack up!"

Mr. Kamiyama and Mr. Salonen held a strategy-planning meeting with the state leaders at the conclusion of Father's instructions.

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An End, A Beginning, And An Offering

Excerpts from remarks given in Washington, D.C. on August 8

Today is a very significant day. Tomorrow begins the forty-day period before the Washington Monument Rally. During this time we have to accomplish a separation from Satan. Every day we must carry out the campaign with an understanding of our responsibility.

Father is always describing to us what ought to be if we fulfill our responsibility. The limits which we accept for ourselves and for our movement are not intrinsic but are self-imposed. It is only when we challenge those limits that we can begin to understand the tremendous possibilities within the making.

God has the greatest hope for us. God's love for man is so great; God's need for love is equally great. God has been looking for love; man has been looking for God. Because we are so far apart, we cannot see it. But God has persevered painstakingly.

Throughout history, the lives of the people who have followed God have been sacrificial. This is not because God demands sacrifice, but because God has lived a life of sacrifice. That is the pattern of God. Therefore, that

is the pattern of those who follow after God. God's central figures have therefore always been at the forefront.

(Mr. Salonen gave a history of the Day of Hope tours, explaining the initial shock of the members when they first heard the plans, their struggles to sell tickets for the first tour, the difficulties Father encountered in leading the way, and the growing success until the victory of Madison Square Garden.) By faithfully following Father and blazing the pioneer trail across America, we grew.

Through that indemnity, the heavenly road was opened wide. Father taught us the road to success through his own struggles. The purpose of the Day of Hope tours was not of some mere ceremonial significance to be locked in the archives. It was to launch us, his followers, into the future.

The Washington campaign is meant to be the culmination of a certain pattern. It is the end of one stage of Father's ministry in the United States. But it is the beginning of something too—of our ministry to our mission. From here we have to march with the same determination and success which Father took through his entire Day of Hope Tours. Just imagine if fifty of

our members were as controversial as Reverend Moon is today! People would demand full length television specials, inquiries and reports all over the world about the Divine Principle because they would want to know what was creating a new kind of uncompromising people—people whose power must come from some place else. If their eyes are open, they will find that the power comes from God. There is no power greater than the power of love and truth. So we must be sure that our actions represent love and truth. We must first resurrect ourselves to become shining examples.

While the main purpose of the Washington Monument campaign is to serve as the culmination of Father's ministry, it is also an offering. America is strong because God has given incredible blessing to this country. But if America loses her relationship with God, she will lose the blessings that came with that relationship. This is not just theory. It is all too obvious. Families are breaking down. Last year a million and a half children ran away. At least seven hundred children were beaten to death by their own parents. There has been a shocking rise in alcoholism and drug addiction. Immorality is not considered immorality any longer—it is the "new morality."



But there are many people who are deeply troubled in their hearts and are daily praying to God. Their foundation is still intact; they are waiting for someone to come and sound the alarm. They are ready to be called, to stand for what is right. But they can't do it by themselves, and there is no one to lead them to do it together. Father's message will not be news to these people. Although his ideas may not be popular, they are not unique to this movement. But we are demonstrating that Reverend Moon is providing the leadership to mobilize the people of this country to reach out to God. We are saying: "Come and stand up for God in America. This rally is not a compromise. The statements will not be vague. We are going to say what God wants us to say. And if you come and stand up for that, then everyone in America and around the world will recognize that there are people who still believe such things. And that will bring a tremendous rebirth of hope throughout America."

If there are no Americans who will give thanks to God for His blessings, then by the Principle He cannot continue to give them—not because He is angry or vindictive but because there is no base. God will have been pushed from America. So another

meaning of the Washington Monument rally is to bring together people symbolically representing all of America to give thanks to God. If we create the right environment for a pure offering, then God can continue to give His blessing to America and we can still be in a position to carry out our mission. If America turns to God five years from now, she may have so declined that she will be only a hollow shell.

We have to save America now while she still has the strength to act for God. America is the champion for freedom around the world. If we don't save America soon, then America will be just another country on a long list of those in need of rescue from chaos.

It is not easy to do this campaign. Father wishes that we had more people and more money. But that is why God needs us; we are the people who can still work in that situation. Our determination must be to find a way to lift the responsibility from God's shoulders and carry it ourselves. For 6,000 years the human race has left everything in God's hands and blamed Him for its own shortcomings. Our responsibility is to become the true men and women to live up to God's standard and welcome Him into the world. Instead of making God change the world, we will

change the world and welcome God. Then America will have realized the Kingdom of Heaven. America will be what we make it or what we fail to make it. And we will all have to bear the consequences.

Father has said that the strategy for this campaign is unity and indemnity. It is not possible to do everything ourselves. We have two things to do; to offer our 5% and pay indemnity. We are not really qualified to do our full 5%, so we must rely upon the offering of indemnity.

The strategy for Washington Monument has already been set. There is little doubt that, with the fireworks display the Monument grounds will be completely filled. The people will come. But what happens there will depend upon the spiritual atmosphere that we create. We must sanctify ourselves during this forty-day period and be determined to offer ourselves 100%. If we can create an environment to really embrace the people, then we can spark a hope in America. There are millions of people who are against Communism and really want to bring God back into America. And they are looking for someone to lead them. We have to show the people who is leading the cause of righteousness, so that when they come, something within them

will respond. On that foundation, America will begin to change.

The purpose of Washington Monument is to bring God's truth to America. We must humbly ask God to use us despite all of our shortcomings, to trust us despite all of our wrongdoings, to have faith in us despite of all of our inconsistencies and to help us love others the same way that we want Him to love us. If we can do that, we will have laid the cornerstone for the Kingdom of Heaven in America and on the earth. Washington Monument is the end of one stage but the beginning of our real battle to establish the Kingdom of Heaven. Nothing is going to stop us. Nothing is going to stand in our way. If the people are wondering when we will leave Washington, the answer is very clear. We are never going to leave Washington!

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Father Sets Plans for September 18 Victory

Father has taken two dramatic steps to send the Washington Monument campaign into its final stage. First, on August 5, he restructured the campaign by placing the top national leaders in charge of Washington, D.C., Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York. Second, at the August 10 international leadership conference at Belvedere, asked that the larger mobilization of Church members originally scheduled for August 25 be accomplished right away.

On Sunday, August 8, Father spoke to the New York area members on "Washington Monument and My Responsibility," especially addressing himself to the seriousness of the mission before us. "Washington Monument represents the total liquidation of the past failures of history, from the individual to the worldwide level."

In Washington

Father decisively restructured the Washington Monument campaign during a visit to Washington on Thursday, August 4. After giving an encouraging speech to all the Washington area members, Father announced the new plan to the whole gathering. Due to the importance of the campaign, he said he wanted the most experienced leaders of the Church to take responsibility for the states near Washington and compete among themselves for results.

Father named Col. Bo Hi Pak as Campaign Controller and Coordinator. In this role he will be acting as Father's representative in overseeing the campaign and will be in constant communication with him. On a later occasion, Col. Pak expressed his optimism about the new system: "Father's plan to use our Church's most outstanding leaders in strategic locations is most inspired. And with each of them working to bring the highest results, the fruits will be even greater."

Mr. Kamiyama, he said, is Mobilization director and will be responsible for the work of the five states near Washington. Under him, Father assigned President Salonen responsibility for Washington, D.C. itself, explaining that he knew Washington well and that an American leader should be the leader in the nation's capitol for this perfection stage campaign in the United States. He recognized Mr. Sudo's achievement as the first Washington area leader of the campaign, saying that he had done a "marvelous job." He assigned Mr. Sudo to the state of Maryland, where he will be assisted by Mr. Han-joo Cha, the state leader. Due to his success in leading the Los Angeles Church, Dr. William Bergman will be given the state of Virginia. As a seasoned leader for the important states of Pennsylvania and Delaware, Father chose Reverend Reiner Vincenz. And he selected someone knowledgeable about our Church's work in New York, Aidan Barry, as the leader of that state.

Earlier, Father inspired the members by sharing many of his feelings and experiences with them. He spoke of the difficulties which confronted him in his mission, explaining that his way was so painful that it hurts him to think about it. He said that he went on this painful path "to be the friend of the lonely one in Heaven. I trod this path for the sake of the world. I know that God has been with me all the way." He compared his struggles to being on a ship in a storm without a compass. The Divine Principle, the fruit of his struggle, provides that compass. Now that we have inherited the Divine Principle, he said, our responsibility is to live it.

"My tears are not for my sake," continued Father. If he went against his principles, he said, his body would rebel against him. He cannot help but go this way. Why? "There is one





principle that remains forever. We must open up a new hope for the young people of the world." He continued to explain that if he has a tombstone he wants it to say that he suffered not for himself but for the black, white and yellow people of the world—that he died still wanting to do more in service to humanity. He said that by the end of his mission, he hopes to leave behind a new nation and world. Until someone pays the debts of the world, he said, no resurrection can be expected.

Father asked each member to examine himself to determine if he is following his mission without condition. There are three categories of people he said: those who have decided to go the road of their mission at any cost, those who are considering going, and those who might consider going. He explained that God does not want His children to suffer, but a good leader wants his followers to be tested so that they can become winners. We may want God to help us all the time, but His hands are tied because of man. "God needs men who can rise above misery. This is the destiny of history."

Our goal, said Father, is perfection. This he said, sets us apart because, traditionally, forgiveness is the goal of a religious life. But, he explained, forgiveness does not make anyone perfect. In the Unification Church, we must go beyond forgiveness and restore perfection. "Our tradition is to be victorious in every facet. He said that sometimes he wished that if circumstances had been different, he could have been an Olympic champion. "We must be champions under both stable and adverse conditions," he said. "It may take our entire lives." He went on to say that when he was being taken to prison in North Korea after his arrest, he was seen by a former follower, who tormented him by saying that if he were smart, he would abandon his course. "I never

forgot that," said Father. He continued to say that this person, as well as many others who had persecuted him, are all gone now.

Father further said that although he has faced all kinds of pressures in the thirty years of his mission, he is still strong and vigorous. The day before, he reported, he struggled with a tuna for an hour and half. Upon catching it he discovered it was the largest tuna that he has caught so far—twelve feet!

In speaking more directly about the Washington campaign, Father said that he quickly decided to come to Washington this morning to get the campaign into final gear. "A victorious battle plan is most important," he said. While on the way down to Washington, he thought about the members there: "Since you are my only friends, you are so precious to me."

He prefaced his selection of the leaders by explaining that the Washington Monument rally was our most important campaign in the U.S. There have been many rallies at the Washington Monument, he said, but none has yet represented the heart of God. He predicted that, upon our success, Washington would be a place of pilgrimage for our descendants.

"You are going to lay the cornerstone as a representative of all the people," he concluded. "On that foundation, you stand and pray for the blessing of mankind. God will listen to you."

Shortly after Father's visit, progress was made on several levels in Washington. The rental of a hotel and a large hall equipped with a kitchen satisfied the need for sleeping, meeting, and eating accommodations. On Monday, August 9, 150 members from New York joined forces with the Washington members to work with them in their community-based witnessing. Mr. Kamiyama inspired the tribe leaders in his initial meeting

with them as Mobilization Director on August 6. And all Washington members gathered at the meeting hall on Sunday, August 9, for a meeting with Mr. Salonen to commemorate the beginning of the forty-day period before the Washington Monument rally.

Before he gave a speech on the meaning of the Washington Monument rally (see excerpts in this issue) Mr. Salonen asked for reports from each of the tribe leaders and other area representatives. Tribe leader Phillip Payne summed up his experience: "My area, Anacostia, is far different from anywhere else I have ever been. We are the only white people on the other side of the Anacostia River! In this situation, our members have had to find out who they were and who they can be. We were really thrown out on our own. But God had to find out what we are made out of and how much faith we had. Last month was a great test of faith. I feel very close to that vagabond band of brothers and sisters who, two hundred years ago, came here on a wooden ship. Since they had little understanding of what was ahead of them, they had to do many things of faith. I have felt during this campaign like we are beginning America again in the same way. But this time we are doing it together. That is the big difference, and that is why we have to continue . . . We are all that God has. It is a big responsibility to become true Americans. So I ask myself: 'Can I bring people across the river to the Washington Monument? Can we go from the land where we used to live to live in a new land?'"

New Hope News

August 13, 1976





Campaign Report :



Tribe Membership

Tribe	Members
1 Patrick Hickey	71
2 Mr. Seino	77
3 George Whitfield	98
4 Mr. Nishi	63
5 Tom McDevitt	58
6 Mr. Shimmyo	51
7 John Gowey	45
8 Walter Gottesman	48
9 Klaus Lindner	67
10 Mr. Matsuzaki	49
11 Jim Gavin	54
12 Ted West	57
Sub-Total	741
13 Rally Team	43
14 Flyer Team	63
Total Members	844



Summary of Washington, D.C. Personnel

A. Witnessing Members	844
Tribe Members	741
Rally/Flyer Teams	106
B. GBA Campaign Staff	39
HQ Office Staff	15
Kitchen Staff	11
Security/House Staff	13
C. Subtotal, Mobilization	883
D. Performing Arts	148
New Hope Singers	52
Sunburst	12
Go-World Brass Band	67
Voices of Freedom Staff	13
E. Special GBA Campaign Teams, DC	42
F. TMC, Stage Construction	55
G. Other Washington Area Groups	91
Publications	18
Literature Dist. Team	3
FLF	6
Capitol Hill Team	17
Theological Staff	4
IFA	24
Korean PR Team	14
Vietnamese Church	3
Upshur Restoration	2
H. Subtotal, Supporting Groups	336
I. Total Members, Mobilization and Support Groups	1209





Community Programs

Meeting the Public

Washington Projects Include Clean-ups, Picnics

by Mike Mickler

From feature stories made available to the press.

A two-day street-cleaning contest culminated in a trip to the National Zoo for approximately thirty Anacostia youngsters and several parents from the East Capitol View and Eli Minnesota areas, July 23. The project, according to area representative Philip Payne, is one of several initiated by his group in the Anacostia area. Other projects, according to Payne, have included, "several clean-up contests, an arts-and-crafts contest, a 'get to love your neighbor' day, and a community newsletter." Payne stated that the God Bless America Committee is "working to actualize the basic ideals upon which Christianity and the country began."

Mrs. Sheila Smith, 1331 P St., S.E., who took the day off from work to attend and who supplied fried chicken and hamburgers, felt that the clean-up and zoo trip were good ideas. "There's nothing for the kids to do." Amanda Arrington, ANC commissioner and aide to the City Council, commented that she thought the project was constructive. "Idle hands get into trouble."

Anthony Watkins, II, of 3145 E St., said that although he is more used to catching frogs and tadpoles at the creek, "If you keep the world clean, you'll be able to communicate better." According to Payne, the God Bless America Committee has as one of its ideals, "the coming together of black, white and yellow." And because he can see such an ideal substantiated in life, he "can offer vision for it happening on a bigger level." If the organizers of the zoo trip are any indication, it would appear to be some substantiation, as it included as its organizers Dinshaw Dadachanji, a former Yale University graduate student in Chemistry and molecular biology from Bombay, India, Anne-Marie Ward, a former Delta airlines receptionist from Houston, Texas, and Ed Parker, from Bedford-Stuyvesant, New York City.

Payne, from New Hope, Pennsylvania, states that the true meaning of the Bicentennial is "not just a celebration of the past, but a looking toward the future, the third century of America." At present, Payne counts 20-25 volunteers working out of his storefront at 3117 Martin Luther King Avenue. Aside from



community action programs, lunch and dinner are held daily for interested people.

The corner of North Howard and Taney Avenues in Shirley Duke, Virginia, was the scene of an afternoon clean-up contest for twenty-four Shirley Duke youngsters July 24. Certificates of recognition were awarded to all participants as well as cold drinks and pretzels. Mrs. Helen Morris, who watched three of her children participate, felt that the clean-up was a good idea and hoped it might encourage the children in the future "to pick up paper and keep the city clean." A number of the Shirley Duke youngsters have decided to take up the clean-up on a regular basis. Dale Edward Atkins, 14, of 708 North Howard, and one of the participants, stated: "We are trying our hardest to clean up here. If they mess it up, we'll clean it up again and keep cleaning it up until people look at us and think, 'What are we doing to our beautiful world?'"

New Hope News

July 30, 1976





Carrying the Spirit to the

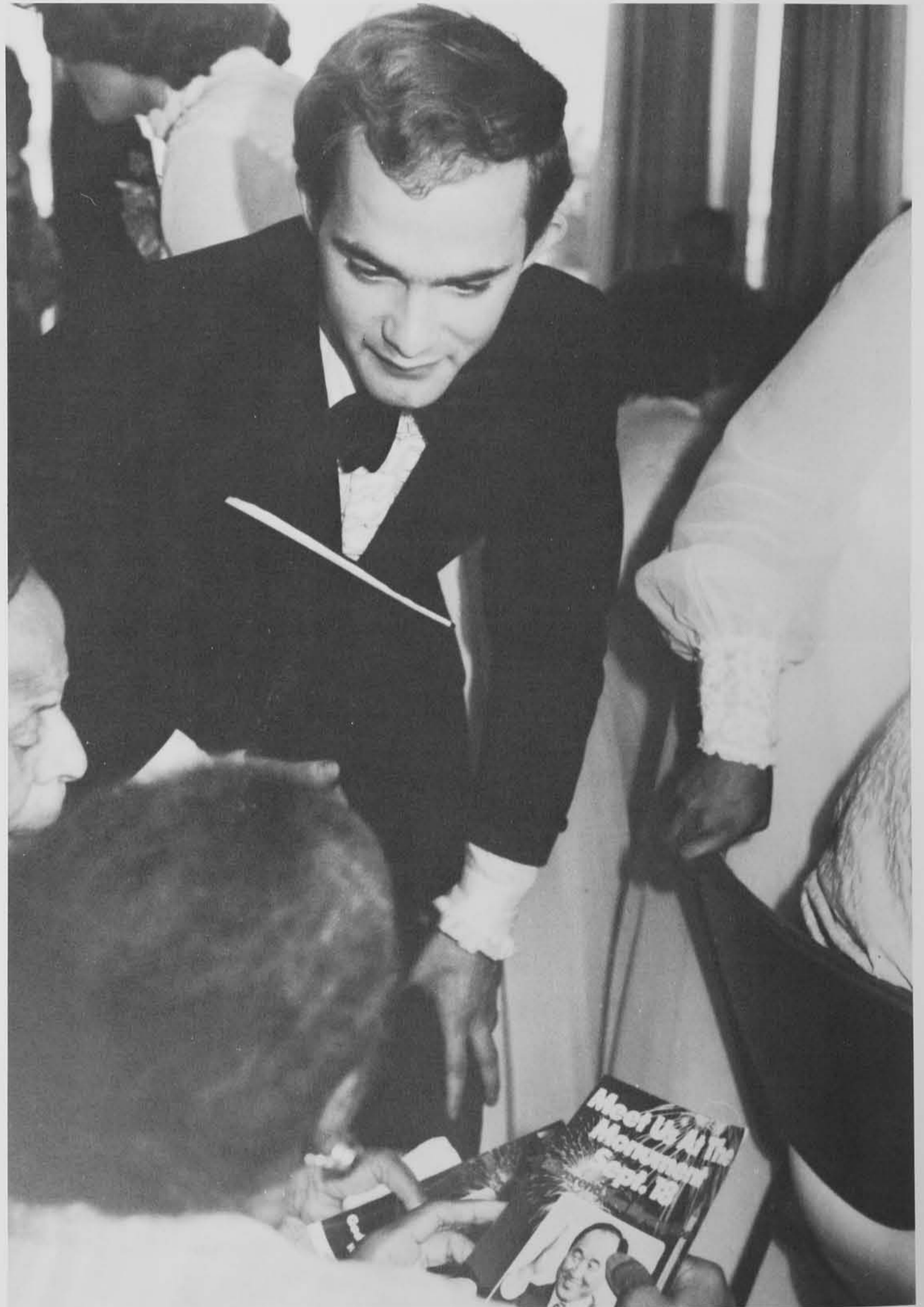


Communities



God is seeking as a champion the person who has at heart the interests of the whole of humanity.

Sun Myung Moon
August 1, 1976





Publicity

Getting the Word Out





**Meet Us At The
Monument
Sept. 18**



Reverend Sun Myung Moon

**God Bless
America Festival**

MEEET



Members gather at the Washington Monument grounds for the filming of one of four television commercials announcing the upcoming Rally.

US AT



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*"The time has come excitement's filling the air
Oh can't you see my brothers a festival to share
Hey hey meet us at the monument
Hey hey it's a family affair
Hey hey Washington Monument
September 18th join the festival there"*

*"There will never be another September 18th like this one.
It's the day of the God Bless America Festival. When
Rev. Sun Myung Moon will deliver an inspiring message.
There will be dancing, singing and a spectacular
international fireworks display... September 18th...
Remember that day because the day after there will be
no more posters to remind you of this joyous God Bless
America Festival at the Washington Monument. Our
posters will be removed... You see Rev. Moon wants to
keep America beautiful... walls of buildings and in
peoples hearts."*

*"Yes, we're going to the monument. We're really looking
forward to it."*

"It's going to be such a festive occasion."

"I'm coming to hear Rev. Moon's speech."

*"I'm going to the God Bless America Festival because I
want to hear what Rev. Moon has to say."*

"We're going."

*"I'm going to the festival to hear the rock group
Sunburst."*

"I'm coming to see the fireworks."

"We're bringing our whole family to see the fireworks."

*Narrator: "Meet us at the Washington Monument,
September 18th."*

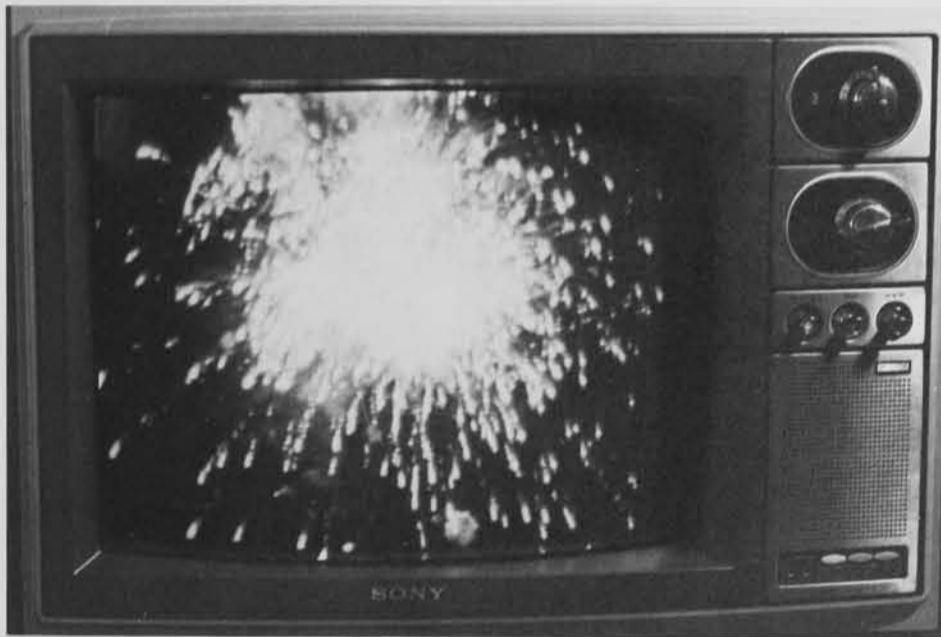
*"The day after September 18th there will be no more
posters of one of the most inspiring events ever held in
Washington, D.C. The great songs, exotic dances, the
spectacular international fireworks display and an
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peoples' hearts."*



MONUMENT



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Steve Baker, advertising designer and consultant and Farley Jones present layouts for newspaper ads which appeared in all of the cities where the campaign took place.



Campaign Report :



Proposed Newspaper Advertisement Schedule

- Date*
- Sun. 9/5 "Meet Us At the Monument"
Washington Post
"Meet Us At the Monument"
Washington Star
 - Tue. 9/7 Maybe you've heard about Reverend Moon,
but have you heard him?
Washington Post
 - Wed. 9/8 Maybe you've heard about Reverend Moon
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 - Thu. 9/9 "I'm not afraid of controversy."
Washington Post
 - Fri. 9/10 What is God's favorite color?
Washington Post
From one parent to another
Washington Star
 - Sat. 9/11 From one parent to another
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 - Sun. 9/12 There will be another July 4th on September 18th.
Washington Post
Can a prophet be human?
Washington Star
 - Mon. 9/13 In 1952, this was Reverend Moon's church
Washington Post
 - Tue. 9/14 There will be another July 4th on September 18th.
Washington Star
 - Wed. 9/15 Let his followers speak for themselves
Washington Post
 - Thu. 9/16 "Prophet, Teacher, Brainwasher... etc."
Washington Post
 - Fri. 9/17 Tomorrow may be the most important day of your life
Washington Star
 - Sat. 9/18 Today may be the most important day of your life.
Washington Post

Summary
Washington Post
 9 single page
 1 double page
Washington Star
 5 single page
 1 double page



Meet us at the Monument. September 18th.

Eleven full-page advertisements published in The Washington Post and
The Washington Star from September 5-18, 1976.

God Bless America Festival

September 18, 1976

Washington Monument

Washington, D.C.



Meet us at the Monument. September 18th.

The Washington Post
September 5, 1976

The Washington Star
September 5, 1976



Over the next 13 days we'll be inviting you to meet us at the Washington Monument on September 18th. Enthusiastic young men and women will be approaching you personally, asking you to come to the God Bless America Festival... to the singing, the dancing, the picnicking, the listening and the world's greatest international fireworks.

At the same time, you'll see an unprecedented media campaign in support of these

young people — newspaper ads, TV and radio messages, and posters. The reason is not only that it takes an extensive effort to reach every person in a large area like Washington, D.C., but also that this event takes place in perhaps the most crucial period of our nation's history.

More than ever, today we need God with us. He is the key to solving the growing problems of crime, drug abuse, moral corruption and universal

conflict. To discover God we historically have needed mediators and we believe Reverend Moon is playing such a critical role today. Therefore we think it is vital that his message be heard.

Moreover, we feel that Reverend Moon and the Unification Church have been seriously misinterpreted by certain members of the media. Obviously, sensational allegations make sensational stories. But in many instances

this has been done at the expense of truth. In our upcoming newspaper ads we'd like to confront some of these issues. Ultimately, we want you to hear Reverend Moon in person and make up your own mind.

September 18th will be a day for you. Washington Monument will be a place for you. And Reverend Moon? He may be the man for you. We hope you will meet us at the Monument.

God Bless America Festival with the World's Greatest International Fireworks



For information call 466-4260 or write to: God Bless America Festival, 1365 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

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Maybe you've heard about Reverend Moon. But have you ever heard him?

Reverend Moon on the significance of the individual

"God, being invisible, can't do everything by himself. He needs you..."
 "Why are we here? We must revolutionize ourselves before being able to revolutionize our nation and the world..."
 "You must realize you can be the true ancestor to your future generations. You can be the central point of God's love and the starting point of the cleansing of the world..."

Reverend Moon on happiness

"Happiness comes over a period of time as we strive to reach a high goal or ideal..."
 "What is happiness in the true sense? In a word, happiness is found when you can give in your own unique way—when you can share your position, your wealth, your knowledge or whatever is virtuous with other people. If you can share love with each other, that makes you feel happiest of all..."
 "People are seeking happiness for everybody except God. However, unless it is God-centered there is no happiness. They speak of peace. Unless it is God-centered there is no peace..."

Reverend Moon on love

"Up to the present time, people have thought religious life belonged to some airy plane and imagined that God would just sweep them away to heaven. But the way to heaven is to broaden the scope of our love by loving our families, our neighbors, our nations, and the whole population of the world..."

"Being loved by God, and knowing God's love is the starting point of finding yourself..."

"There is one principle to giving yourself well: you must bear the love of a father, the heart of a father, and take on the role of the servant. Your heart must be a father's heart, but your body must be a servant's body..."

"In finding God, you need to have three kinds of love: love from your parents, love of your mate, and love for your children. These three loves must be combined in one in you..."

Reverend Moon on the family

"We are created masculine and feminine. Unless man and woman are united there is no way for God to express His love ultimately..."
 "The husband must be able to love his wife as her father, brother, son and husband. Likewise, the wife must be able to take the position of mother, sister, daughter, and wife. If you have mastered

all of these loves, then you are qualified for the Kingdom of Heaven..."

"The Kingdom of Heaven is prepared not for individuals, but for the family—for the father, the mother and the true children of God..."

Reverend Moon on America

"In America, you must not think that you have such wealth because you yourselves are great. The blessing of God came so that God could use this nation as His instrument in saving the world..."

"America has been known as the 'melting pot.' Do you know who provided the heat for the melting? God was that heat..."

"America is the microcosm of the world. Transcending nationality and race, America has created a model for the ideal world..."

"A revolution of heart must come and individualism in America must be tied into a God-centered ideology..."

Reverend Moon on Communism

"Communism is the true antichrist of this age. It must be overcome with a superior ideology. We proclaim the power of Christ so that the power of the antichrist is automatically doomed..."

"According to Communist ideology, 'Mine is mine and yours is mine.' On our part, we must think, 'Mine is yours, and yours is the nation's, and the nation's is God's—and God's is mine!'"

"The Communists' goal in America is to aggravate the rupture between black and white. To defend our ideal, we must unite all races and all nationalities into one, proving that the world of love is possible..."

Reverend Moon on Jesus

"The ability to perform a miracle does not make a Messiah. Moses performed even greater miracles than Jesus did. There is one great difference between Jesus and other men. Jesus was the direct heir of God, of

God's blood line, and born of God..."

"Jesus came as the master of love, the prince of love, and the center of love. Thus, he should have received more love than anyone else in the world: from his parents, from his brothers and sisters, from his relatives and neighbors. But he received such love from no one..."

"Why was the time of Jesus to be the end of the world? It is because Jesus came to end the evil sovereignty and bring forth God's sovereignty upon the earth..."

"Jesus did not leave any ideology like Marxism, but by his spirit alone he had such great impact on the world..."

Reverend Moon on the unified world

"Our desire is the unity of our minds with God, our bodies with our minds, and our whole beings with other people. Only by achieving that unity can we restore ourselves on the individual, family, national and worldwide levels..."

"In the true sight of God, there is no such thing as America, Korea, Africa or Europe. God knows one heart, one love, one family of children, and one world..."

"At all costs, even at the expense of ourselves, we must establish the kingdom of God on earth. The whole earth will be one country. With all nations brought together, there will be one people in God..."



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The Washington Post
September 7, 1976

The Washington Star
September 8, 1976

What is God's favorite color?



“Before you are black, white or yellow, you are brothers and sisters under one common Parent, God.”

—Reverend Moon

God has no favorite colors. We are all the same in His eyes.

It is this spiritual commonality which lays the foundation for unity among races and nations—our only hope for lasting peace.

And it is the celebration of this spiritual commonality that will bring us together on Saturday, September 18th, around the Washington Monument. Here, Reverend Sun Myung Moon will

speak on God's plan for “One World Under God.”

Come and celebrate with us this exciting and joyful reaffirmation of brotherhood. As God sees it.

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The Washington Post
September 10, 1976

Can a prophet be human?

The Washington Star
September 10, 1976



There are two sides to Reverend Sun Myung Moon.

One is a dynamic, compelling figure. He addresses huge crowds. His face is stern, his voice is clear. His message is serious.

This is Reverend Moon, the spiritual leader, a prophet. He is speaking about brotherhood, the concept of "One World

Under God." He is re-affirming the need for God's presence in what he believes is an increasingly Godless society. He is reminding Americans that theirs is a global leadership.

The other Reverend Moon assumes a completely different personality. Gone is the stern countenance. His face breaks into a smile, his eyes twinkle.

Genuine warmth radiates from him. He's laughing, joking, even poking fun at himself.

This is Reverend Moon, father of nine beautiful children. A friend. A teacher and a student simultaneously. A listener, a traveler, reader, art lover, a sportsman—and not a bad one at that. (His record of 72 tuna caught in one day at

Freeport, Long Island has yet to be equaled.)

The two Reverend Moons may seem to be far apart at first glance.

But they are not. Being human is part of a true religious leader. And religion is part of a true human being.

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In 1952 this was Reverend Moon's Church.



The Washington Post
September 11, 1976

At the time, Reverend Moon was a refugee who had recently been liberated from a Communist prison camp in North Korea. During the day he was a laborer on the docks of Pusan, South Korea. At night he taught those who sought him out. This cardboard shack had many visitors.

From this humble beginning his church has grown into an international movement of nearly two million people in over 100 countries. Why? What is it that has attracted so many people? What is it that has created such controversy?

Rather than getting the answers from someone else, on September 18th you can find out for yourself.

Make up your own mind. Meet us at the Monument, September 18th.

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Let his followers speak for themselves.

A lot has been written about Reverend Moon and his church. But too little chance has been given to his followers to express their own feelings. Here, a few do so.

The Washington Post
September 12, 1976



Evelynne Chaumette

I'm from Haiti and I was really amazed to see so many people from different countries and different races living with such a spirit of unity. It's a good experience. It's really something new.



Susan Reinbold

As a member of the Church I've grown in my understanding of others and I find my love for mankind becoming greater. By helping people in this way, I see the Church working constructively to change the world.



Reginald Thorne

I believe this Church can close the gap between black and white. This is because it is based on a message not from a man, but from God.



George & Anne Edwards

All religions stress our individual search for God but the Unification Church emphasizes our relationship with God as a family. Our common belief and sense of purpose provide the firmest possible foundation for our family life.



Henry Hurt

After 25 years as a Presbyterian Church Elder, I see Reverend Moon's teachings as the greatest of commentaries on the Bible. Also, his work supporting Freedom and resisting Communism should be a rallying point for Free Men everywhere.



Mary Ann Habib

The Unification Church holds the practical possibility for real change in the world. The Church is a way of uniting people to make use of the potential everyone has.



Hugh & Nora Spurgin

We both see Reverend Moon as God's instrument to call Christianity and all mankind to prepare for the coming Kingdom of God. We pray Americans won't reject this great message or its messenger.



Wesley Samuel

Reverend Moon is bringing new hope to the family, the society and the nation. As the father of five children I see Reverend Moon as a family man. I find in him an example for guiding my own children.



Ryoichiro Sawada

Reverend Moon's teaching has given a new ideal to Japanese youth. Even though he is from Korea, Reverend Moon has loved the Japanese more than the Japanese have loved themselves.



Sylvia Grahn

After two years of intensive pro and con study, I was finally convinced Reverend Moon was a man I must follow. He is the only man, I believe, who can save the world from total self-destruction.



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The Washington Star
September 12, 1976

The Washington Post
September 13, 1976

Sun Myung Moon

BEVEDERE, TARRYTOWN, NEW YORK 10591

September 14, 1976

Dear Parent,

I think you should know that I am a parent myself. Very much so.

My wife Hak-ja Han and I have been blessed with nine beautiful children ranging in age from two months to fifteen years. Just like you, we have our share of joys and heartaches in bringing up a family.

I have been accused by some of breaking up families. This is untrue; and nothing is further from my desire. As a father (and one of eight children myself), I have a deep, abiding respect for the unity of the family. The loving family is God's ideal and the very essence of all lasting civilizations.

Nevertheless, in my work with the Unification Church my own family has been separated many times. When I first left Korea for America my wife and I were unable to see any of our children for almost a year. If you have ever been separated from your own children, I understand how you feel.

Harmonious families are a central goal of our Church. In my talks with the wonderful young people who have joined the Church, I try to prepare them to be good husbands and wives and good fathers and mothers. Also, I want them to continue to be loving sons and daughters to their own parents. I know how much parents need their children's love.

I hope, dear parent, you will be with us on September 18th. Please hear what I have to say—not only as a disciple of God, but as an active parent.

Sincerely,

Sun Myung Moon
Reverend Sun Myung Moon

**From one
parent to
another...**

**Meet us
at the
Monument.
Sept. 18th.**

**God Bless America Festival
with the World's Greatest
International Fireworks**

**FESTIVAL
PROGRAM**

3:00 PM
International
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6:00
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6:15
New Hope Singers
International
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Folk rock music
by Sunburst
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Korean Folk Ballet
7:00
Address by
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Grand finale by
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The World's
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For information call 466-4260 or write to: God Bless America Festival, 1365 Connecticut Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036

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There will be another July 4th on September 18th.



The Washington Star
September 14, 1976

The Washington Post
September 15, 1976

July 4th is fireworks. Celebrating the birth of America.

September 18th is fireworks, too—the greatest international fireworks ever. Over 10,000 colorful bursts will celebrate the hope that is America.

It will also be a day of birth—of new life and new vision through the inspiring words of Reverend Sun Myung Moon. His is a vitally important message—for you and our world.

September 18th. A day of celebration. A day of new life. Don't miss it!



Hear Reverend Sun Myung Moon



Watch the beautiful Korean Folk Ballet!



Listen to the exuberant Go-World Brass Band!



Enjoy the sound of Sunburst!

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Prophet?

Teacher?

Brainwasher?

True Christian?



Charlatan?

Capitalist?

Socialist?

Messiah?



Evangelist?

Demagogue?

Ex-POW?

Sage?

Who is Reverend Sun Myung Moon?

It depends on whom you ask.

Each person perceives his fellow beings through his own particular life experience. Thus, opinions become reflections of his soul.

No wonder, then, that Reverend Moon has emerged as a multi-faceted personality. He has brought many new ideas. Some people see him as a saviour, a prophet. Others see he is a man whose years of suffering in a North Korean prison camp have given him a unique understanding of the human predicament. Still others embrace his teachings as perhaps the long-sought way to a lasting world peace. And naturally, there are those who judge him differently; they see Reverend Moon as a pragmatic businessman or an autocratic leader imposing his will on others.

Who is he for you? There is only one way to find

out. Meet him in person and hear his message for yourself.

Then you can make up your own mind instead of letting others make it up for you.

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The Washington Post
September 16, 1976

Tomorrow may be the most important day of your life!

The Washington Star
September 17, 1976

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God Bless America Festival

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Fireworks!

- I. **Curtain Call** . . . A symphonic fanfare concluding with a fantastic floral burst.
- II. **Rainbow Cascade** . . . A brilliant multi-colored waterfall over the rainbow pool.
- III. **African Tableau** . . . Glittering blue and silver arches and golden shells symbolize the sunny stretches of Africa.
- IV. **European Tableau** . . . Six silver fleur de lis images, a golden curtain of fire and silver shell bursts.
- V. **Asian Tableau** . . . 25 fiery circles and the perfect symmetric patterns of Oriental floral shells.
- VI. **Latin American Tableau** . . . Spinning wheels and majestic fountains topped with shooting comets and Brazilian bombette shells.
- VII. **Australian Tableau** . . . Fiery wheels create a green circle surrounded by blue symbolizing the "island down under".
- VIII. **Tableau of the Poles** . . . A snowfall of brilliant magnesium fired from horizontal wheels and silver floral patterns and comets symbolize the frozen brilliance of the polar caps.
- IX. **God Bless America Tableau** . . . A volley of red, white and blue star geysers forming a curtain for the words, "God Bless America".
- X. **Grand Finale** . . . As the words "God Bless America" fade, a multitude of colors and flashes bring this dazzling spectacular to a fitting conclusion.



The Washington Post
September 18, 1976

Here's what you'll see and hear

- 3:00 Entertainment by over 200 international performers, including folk-gospel songs from The Voices of Freedom, colorful dances from The North Caucasian Folk Dancers, The Crimean Tatar Folk Dancers and Los Paraguayos and heartfelt Southern gospel music from The Southland Mission Gospel Singers.
- 6:00 Evening festivities begin.
- 6:15 The New Hope Singers International . . . will sing a beautiful selection of American favorites.
- 6:30 Sunburst . . . picks up the tempo with exciting folk-rock.
- 7:00 Reverend Sun Myung Moon . . . speaks on "America and God's Will."
- 7:30 Grand finale "God Bless America" . . . by the entire cast of performers and the audience.
- 7:45 The World's Greatest International Fireworks . . . perhaps the greatest ever.

Free transportation to the Festival! Call 466-4260.



**watch
sing!
dance!
celebrate!**

**An invitation for you
and your family to the**

**September 18
Washington Monument**

Meet us at the Monument

There have been many Bicentennial events, but a truly unique celebration is still to come — the God Bless America Festival, Saturday, September 18, at the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C. It will be a day of joy, sharing and inspiration for you and your whole family.

What makes this Festival unique? First, we will gather in the name of God, celebrating to honor and thank Him for the many blessings He has given America. Secondly, people will be coming from around the world for this great event as well as from all over America.

The Festival will also be a special opportunity to hear in person Reverend Sun Myung Moon. He will speak on America's role in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

Highlighting the celebration will be a spectacular display of international fireworks that may well be the greatest fireworks of this century.

The God Bless America Festival will be a truly memorable Bicentennial celebration. Don't miss it. It's a long wait to the Tricentennial!

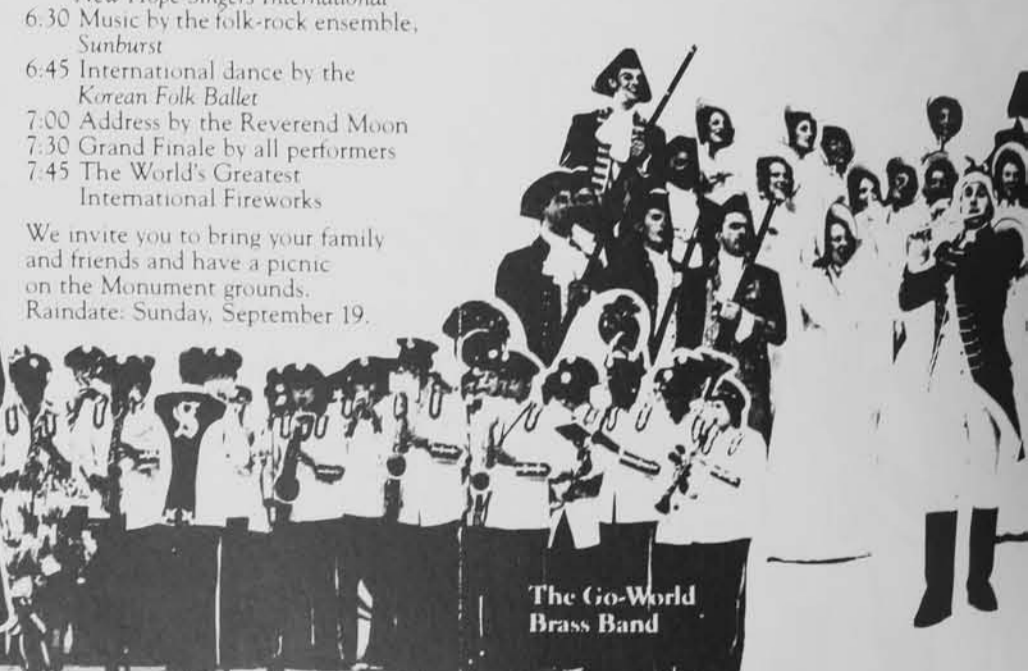


Reverend Sun Myung Moon, an international religious leader who is hailed by millions as a modern prophet, is crusading for one world family transcending race and nationality.

Festival Program

- 3:30 International entertainment by over 200 singers, dancers and musicians from around the world.
- 6:00 Official opening of the Festival
- 6:15 Festive chorale by the *New Hope Singers International*
- 6:30 Music by the folk-rock ensemble, *Sunburst*
- 6:45 International dance by the *Korean Folk Ballet*
- 7:00 Address by the Reverend Moon
- 7:30 Grand Finale by all performers
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We invite you to bring your family and friends and have a picnic on the Monument grounds.
Raindate: Sunday, September 19.



**The Go-World
Brass Band**



The Korean Folk Ballet

The New Hope Singers International



Free Transportation to the Festival

As a convenience, free bus transportation to and from the Festival may be available. For more information please contact the number nearest you.

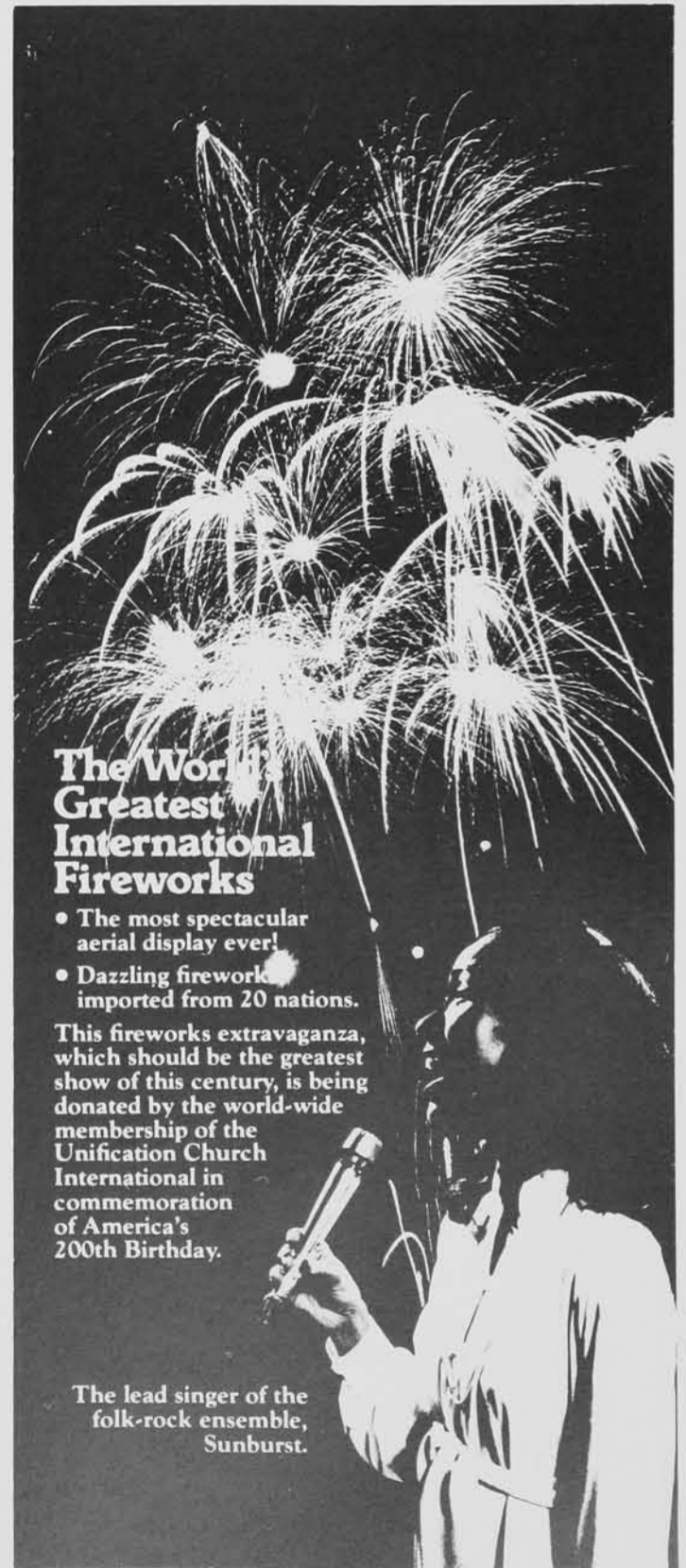
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For those taking advantage of our free transportation from outside Washington, we can provide a delicious dinner for only \$3.00, or lunch and dinner for \$5.00.

Bicentennial
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National Headquarters
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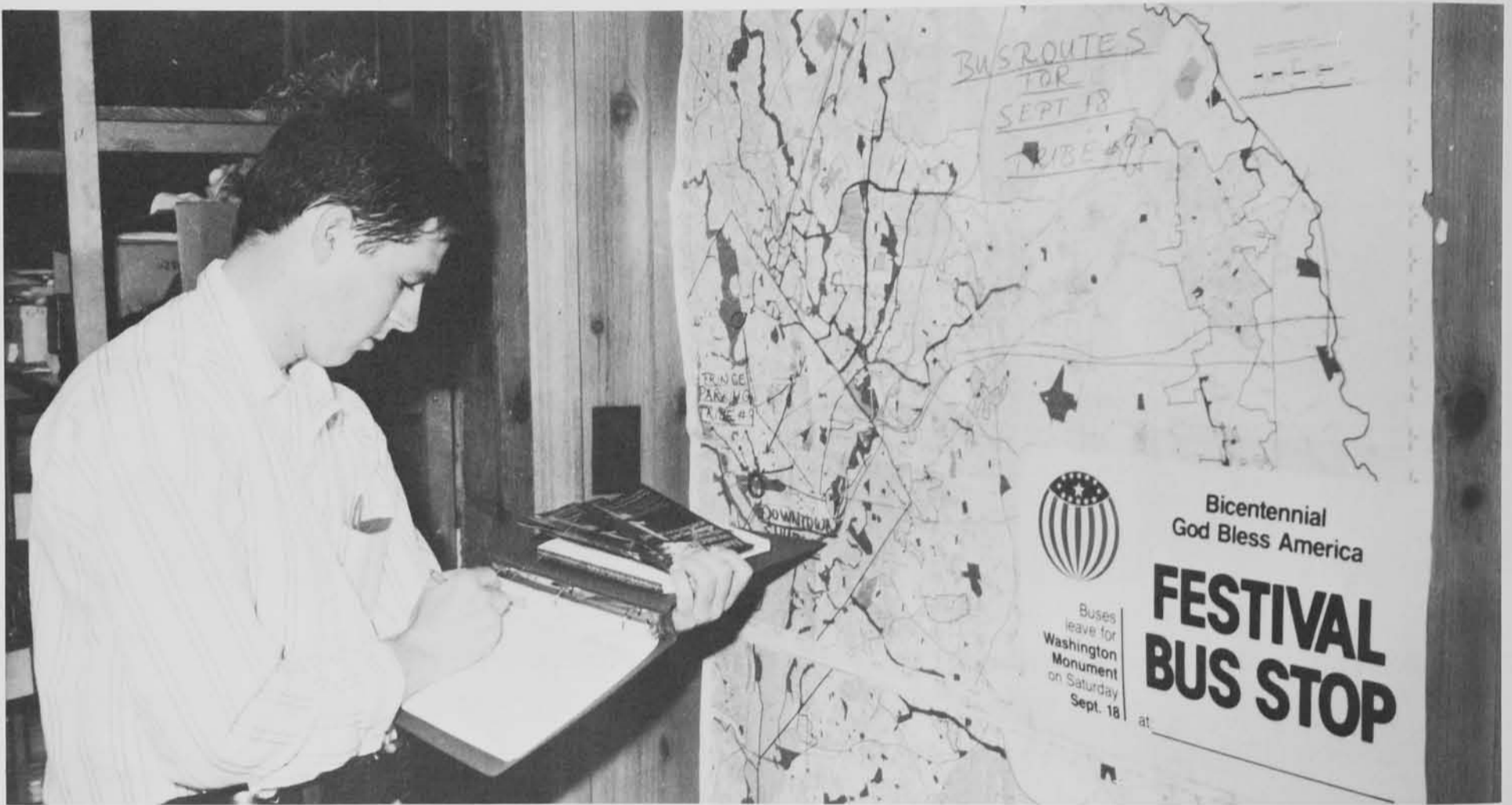


The World's Greatest International Fireworks

- The most spectacular aerial display ever!
- Dazzling fireworks imported from 20 nations.

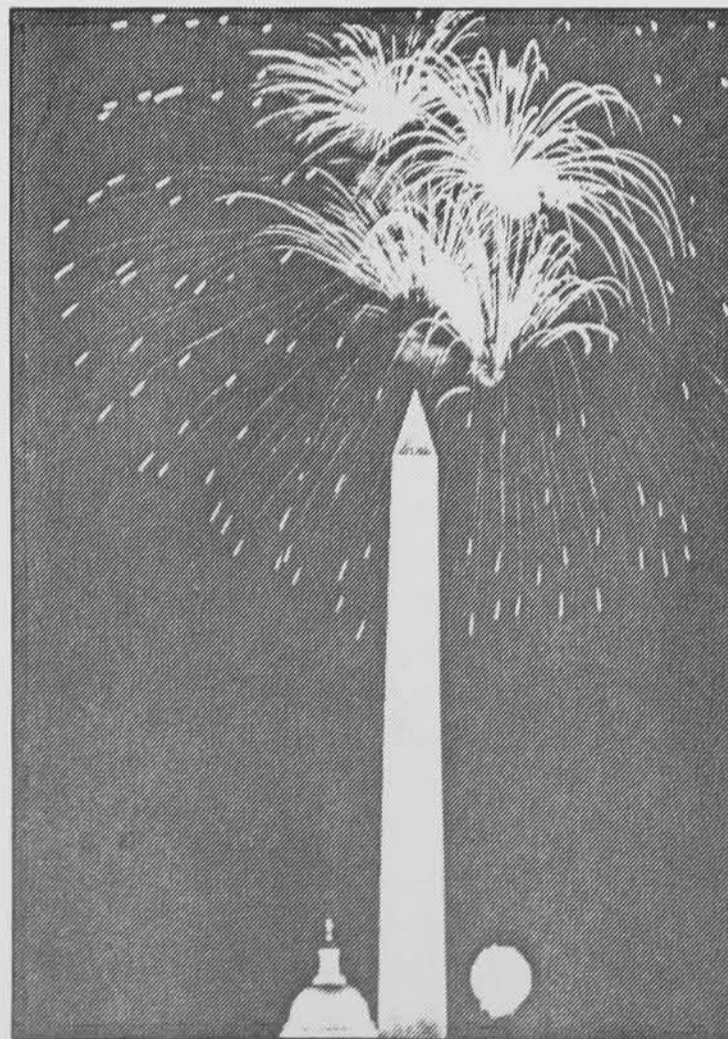
This fireworks extravaganza, which should be the greatest show of this century, is being donated by the world-wide membership of the Unification Church International in commemoration of America's 200th Birthday.

The lead singer of the folk-rock ensemble, Sunburst.



One member updates his record for sure guests, later preparations are made for busing everyone into Washington D.C.

A visitation card left at residence where occupants were not home.



HI! I'm sorry that you were not home when I came by today because I wanted to speak to you about the

**GOD BLESS AMERICA FESTIVAL
Sept. 18 at the
Washington Monument**

There have been many Bicentennial events, but a truly unique celebration is still to come. Sept. 18 will be a day of joy, sharing, and inspiration for you and your whole family. There is so much to share. I'm looking forward to stopping by again soon to let you know more about the details.

Have a good day!

Summary of Five State Results Through 9/15/76

City	Contest Sure Guests	Sure Sure	Cumulative Sure Guests	Sure Sure	Buses	Bus. Cap.
Baltimore	2571	8865	3268	10,620	210	9450
Philadelphia	892	9675	1497	10,130	193	8685
Wilmington	57	1093	110	1194	74	3330
Richmond	4019	3262	4304	3554	70	3060
Norfolk	796	3059	796	3059	68	2340
New York	1163	11,481	2583	13,588	248	9600
(no report 2 days)						
Pittsburgh	242	1159	242	1159	16	720
Totals	9740	38,594	13,120	43,304	831	36,585

Washington, D.C.	Contest Signed Forms	Delivered Tickets	Cumulative Signed Forms	Sure, Sure	Delivered Tickets	Buses Ordered
	127,402	134,698	154,873	60,570	134,698	649



Team members prepare to canvas the neighborhood door-to-door.

I'M GOING!

Festival Reservation Form

An exciting program

- A full afternoon of pre-program entertainment.
- Singing and dancing groups from around the world.
- An important message by the well-known evangelist

- plus**
- Reverend Sun Myung Moon.
 - the grand finale—an international fireworks spectacular!

Please make the following reservations for me:

FREE _____ round trip festival bus ticket(s) from my area to the Washington Monument.

FREE _____ round trip shuttle bus ticket(s) from a fringe parking lot to the Washington Monument.

AND _____ delicious chicken dinner(s) with all the trimmings, (only \$2.25 per person, children under 10—\$1. Sorry, non-refundable.)

name _____

address _____

city _____ zip _____

phone _____ (amount paid)

X (signed) _____

**God Bless America Festival
Sept. 18!**



Why Are You Going to the "God Bless America Festival" with Rev. Moon?

Mrs. Rosetta Windley, 49
Housewife
1630 Fuller St. Apt 105

"We would like to participate in our town as in New York. My brother went to Yankee Stadium and telephoned to say how wonderful it was. Rev. Moon's speech is for all different nationalities; I must go to the Monument with my whole family."

Lawrence Johnson, 33
Engineer
524 Crittenden St. NW

"I think that our God will smile down on this great occasion Sept. 18. I feel this is a wonderful tribute to the Bicentennial on the part of all the people of the universe."

Miss Sev Lee, 84
Grandmother
906 K Street

"I want to come to see the show and all the different types of people gathered together... and mainly because this man (Rev. Moon) is smiling."

Robert Lawson, 32
Salesman
766 Hobart Place NW

"I'm going to the Monument basically to hear Rev. Moon's complete ideas on God's Hope for America; I'm interested in his thoughts and how it will come about."

Pamela Forster, 26
Silk Screen Printer
921 Aurora Drive

"I am coming to Forgive, Love, and Unite."

Thurol Bradley, 19
Unemployed
4319 3rd Street, NW

"I would like to hear Rev. Moon speak because his word is fruitful. I'd like to know what he has experienced in his life; he seems to know what he's talking about."

Mrs. Ross
Domestic Worker
4521 Iowa Ave., NW

"I am coming because I went to Constitution Hall and saw Rev. Moon in 1972. There was all kinds of protesting but I kept going. I didn't stop. I wanted to hear him."

Carlton R. Gaines, 24
Govt. Employee
4513 Illinois Ave. NW

"I find the representatives of Rev. Moon very inspiring and for this reason I feel moved to attend the affair at the Washington Monument."

Ralph Simmons, 22
Hotel Employee
3580 13th St. NW Apt. 4

"Rev. Moon just plain interests me. I haven't been to a church in years."

Alice Jones, 59
Housewife
519 Webster St., NW

"I saw Rev. Moon on television the other day; he was preaching. I felt something so wonderful. I am going to bring my family."