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Conference with Japanese Press

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

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Rev. Kwak: This World Culture and Sports Festival was founded by the Reverend Moon, and is being held under his guidance. It is for sake of humanity; to bring peace and hope to this world, and to bring about one world family. Basically every three years we will have a World Culture and Sports Festival.

Press: If the next conference will be held three years from now—is the United States, Europe or Japan being considered as a potential place for the next World Culture and Sports Festival?

Rev. Kwak: Yes. The World Culture and Sports Festival (WCSF) will be held—so the international blessing will be held—from now on every three years. The world is in crisis and there are many problems that we have to solve such as the religious war and the ethnic war and the problem of immorality. To bring about world peace we need a religious foundation, a foundation of faith. Over sixty thousand men and women, participated in this international wedding. This wedding has great significance in terms of solving these crucial problems. I hope you will focus on the significance of the international wedding.

Conditions for an ideal family

Press: I'd like to ask about the indemnity stick ceremony?

Rev. Kwak: The indemnity stick ceremony was held in every hotel and other places where newly blessed members stayed—in forty-eight different locations. It didn't take long, and it was completed last night. The forty-day abstinence and the indemnity stick ceremonies—these are indemnity conditions. The indemnity ceremony is done because the fall of the human ancestors happened due to the misuse of love and sex, so indemnity conditions are to restore or solve the sexual fall of human ancestors. As for the forty-days of sexual abstinence, it is also to restore or solve problems arising due to the fall of the human ancestors because of the misuse of love.

All members are proud of the requirement of forty-day abstinence. Anybody can make love immediately but the ideal of a wedding originated from God, so the purpose of a wedding is to establish an ideal God-centered family. To establish an ideal family is not an easy task and members are determined do exactly that, so they offer these conditions. Members

lead a life of prayer and offer deep prayer to bring about worthy deeds. If they have a special goal, members offer deep prayer conditions, for example, to witness to a very important person or to accomplish great goals. Therefore, the forty-days is a period of offering deep prayer to establish an ideal family. We think that everybody should offer a forty-day prayer condition to establish a foundation for their family life regardless of being a member of the Unification Church or not. If you lead a life of faith centering upon God, then a baby being born from such a family will be excellent, wonderful.

Press: What are the successful points and points of failure of the international wedding?

Rev. Kwak: In general, the wedding and all other conferences like ICUS and PWPA went smoothly and were successful. Over thirty thousand couples gathered together. What is its significance? As chairman of the international wedding let me explain. Think about the problems in society and the problems in the world—the problem of declining morality and the problem of the children today. We have to think: In these sinless kinds of international weddings, what happens to their children? What kind of children will be born from this international wedding—can they give birth to good children? If this international wedding can produce wonderful children and can offer new hope, this is a wonderful event.

Speaking as a father

I have six children. My position is not important. The important thing is how to educate children based on the teachings of the founder. Before teaching others, I have to teach my children. When you educate your children, doctrines are not important. Children cannot be taught by theories on paper. Before learning on paper or through theories, children feel through parents. Parents cannot tell a lie. Parents cannot deceive children. Children instantaneously feel. Among my children, the fifth child just participated in the international wedding—five of my children have received the blessing and they've learned the teachings of the church. My children observed the teachings and the traditions and accepted the spouses recommended by Rev. Moon and established ideal families. As a father I'm very grateful to God for these weddings.

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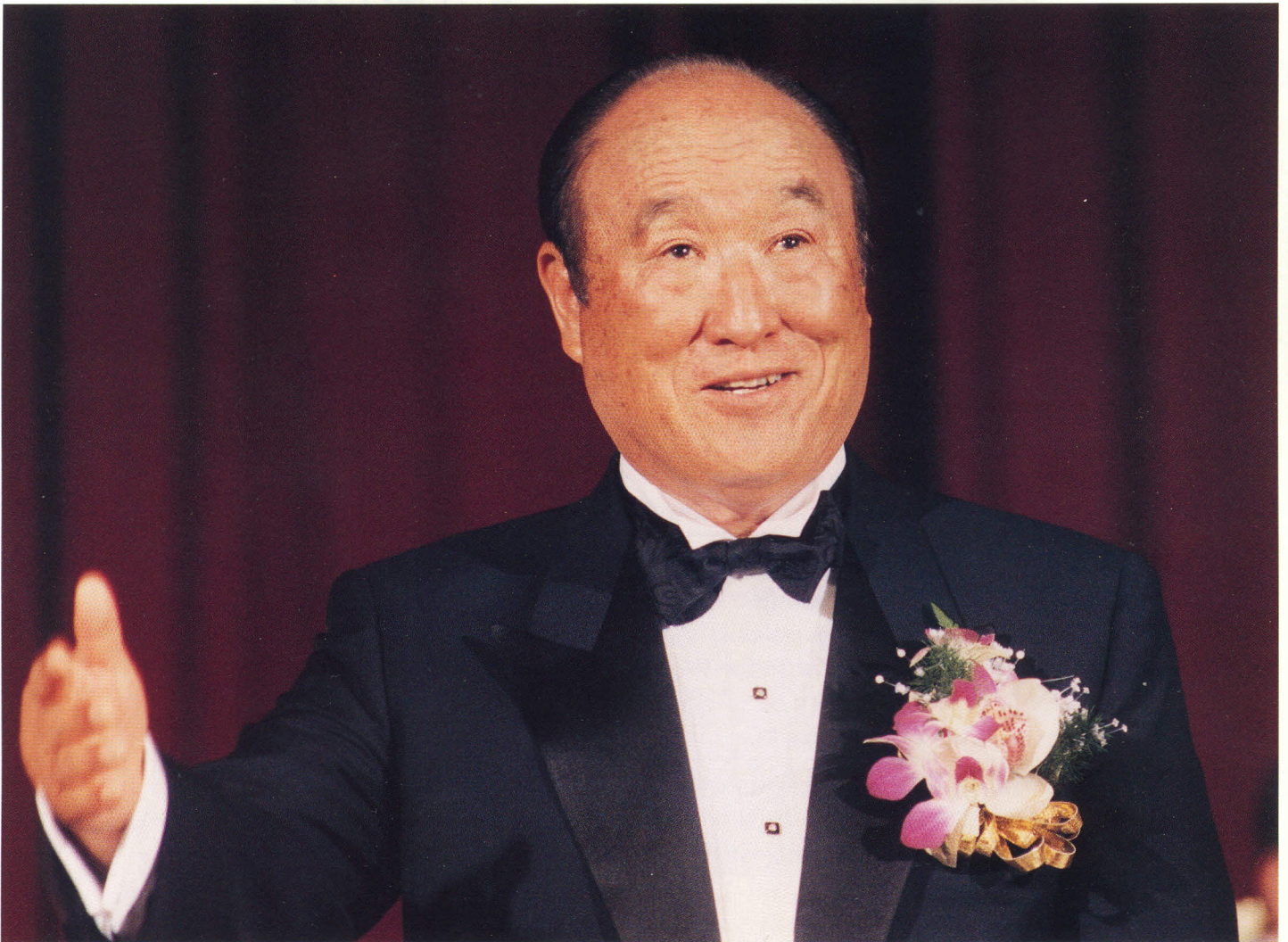
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Becoming the Leaders in Building a World of Peace

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

AUGUST 24, 1992

LITTLE ANGELS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER, SEOUL, KOREA

DISTINGUISHED chairpersons of the first World Culture and Sports Festival, distinguished guests and participants from Korea and around the world: As founder of the World Culture and Sports Festival, I would like to express my deepest gratitude to you for having gathered here in such a large number to pray for the success of this festival.

During the mid-1930s, when I was sixteen years old and the Korean peninsula was under the forced occupation of

Japan, I received a special mission from heaven through Jesus. I am seventy-two now, and in the intervening years there has not been even a single second when I did not think of God's will and His commands.

EXPERIENCE OF SUFFERING

I lived my boyhood and youth under the colonial rule of imperial Japan. So I know only too well the excruciating pain

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and tragic circumstances suffered by the weaker and smaller nations of the world. Because I possess a certain degree of discernment into God's heart, it was with unspeakable pain and sorrow that I witnessed first the cruelty of the more powerful nations as they plundered the weaker nation of Korea, and later the terrible carnage of the Second World War.

Immediately following World War II, in a development that compounded our already difficult situation, the Korean peninsula was divided between north and south. In 1950, the Korean War broke out, and Koreans found themselves in a fratricidal conflict. Various countries of the world on the left and right chose to support one or the other of the opposing sides. I witnessed this tragic history directly, and I know from my heart of hearts how much pain and sorrow has been brought to God and humanity by the loss of a world of peace.

ORIGIN OF CONFLICTS

How do you imagine God has felt since the time of creation as He has had to watch as time and time again brothers have set themselves against each other? In the first family, Cain, the older brother, took the life of Abel, the younger. All wars since the beginning of human history have been, in their essence, struggles among brothers. The Bible teaches this through its record of the murder of Abel by Cain. Why do such conflicts among brothers occur over and over on the levels of family, tribe, nation, state and world?

The reason lies in the sin committed by Adam and Eve, the parents of Cain and Abel. Adam and Eve were the original ancestors of humankind, placed in a position to represent all the men and women who would come after them. As such, they should have brought God's ideal of creation into reality. By breaking God's commandment, however, they forfeited their position as the true parents of goodness for all of humanity who would be born after them. Instead, they became fallen parents of evil. It is this evil that is the original sin, the fundamental root of all crime and unhappiness in human society.

The original sin of the first human ancestors occurred when Adam and Eve broke God's commandment and engaged in an illicit sexual relationship. In this way, they formed a blood relationship with the devil and became fallen false parents, passing on false love, false life and a false lineage to the entire human race. There is only one way for humanity to escape this world of evil and struggle, and that is to be reunited with their true parents and be reborn through them. Only when this is accomplished can the true way to cast off original sin be revealed.

After I received my calling at the age of sixteen, I spent years searching precisely how to bring salvation to humankind. The result of that lonely search for truth is the new expression of God's truth referred to today as the Unification Principle, Godism and Headwing philosophy. On August 15, 1945, the day Korea was liberated from imperial Japan, I began proclaiming this truth on the earth. Because I have proclaimed these teachings, I have had to undergo tremendous persecution and attack. Think for a moment about the fact that I have been imprisoned as many as six times in my life. This alone is

enough to tell you how harsh the attacks against me have been.

LIBERATION OF GOD AND HUMANKIND

The first World Culture and Sports Festival, being held during this forty-seventh year since I began proclaiming the Unification Principle, is a holy celebration. It is an occasion to let the entire world see, and to offer to God, the harvest reaped from the seeds I have sown and nurtured for the liberation of God and humanity and for the realization of a world of peace. Everything I have strived to achieve during my life has confirmed that all people in the world are brothers and sisters before God, our common Parent. Our common ties as members of the global family centered on God transcend our differences based on race, nationality and international boundaries.

The primary institution in which my teachings are being practiced is the Holy Spirit Association for the Unification of World Christianity, that is, the Unification Church. There is now no country in the world where the Unification Church does not exist. The Unification Church has put its roots down in all races, nationalities and countries. The International Marriage Blessing of 30,000 couples that will be held tomorrow will testify that humanity is one great family centered on God.

BUILDING A WORLD OF PEACE

With the Unification Church as the root organization, I have founded many other organizations for projects in a wide variety of fields. These organizations are for the purpose of building a world of peace in which we, the human family, centered on God, can rejoice in our freedom, ideals and happiness. For the World Culture and Sports Festival, I have gathered the most prominent of these organizations here in Seoul. During the festival, a new unified structure will be founded to facilitate stronger mutual ties and closer cooperation among these organizations.

The International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, the Professors World Peace Academy, the World Media Conference, the Summit Council for World Peace, the Assembly of the World's Religions, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the international performing arts groups and International CARP will meet during this time of the International Marriage Blessing and provide forums for us to enlighten our intellects and reaffirm our determination to devote ourselves to the cause of building a world of peace.

The International Marriage Blessing of the Unification Church, which I will be conferring during this time, is the blessing of resurrection. Through this ceremony, humanity is able to cut itself clear from original sin and recover the true love, true life and true lineage of God. It is within the context of this ceremony that we can give birth to peace and realize the ideal of the great brotherhood of humanity that transcends race, nationality and international boundaries.

As the founder of these organizations, I wish to reaffirm here this evening that their purpose is to bring about world

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peace, according to the ideal of God and humanity. They are not created for the benefit of any particular group or political faction. They do not serve the narrow interests of any particular nation or state. Rather, they exist to bring happiness, peace and freedom to God, the Creator of the universe, and to all humanity.

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THREATS TO WORLD PEACE

Our families are being destroyed by the debasement of sexual ethics through illicit relationships and decadent lifestyles. Every nation is suffering the agony of the destruction of its

moral standards and the accompanying increase of crime. There is no solution in sight to the conflicts between political factions. Poverty and ignorance continue to plague us. There is no sign that we may be nearing solutions to the world's international border disputes, to the attitudes of prejudice among religious groups, or to the conflicts among the various races and ethnic groups. World peace is under constant threat from the selfish actions of the world's countries and peoples.

Environmental pollution is also destroying our planet to the degree that we are approaching a serious crisis for the future of humankind. We may all find ourselves on a common path of destruction, unless we are able to resolve the crisis we face through a love that transcends all national boundaries and ethnic differences and that encompasses all the world's people. Let me emphasize again that any successful resolution



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At a star-studded pan-festival banquet, Father announces his Messiahship and the formation of the House of Unification for World Peace.

The Seoul Proclamation of Support of The House of Unification for World Peace

WHEREAS Rev. Sun Myung Moon's entire life has been selflessly dedicated to actualizing the principle that before God and centering on God, all of the peoples of the world are brothers and sisters and, as such, members of one global family,

WHEREAS, in harmony with that vision, he has founded and supported international institutions dedicated to world peace such as the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, the Professors World Peace Academy, the World Media Conference, the Summit Council for World Peace, the Assembly of the World's Religions, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, the Federation for World Peace, the Women's Federation for World Peace, the Artists Association International, Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles and, most recently, the international network of universities,

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate stronger mutual ties and closer cooperation among these organizations and more effectively to bring about international harmony, Rev. Moon has founded the House for the Unification of World Peace,

NOW, THEREFORE, do we, leaders in science, government, religion, journalism, scholarship and the arts from every corner of the globe, including loyal members of the world's diverse religious traditions, pledge our earnest and wholehearted support of the House of Unification for World Peace.

August 24, 1992
Seoul, Korea

of this crisis must be based on an effort to build a unified world through a movement of true love rooted in the Unification Principle, or Godism.

DECLARATION OF MESSIAHSHIP

In early July, I spoke in five cities around Korea at rallies held by the Women's Federation for World Peace. There I declared that my wife, WFWP President Hak Ja Han Moon, and I are the True Parents of all humanity. I declared that we are the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah.

Why would I stand before women leaders of Korea and make such an astonishing and fearful announcement? The reason is that God has been carrying out His providence to send the Messiah as the second perfected Adam who has subjugated Satan in order to establish a perfected Eve who will represent all women. God has done this because when Satan caused Eve to fall human history became permeated with sin.

Also, women are the central point for the love, peace and spirit of service that protect our families, and it is the healthy family that must be the starting point in our work to build world peace. The establishment of God-centered family ethics and the education of our children lie at the innermost core of my teachings as the person who has declared for himself the responsibilities of the Messiah. The family is the holy sanctuary that must cleanse this defiled world.

That is the reason it was necessary that I, as the Messiah, make my declaration to women leaders gathered around President Hak Ja Han Moon, my wife, who stands in the position of perfected Eve. This declaration is an exhortation to all who follow my teachings to join Mrs. Moon and me in our attendance to God on the path of sacrifice and service for the salvation of this world.

HOUSE OF UNIFICATION FOR WORLD PEACE

So that all of our activities for world salvation can be carried out more effectively, I would like to propose that we establish "The House of Unification for World Peace" as a structure for the peaceful unification of the world. To avoid any possible misunderstanding, particularly regarding the title of this structure as rendered in the Korean language, let me state clearly that I am not proposing to create a political party. The House of Unification for World Peace that I propose is not a political party. It will not have the function commonly associated with political parties, that is, to seek to take over the executive powers of government in a given country. It is, rather, a "house" to reinforce the concerted actions of the world's countries and foster a unified foundation and common effort for world peace.

If we say that heaven is a symbol of man, then earth is a symbol of woman. The house is the stage on which a woman's

life is played out. The mother is the center of a nest filled with love for all the members of the family. The family, with the mother at its center, is the basic unit making up the nation and the world. I use the word "house" in the title of the structure I am proposing because this word contains the meaning of exalting the earth, centering on the mother. It also signifies to teach. The word "house" in this title, therefore, signifies a center for the education of women.

Through this structure, we can provide new impetus to the work of giving opportunities for meaningful exchange and education on a God-centered vision for world peace to people of all countries and all walks of life, including political leaders, scholars, religious leaders, journalists and educators, as well as leaders of women and youth. This vision of world peace will be centered on families in which mothers, representing all the women of the world, accomplish mind-body unity through love.

If you will embrace my proposal and join me in this task, then our efforts are certain to bring the world of peace that is the object of God's desire for all of humanity within the remaining eight years of the twentieth century. We who are gathered here this evening will be the leaders in opening the gates to a world of peace for the coming twenty-first century.

I pray that you may have a pleasant visit during the time of the festival and that God will bestow His boundless blessings and protection upon your work. Thank you. ■■

(Translated by Timothy Elder)

Response to Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Announcement of the House of Unification for World Peace

by Richard L. Rubenstein
August 24, 1992



REV. MOON, on behalf of all those whom you have invited to your native land to participate in the first World Culture and Sports Festival through the meetings of the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), the Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA), the World Media Conference, the Summit Council for World Peace, the Assembly of the World's Religions, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, the Women's Federation for World Peace, and International CARP, I wish to thank you for making possible these meetings and our participation in them. We are grateful not only for the physical arrangements involved in transportation, lodging and meeting participation, but also for the intellectual and spiritual enrichment we have derived from listening to and learning from colleagues from every corner of the earth.

Many of us have participated since the 1970s in activities and institutions founded and supported by you. We know that these activities and institutions are the fruit of a unified and unify-

ing vision: your pursuit of world peace for humanity as one family under God. For example, at the World Media Conference, journalists have been called upon to consider the moral responsibilities appropriate to their vocation; at the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, scientists and philosophers have been asked to reflect on the role of absolute values in their respective disciplines; at the Assembly of the World's Religions, religious leaders of every tradition have been brought together to work for the new global order. In sum, leaders in science, government, religion, journalism and scholarship have all been asked to transcend the confines of their respective professions and work together for the radical improvement of humanity. Nevertheless, although the foundation of each activity has been a unified vision, until today there has been no unifying institution to bring together and integrate the work of each of the separate endeavors.

You have now proposed the establishment of *Segye Pyonghwa Tong-il Dang*

(The House of Unification for World Peace) as that integrating structure, and you have invited us to join in rebuilding the family of man through the House of Unification for World Peace. I am confident that many of us will accept this most auspicious invitation.

On this occasion on the eve of the international blessing ceremony, you have also shared with us your deepest understanding of your calling and that of Mrs. Moon. Moreover, you and Mrs. Moon are not alone in your understanding of your religious vocation. As these meetings and the international blessing ceremony demonstrate, your understanding is shared by tens of thousands of disciples in every corner of the world.

I must confess that as a historian of religion who received his scientific training at Harvard University, I find your explicit and unambiguous sharing with us of your understanding of who you are to be one of the most extraordinary moments of my entire career. Indeed, you yourself have described the announcement of your calling as "astonishing and fearful."

For myself and for many of my peers whose vocation is the scientific study of religion, awesome religious inspiration is some-

ABOVE: Dr. Richard Rubenstein (c.) makes an immediate response as Dr. Morton Kaplan (l.) and Dr. Tor Ragnar Gerholm (r.) look on.



thing that happened, if at all, long ago. We are most comfortable studying derivative accounts of religious inspiration and revelation in books and manuscripts. Engaged in this labor, we are interested in our subject matter; we are calm; we are dispassionate and without inner disturbance.

The situation is radically transformed—indeed it is, as you say, truly “astonishing”—when we are confronted by an inspired religious leader whose vocation is in the process of unfolding in our own times and even before our very eyes. We are not accustomed to such a manifestation of spiritual power and charisma. Our scientific and professional training has not prepared us for the encounter. Hence, we guard ourselves against it by inventing psychological categories to neutralize its potency as well as our discomfort before it. Nevertheless, the spiritual power is there, and, whatever may be the religious tradition in which we are rooted, we feel it.

Of one thing concerning your messianic vision I am certain: all of your works, from which the world has already derived so much benefit, have sprung from your messianic vision. Without it,

there would be no ICUS, no PWPA, no *The Washington Times*, no Assembly of the World’s Religions, no revived University of Bridgeport. Without your messianic vision, your original tiny church in Pusan would never have become the worldwide religious force for human

and for us requires the cooperation of every segment of humanity. It cannot be accomplished by any single group working alone. It can only be accomplished by men and women working together who have had little previous experience in such cooperation. Somehow, they

must be brought together in common endeavor. Someone must bring them together. Someone must provide the structures and the leadership with which such cooperation becomes possible. It will assuredly not happen by itself. No one has reached out so extensively, consistently and universally to bring intelligent

men and women together in shared endeavor as have you. Indeed, your entire life has led up to this culminating moment. It is for that reason that men and women of many faiths and traditions can turn to you and accept your leadership in the establishment of the House of Unification for World Peace.

In conclusion, together with the chairmen of ICUS and PWPA International, I announce the “Seoul Proclamation Calling for the Support of the House of Unification for World Peace.”

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betterment you now lead.

Just as, in your wisdom, you have invited us as scientists, scholars, political leaders, religious leaders, journalists and educators to participate in the World Culture and Sports Festival without regard to religious background or belief, so you now extend to us an invitation to support the House of Unification for World Peace. It is in that spirit, the spirit of the highest regard for you and loyalty to our own traditions, that many of us, myself included, accept your invitation.

The task you have set for yourself



Before the banquet Father and Mother pose for a portrait with the world-level educational, religious, and cultural leaders and heads of state soon to be seated at the head table.

Absolute Values and the New World Order

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON

AUGUST 20, 1992, HOTEL INTER-CONTINENTAL, SEOUL, KOREA

HONORABLE CHAIRMAN, distinguished scholars, respected guests, ladies and gentlemen: It is my pleasure to speak to you at this opening plenary session of the nineteenth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences and the fifth Professors World Peace Academy World Congress. I wholeheartedly welcome you to my homeland of Korea.

Last year, in addition to the ICUS, we had two very special conferences: the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP) and the Federation for World Peace (FWP). These two organizations were established to create a new world order. The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, in particular, is dedicated to uniting the world's religions for the purpose of establishing world peace. In the recent Gulf War, we witnessed how the world fell into a religious war. Global disaster continues to flare up.

RELIGION TEACHES UNSELFISHNESS

Until now, many politicians have exploited religious conflicts for their own selfish purposes. Religions have been powerless and confused, not clearly recognizing their responsibility in relation to world peace. Now, through the IRFWP, leaders from the world's religions will harmonize and become leaders for world peace.

In every culture, religion should be the conscience, setting the standard of public righteousness. Each religion has pride in its own teachings and jealously guards its traditions, regarding itself as superior to all the others. However, religious teaching has universal elements, which come from God. The one God is the God of all religions. Therefore, religions must purify themselves and elevate themselves through universal principles. The central value in religion is true love, expressed in the admonition to live for the sake of others. The individual lives for the sake of the family; the family lives for the sake of the community; the community lives for the sake of the nation; the nation lives for the sake of the world. Likewise, my religion lives for the sake of other religions. This principle is true.

The source of this universal principle is God. In creating the universe, God invested Himself totally for the sake of His creation. Throughout history, it is God who has been continually sacrificing Himself in order to save fallen human beings, who have been living just as they desire. The prophets, saints and sages who knew God's will have followed God's principles in their lives. Not content to keep the truth to themselves, they have walked the way of sacrifice in order to teach others.



Father addresses the opening plenary of the joint session of ICUS and

Moses, Confucius, Buddha, Mohammed, Socrates and Jesus are saints who suffered hardships and were persecuted, even as they taught people. They sacrificed their lives in order to enlighten and liberate humanity.

THE LIMITS OF NATIONALISM

The Federation for World Peace is a cooperative federation of politicians and national organizations. Today's world cannot be maintained by nationalism. The current flare-up of ethnic violence in eastern Europe only demonstrates its destructive nature. National pride and self-determination are good and right only when they are dedicated to serving the world community. Nationalism which places one's nation first and promotes hatred of other nations goes against the universal principle of living for the sake of others. All such "isms" which go against the universal principle are destined to decline.

Now we are seeing a trend where nations are joining to form

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multi-national associations, such as the European Community. This trend will intensify in the coming years. All over the world, nations will unite in regional communities, forming the United States of Europe, the east Asian community, the community of Islam, the community of African nations, the community of North and South America.

What can unite the nations of Europe? Economic policies alone are insufficient. There are still many disputes between industrialized nations and nations with agrarian economies. Social policies are another source of contention. If we can

The new world order will consist of communities of nations, each bound together by a common religion and culture and joined in economic and political relationships. I foresaw this trend many years ago. That is why for more than forty years I have been promoting inter-religious activities pursuing dialogue and harmony. For a new world order to be realized, we must prevent religious war. To solve this problem I have been painstakingly laying the foundation that can embrace every religion. Before I began my ministry, I took the principle which was revealed to me to Jesus, Buddha, Confucius and Moham-

med in the spiritual world, and they attested that it was correct. Now leaders of every religion recognize that to substantiate a world of peace all religious people must center on the original teaching and take positive steps to make harmony with each other. It is my God-ordained mission to bring the world into unity under God.

The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace and the Federation for World Peace will work together as mind and body. Until now, fallen people have been allowing the body to dominate their individual lives, creating a world of selfish individuals, oppressing others for their own pleasures. This is hell on earth. Only a few people have followed the voice of conscience, emanating from the mind, which teaches them to pursue truth, beauty and goodness and to resist the temptations of the body. Only these people can meet God and find heaven on earth.

RELATIONSHIP OF RELIGION AND POLITICS

Few national politicians have listened to the voice of religion. Amid the clamor of politics, the voice of moral and spiritual values was only faintly heard. In the West, as well as

the East, politicians have tried to ground prosperity on economic and political policies without God. Their efforts have been in vain. No nation can prosper without God's blessing.

God blesses those nations that are practicing faith, morality and the principle of living for the sake of others. Yet politicians still look only to the earth, blind to heaven's influence. Communist leaders tried for seventy years to establish prosperity without God, and now their nations are bankrupt. Likewise, the West is plagued by recession, crime and social decay; its problems will not be solved until its leaders open their eyes and discover their true cause.

When the religious leaders unite for the sake of world peace under God, the politicians will obey the teachings of religion. Then and only then will the social and economic problems be solved, and the nations of the world will naturally unite on the path of peace. The Federation for World Peace will succeed where the United Nations and many other organizations have failed because it has this foundation.



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identify a single common factor in the European Community, it is its Christian culture.

RELIGION IS THE ROOT OF CULTURE

When compared with people from the Middle East or the Orient, it is evident that Europeans share much in common: common foods, common social customs and, most importantly, a common ethic and worldview. The root of this common European culture is Christianity. Christian culture is the foundation for the intellectual, social and political life of Europe. However, European Christianity itself is plagued by deep historical divisions. We realize that conflicts such as those in Northern Ireland and the former Yugoslavia stem from an unresolved religious struggle between Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox churches. Therefore, religious harmony and unity are the necessary condition for political and social peace and unity.

Your mission, which is to set up a new cultural tradition rooted in the absolute value of true love, is a precious thing.

ROLE OF SCHOLARS

The role of scholars for the sake of the new world order is very important. To insure a well-rounded education for individuals, close communication between all segments of society is necessary. People must constantly cooperate with one another in order to raise up individuals who can develop civilized societies, families, churches, schools and communities. The greatest task of our generation is the problem of how to implement this well-rounded education in our pluralistic global village.

You scholars are the treasure-house of knowledge in this society. Your students learn more from the person you are than from the knowledge you teach. Students imitate the teacher's habits, learn the teacher's attitudes about society, and are deeply influenced by the teacher's sense of values. In the teacher's position, you professors must become desirable examples for the future. Your mission, which is to set up a new cultural tradition rooted in the absolute value of true love, is a precious thing.

NEW FAMILY TRADITION

This conference has been organized as part of the first World Culture and Sports Festival. This is a historical event, guiding the spiritual culture of humanity, searching for true values for humanity's happiness, and leading the way to a new world of peace and harmony between God, people and nature. It is a

festival gathering the world's scholars, religious figures, journalists, politicians and youth leaders, as members of the global community, combining their collective wisdom and practical experience regarding the unity of humankind.

On August 25, approximately thirty thousand couples from all regions of the world will receive the holy blessing, pledging to establish a new family tradition centered on God. The family is the most fundamental building block of society. The ideal of one world family in true love, transcending races, is directly related to the fulfillment of a peaceful world. People pledging to become exemplary God-centered couples, creating blessed families, will provide a substantial model of ethics and morality. In this way, ideal families, societies, nations and the world, representing the fruit of true love, will be realized. The fact that sixty thousand people of the world are gathering to receive the blessing symbolizes unity under God and True Parents. I invite you all to attend this historical blessing ceremony.

In conclusion, may I introduce to you two projects that I am supporting. One involves the completion of an encyclopedia, by the International Cultural Foundation, to bring humanity's wisdom together in one place for the twenty-first century. The other is the creation of the World University Federation to promote the worldwide exchange of knowledge, as well as the exchange of professors and students. These two new projects will provide a great impetus for the advancement of the global village culture of the future.

Once again, I want to express my gratitude to all of you for attending this meaningful conference in Seoul. I am very grateful especially to Dr. Gerholm who has worked very hard as the ICUS chairman, and to Dr. Kaplan, who is giving his utmost effort for the worldwide development of PWPA. May your discussions at this conference be very fruitful. I pray for God's protection and blessing to be with you and your families. Thank you very much. ■■



Father (r.) warmly meets Dr. Tor Ragnar Gerholm (l.-center), ICUS conference chairman, while Dr. James A. Baughman (far l.), secretary-general of ICUS, and Mr. Neil Albert Salonen (r.-center), president of ICF, beam.

Opening Remarks at ICUS & PWPA and Introduction to the Founder

Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

DISTINGUISHED scholars, ladies and gentlemen; on behalf of the International Cultural Foundation, I welcome you to Korea and to these meetings of the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences and the Professors World Peace Academy.

This year, these scientific and scholarly conferences have been combined with other meetings as part of the first World Culture and Sports Festival. You may have an opportunity to attend several of the other events of the Festival while you are here in Korea. I want to explain briefly the significance of this new context for our meeting today.

At the time of the Seoul Olympics in 1988, the Reverend Moon received an inspiration about the true purpose of the Olympic Games. He saw that, far from just being sporting events, the central celebration of the Olympic Games should be world unity and world peace. These should become the central defining point for a new world culture. The ancient Greek Olympics had such a meaning as the central celebration of Hellenistic civilization. The athlete symbolized the Hellenistic ideal of man, and the gathering of athletes from all over the world symbolized the universality of the Hellenistic ideal.

The modern Olympic movement was founded on the ideals of amateur athletics, which should symbolize individual human achievement and the peaceful and friendly relations among all peoples. In the athletic arena there is no distinction between race, religion, class or nationality. However, despite this beautiful vision, the modern Olympics could not overcome the nationalistic and ideological rivalries which led to three worldwide conflicts in this century. The Olympics itself has fallen victim to these nationalistic and political rivalries, as well as commercialism.

Clearly, an athletic event by itself is not a sufficient foundation for a unified civilization in the modern world. The Reverend Moon believes that a new

movement for establishing a new culture of peace, in which there is harmony between all members of the human family, should assemble the leaders of every facet of culture. This is the significance of the various meetings occurring during the World Culture and Sports Festival.

What aspects of human life must be considered if we are to realize a harmonious and peaceful world? Surely we must address the divisions in the areas of politics, religion, culture and economics and seek a mutually agreeable harmony. To do this, politicians are gathering under the auspices of the Summit Council for World Peace, religious leaders are meeting for the third Assembly

creation of a better world. He genuinely believes that you professors here today have the potential to change the world for the better in ways more dramatic than he has seen it change.

Although many of you might know and admire Reverend Moon for his support of intercultural and scientific programs, you may wonder about his personal life or his motives. Do you think he has sponsored these activities to get fame for himself? Do you think he has so much money that he freely contributes to these projects to avoid paying taxes? Absolutely not! If you knew him for almost forty years, as I have, you would understand that he has no desire for personal

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of the World's Religions, leaders of the news media are attending the twelfth World Media Conference, and scientists and academicians are present here. Youth leaders will be attending the CARP convention. Artists, musicians and dancers will be performing throughout the Festival. The enduring vision of human equality, self-discipline and achievement, which is promoted by amateur athletes, will be alive in the sporting events.

In our modern societies our youth are at risk because there is no common world view that supports individuals, families, businesses, communities and nations. Each social unit gets studied in isolation; and the tensions between the interests of each get emphasized at the expense of their common goal of creating a good and harmonious society. The restoration of knowledge on modern foundations must include knowledge of how each sphere of life can serve the others harmoniously. This is why the Reverend Moon sees scholars as essential to the

benefit from these activities. In fact, it is just the opposite. The Reverend Moon spends countless hours encouraging and motivating others to live for a larger purpose.

If you look dispassionately at the results of ICUS, you must admit that it still has a long way to go before it will have overcome all the obstacles to creating a unified science that is centered on absolute values. Until science coheres with the absolute values intuited by the human spirit, how can lasting peace be achieved? Likewise, the work of PWPA, to address underlying social problems and promote new solutions for peace, is more critical now than ever. It is your responsibility as scholars to find these solutions. I urge you to make your best efforts.

And now, without any further introduction, it is my greatest pleasure to introduce to you the founder of the International Cultural Foundation, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. ■

Report on the Nineteenth ICUS

by Gregory Breland

The nineteenth session of the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences convened in Seoul, Korea August 19 - 26, 1992. One hundred and twenty-eight participants from one hundred and five nations attended gatherings in the Hotel Inter-Continental. Concurrently, one hundred and thirty participants from one hundred nations attended the Professors World Peace Academy Congress. The following excerpts of a report by Gregory Breland, executive director of the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS), cover highlights of the ICUS and the joint sessions of ICUS and PWPA.

OPENING PLENARY SESSION

Welcoming remarks

Dr. Tor Ragnar Gerholm, Conference chairperson and professor emeritus of physics at Stockholm University, noted in his welcoming remarks that some may consider the ICUS theme, "Absolute Values and a New World Order," to be a misnomer. The world in the last year has experienced many problems, from strife in Yugoslavia to the riots in Los Angeles. But, Dr. Gerholm maintained, the former communist countries are starting to heal, and more people are not starving today than at any time in history. We have the resources to solve many of today's prob-

lems, he stated; what we need is time. We have the power, what we need is the courage to use it. We know what to do, we lack the will to do it. In order to bring this new world order, science must adopt a unified character and address moral values. Thus the two recurrent themes of ICUS have always been "unity of the sciences" and "absolute values." Dr. Gerholm concluded: "Rev. Moon firmly believes that we, the scientists, can make the world better by providing solutions to the pressing problems humanity is up against."

Introduction to Father

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak explained that Father received his inspiration for

the World Culture and Sports Festival during the 1988 Olympics. Far from being merely a collection of sporting events, the central purpose of the Olympic Games should be world unity and peace. The celebrations this summer should become the central defining point for a new world culture. Therefore, the various meetings of the World Culture and Sports Festival encompass not only natural and political sciences, but also religion, news media, politics, women's issues and sports. [The full text of Rev. Kwak's speech is included in this issue].

Founder's Address

In his address to ICUS and PWPA, "Absolute Values and the New World Order," Father laid out his blueprint for the new world order. "The New World Order will consist of communities of nations, each bound together by a common religion and culture and joined in economic and political relationships." Critical to this happening is for leaders of every religion to recognize that all religious people must center on their original teaching and take positive steps to make harmony with each other. Throughout the ages, selfishness has led to oppression of others for one's own pleasure. Amid the clamor of politics the voice of moral and spiritual values is only faintly heard. Communist leaders tried for seventy years to establish prosperity without God, and now their nations are bankrupt. Likewise, the West is plagued with recession, crime and social decay; its problems will not be solved until its leaders discover their true cause. [The full text of Father's speech appears in this issue.]

The speech was received very well. Dr. Claude A. Villee, professor of human reproduction at Harvard University,



Rev. Kwak, chairman of the organizing committee of the World Culture and Sports Festival, warmly welcomes Dr. Gerard Radnitzky, ICUS committee chairman, and his wife to the ICUS/PWPA reception.

said, "I have been coming to ICUS for over ten years and that's the best speech I ever heard Reverend Moon give!"

Minister Kim's remarks

Mr. Jin Hyun Kim, Minister of Science and Technology of the Republic of Korea, noted that although the Cold War is finished, the world is not yet free from the problems that generate conflict. Science and technology have led to industrialization and affluence. A prime example is Korea, where in the last three decades the per capita income has grown from \$150 to \$7,000. Still, many challenges need to be faced: the leaders of the world and scientists should be more attentive to equitable allocations of resources, and advanced countries should share their technologies with the less developed countries.

PLENARY ADDRESSES

Nuclear energy

Dr. Alvin Weinberg, distinguished fellow at Oak Ridge Associated Universities in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, spoke on "Social Institutions and Nuclear Energy II." He reviewed the successes and failures of the first nuclear era and looked discussed the possibility of a second nuclear era. The first nuclear era (roughly 1950-1990) has shown that nuclear energy is inexhaustible, cheap and non-polluting, but it requires vigilance. The vast majority of nuclear plants were built within budget, and the strong probability of developing safer and more durable



True Family listen to a report about the world university network, one of many reports they heard during the festival period, between the public events.

supply is provided by nuclear reactors, and some people wonder whether the world could have done without it. However, the world's population and energy needs are expanding. National and international regulatory agencies have increased their vigilance. Dr. Weinberg envisions a ten-fold increase in large nuclear reactors by the middle of the next century.

Civilization shift

Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios, Metropolitan of Delhi, spoke on "The Coming Civilization Shift: Laying Spiritual Founda-

The development of capitalist countries is linked to modern science/technology as the major force of production and to the secular principle and polity as the main mode of social control. The secular principle and the scientific methodology are mutually reinforcing. Modern science finds religion irrelevant to its pursuit. In three areas of society, serious problems face the secular state. The healing sciences were initially fully integrated with religion, but this link has been severed by the "scientific" secular principle. Public education cannot bear the whole responsibility for creating moral consciousness in a society. With the separation of church and state in the West, religion has been banished from the public realm. As a result, religion has become narrow and fanatical, while the state, deprived of spiritual guidance, can only mediate the clashes of various interest groups.

We need a new faith that realizes that the world belongs to God and that it is not our property. One way to prevent a new domination of society by the clergy is to make sure that whatever role religion is assigned, it is not given to any one single religion. In the ideal society, people would care for each other, and law and social institutions would be subordinated to the primary reality of healthy human relations. In conclusion, Dr. Gregorios referred to Father's emphasis of the family as a paradigm for human relations.

A generational approach

Dr. Alexander King, co-founder of The Club of Rome, presented an address



Dr. Tor Ragnar Gerholm, ICUS conference chairman, speaks as (l.) Dr. James A. Baughman and (r.) Gregory Breland listen.

reactors makes the future look promising. However, waste disposal has become one of the most difficult challenges to deal with. No one seems to be willing to have the waste placed in their backyard.

Only six percent of the world's energy

tions for a New Global Civilization." The Orthodox leader pointed out the inadequacies of the secular state, especially in the fields of health care, education and government, and called on society to put religion back into the public sphere.

entitled, "The Long and the Short of It; The Need for a Generational Approach in the New World Order." Within mankind there is often a desire for immediate gratification at the expense of long-term solutions to pressing problems. It is often difficult to deal with the multifaceted aspects of a problem in a short span of time. Many problems are interrelated because of the interdependence of global systems.

Through energy conservation and increased efficiency, the concentration of carbon dioxide and other gases in the atmosphere will hopefully be reduced. But the long-term solution will depend on the development of new energy sources. The difficulty of reducing the Northern Hemisphere's pollution while at the same time increasing production in the South will take enormous cooperation.

Dr. King called for the recognition of the common enemies facing mankind: poverty, famine, hunger and malnutrition, illiteracy, unemployment, overpopulation, desertification and climatic change. This will require fundamental modifications of lifestyle. A new society would have to make available a life of modest prosperity and true human dignity to every citizen. Our only hope lies in joint action provoked by common understanding of the perils ahead and of the communality of self-interest of all men and women.

Reflections

On the final day of ICUS, Dr. Gerholm posed some questions and offered his answers to the purpose of ICUS. Can anyone really hope for the "unity of the sciences" when scientists themselves are barely able to keep up with the rapid progress in their own narrow fields? Can there be anything like "absolute values" in this world of relativism of all human values? According to Dr. Gerholm, we should not expect to arrive at some final product through ICUS, but, rather, understand it as an ongoing process. Unity of the sciences should be taken to mean united action by autonomous disciplines. We are promoting unity in the true academic sense: the quality of being one in spirit, a cognitive and emotional whole. This unity must ultimately rest on a set of commonly shared values.

COMMITTEE SESSIONS

The six committees covered three, mutually related, subject areas: the material world, the large society of communities and markets, and the small society of family and friends.

Committee I, chaired by Dr. Michael Higatsberger, professor of physics at the Institute for Experimental Physics at the University of Vienna, was entitled, "The Nuclear Option in the Past, Present and in the Future." Fifty years after the first self-sustained nuclear chain reaction, it

ability of global warming, the need for nuclear power in the future appears to be greater.

Dr. S. Fred Singer of the Science and Environmental Policy Project in Arlington, Virginia, chaired a committee entitled, "Cross-Culturization: The Role of

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seemed appropriate to take measure of that fateful event. Nuclear energy is a mixed blessing, but it is a promise that can and will be fulfilled. We can eliminate the stockpile of nuclear weapons, we can dispose of radioactive waste responsibly, and nuclear power plants can be made inherently safe and economically viable. In Dr. Gerholm's opinion nuclear weapons have fulfilled a significant role in protecting humanity from the slavery of totalitarianism. With the rapid population growth, increasing scarcity of hydrocarbons and the possi-

Transportation and Communication." Papers focused on the emerging new vectors for the mass transportation of people and goods and the transmission of information and services. Travel in space, in the air, over continents, and under the water will bring about cross culturization of hitherto unknown and unimaginable dimensions. The real challenge in cross culturization is social. Will society manage to adapt to the rapid changes brought about by mass migration and the flooding of information?

Two of the committees examined the



Academics and special guests of ICUS and PWPA at the head table for the founder's address: seated (l. to r.) Dr. Alvin M. Weinberg, Plenary Speaker and Committee I Honorary Chairman; Prof. Gerard Radnitzky, Committee VI Organizing Chairman; Dr. S. Fred Singer, Committee V Organizing Chairman; Dr. Tor Ragnar Gerholm, ICUS Conference Chairman; Father; Mother; Prof. Morton Kaplan, PWPA Congress Chairman; Dr. Michael J. Higatsberger, Committee I Organizing Chairman; Dr. Sang-Hun Lee, Committee III Honorary Chairman; Prof. Guido Pincheira, ICUS Conference Vice-Chairman; Dr. Hang-

myriads of ways in which people interact, near and far. Dr. Gerard Radnitzky, professor emeritus of philosophy of science at the University of Trier in Trier, Germany, chaired the committee entitled, "Values and the Social Order." There appear to be malfunctions within the democratic decision-making system. Almost all democracies operate in troubled coalitions between contending political factions. The ebb and flow of international economics defeats most attempts to check inflation and curb unemployment. Rising national debts rob governments of revenues that could be spent on social problems. Order is a necessary condition for a democracy, and freedom is the central value for a new, open world order. From one society to another, freedoms vary according to the relative areas reserved in each for individual as opposed to collective decisions.

Dr. Tamas Kozma, general director of the Hungarian Institute for Educational Research in Budapest, Hungary, chaired the committee entitled, "The Modern

University in Transition." The real challenge of the universities is their relation to power and politics. How can they contribute to the future of the world, and if so, on what basis? Academicians believe that they know the future better than others. However, the new world order needs commitments, not only knowledge; values, not only information. Our universities must reestablish the connection between the two realms of reality.

Two committees examined the small society of family and friends. Dr. Norge Jerome's committee looked at the "The Global Empowerment of Families." Dr. Jerome is a professor of preventive medicine at the University of Kansas School of Medicine in Kansas City, Kansas. There are many common features among the family concept as imbedded in various religious traditions. Though under serious stress from modernization, it appears to be remarkably resilient. The family is the primary care-giver and performs essential social functions neglected by other governmental or social orga-

nizations. In addition, the family is the main agent for maintaining and transmitting human values, and it is the most important source of norms.

As Father has said on many occasions, Dr. Gerholm pointed out that the transformation of the world at large into a new world order must begin with a transformation of the individual.

The committee chaired by Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, distinguished professor of religion at Florida State University in Tallahassee, Florida, was entitled, "Theory and Praxis in Unification Thought." Dr. Rubenstein maintained that the work of the committee constituted a unique and perhaps unprecedented example of the scientific study of religion because of the invitation by a religious movement for scholars to undertake a critical analysis of its fundamental ideas and teachings at a very early stage of its development.

CONGRATULATORY BANQUET

The Congratulatory Banquet was held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center on the evening of August 24. In addition to ICUS attendees, invited guests included participants in the Professors World Peace Academy, the Assembly of the World's Religions, the World Summit Council, the World Media Conference, the Women's Federation for World Peace, as well as several Korean dignitaries.

Founder's Address

Father spoke on the topic, "Becoming Leaders in Building a World of Peace." The original cause for these struggles lies in the disobedience to God's commandment by Adam and Eve, which was the original sin. There is only one way for humanity to escape this world of evil and struggle, and that is to be reunited with their true parents and be reborn through them. This is the mission of the Messiah. He declared the first World Culture and Sports Festival a holy celebration, a demonstration to the entire world and an offering to God of the harvest of the seeds sown for the liberation of God and humanity. The Blessing of thirty thousand couples at the Olympic Stadium testifies that humanity is one great family centered on God.

To this audience Father proclaimed that he and Mother are the True Parents of all humanity, the Messiah that God had been wanting to send for two thousand years. "This declaration today is an

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Nyong Lee; Prof. Norge Winifred Jerome, Committee II Organizing Chairwoman; standing (l. to r.) Dr. Gordon Anderson; Dr. James A. Baughman; Kook Jin Nim; Hyo Jin Nim; Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak; Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein, Committee III Organizing Chairman; Dr. Se Won Yoon, ICUS Vice-Chairman; Prof. Kyung Chul Cho; Dr. Tamas Kozma, Committee IV Organizing Chairman; Prof. Marcelo Alonso; Dr. Alexander King, Plenary Speaker; Prof. Alexander Shtromas; Prof. Ilpyung Kim; Metropolitan Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios, Plenary Speaker; Dr. Bo Hi Pak; and Neil Albert Salonen.

Laying the Foundation of a New Cultural Revolution

by Andrew Wilson

Father announced the encyclopedia project in his founder's address at this summer's Professors World Peace Academy (PWPA) and the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences (ICUS). Project director Dr. Andrew Wilson explained the rationale for the encyclopedia project to conference participants, placing it in the context of the world university project and the ongoing task of ICUS. Excerpts of his speech follow.

Distinguished scholars, ladies and gentlemen: Perhaps you think it is only the audacity of youth that drives me to stand before you and speak about an endeavor as vast as creating a new general encyclopedia! How could anyone dare to contemplate such a project? When Rev. Kwak first gave me this responsibility in 1986, every cell of my body recoiled in amazement and shock. "That's impossible!" I thought. "It is a lifetime work," said Rev. Kwak. "Then I had better live a long time," I replied.

The encyclopedia project is intimately connected with the world university project. Through developing a new encyclopedia, ICUS participants and members of PWPA can address the shape and content of knowledge and thus contribute to the innovative curricula which may be developed within the world university system.

Examining the foundations of knowledge

Many encyclopedias are simply summaries of current scholarship, designed for handy reference. But as the etymology of encyclopedia means "circle of learning" or "all-around education," there have always been those who envision an encyclopedia to be more than a mere miscellany of facts. Creating an encyclopedia requires reexamining the foundations of knowledge.

In the eighteenth century, Diderot and d'Allembert created the *Encyclopedie* to be a showpiece for the ideology of the Enlightenment. Articles were written from a rationalist and humanist perspective; many of them were explicitly antireligious. Tangible, sensible objects were all that mattered, ignored were ideas and universals that had been the

staple of Thomistic philosophy. Postulates of a transcendent reality were irrelevant to the Enlightenment mind. The Encyclopedists were motivated by faith in reason, believing that if human beings could only act with reason unfettered by the superstitions of religion, and on the basis of complete knowledge of the natural world and scientific law, they could build a far better society.

Biases of traditional encyclopedias

Although conventional encyclopedias appear to be collections of unrelated facts without any systematic worldview, they actually perpetuate the ideological perspective of the Enlightenment. The standard of English language encyclopedias, the *Encyclopedia Britannica*, is heavily indebted to the *Encyclopedie*. Its foundations were laid in the eighteenth century,

pages on the human body, one hundred forty-seven pages on human psychology, and only twelve pages on "Philosophical Anthropology."

The Britannica is amoral. In the article on "Adultery" you will find many curious facts about primitive tribes where adultery is accepted social practice. The implication is that there is nothing inherently immoral or wrong about it. It is only wrong if you happen to belong to a religion or culture that believes it to be wrong.

And as one might expect, there is a heavy Western bias in the Britannica. It looks down on the cherished beliefs of non-Western cultures as quaint folkways or superstitions. For example, Oriental medicine is deprecated as "unscientific." Brief articles on acupuncture or Chinese herbal medicine stand completely apart from the standard articles on the human

body or medicine, which are written from a Western standpoint. You won't

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and continuous revisions emphasizing the natural sciences have only confirmed this basic stance.

The Britannica regards religious and philosophical ideas as mere beliefs and opinions, while scientific findings have the higher status of "facts." Thus, you will find no article on "God" or "truth" or "love"—for these have no reality in themselves. They are only beliefs, to be explained within articles on the various religions and philosophies which hold them. The Britannica treats man primarily as a biological entity: there are fifty pages on human evolution, five hundred

find the insights of Buddhist psychology in an article on psychology, nor will the deep Confucian traditions about family values be found in articles on the family.

The work of ICUS is laying the foundations of a new cultural revolution. It should embrace the best of both religious and scientific viewpoints. It should respect transcendent reality, encourage individual and collective responsibility, and uphold family values and the best of traditional morality. It should embrace and find common ground among various points of view on the right and on the left. It should direct science and tech-

nology towards proper stewardship of the environment. It should respect all cultures in their diversity, helping people become more tolerant and understanding of one another. Yet it should also seek to establish among them a universal value consensus which can be foundational for world peace.

than in a democratic society where order itself is not valued. This is our burden due to the failure of Catholic Christianity. How to teach heavenly parentism in a democracy is a big problem.

When America was established, Western culture had divided into Cain and Abel trends, centered on the Enlighten-

lute moral principles, but as a matter of pragmatism. Equality is taken to the extreme of moral relativism—no culture or tradition has more claim to truth than any other. This stance of relativism often masks an extreme intolerance of religion, precisely because religion does teach moral absolutes, and the relativist would deny religion's right to do so.



Discussion with Korean and Japanese members

On August 18, elder members of PWPA and the Sung Hwa University met with Dr. Wilson to discuss the encyclopedia project. On September 1, Japanese members connected with the Professors World Peace Academy, Unification Thought Institute, Isshin Hospital and other organizations also met for a discussion. The following excerpts of his presentation in Tokyo illuminate the internal meaning of the project.

God's providence for Christianity was to have been fulfilled centered on the Roman Catholic Church at the time of Charlemagne. Roman Catholic culture is a vertical culture which sets up a clear chain of spiritual authority. Peter represents the spiritual lineage of Christ, and the church hierarchy represents a kind of restored family. But because the church became corrupt, Protestantism arose as the new center of God's providence. Protestant culture had to break down the corrupt hierarchy of the old order by emphasizing equality and an attitude of distrust for authority. This is the origin of the democratic spirit.

In the original, God-centered world, the system of family and vertical order would function intact. Thus Unification Thought speaks about the family as the model of society, and Father talks about the ideology of heavenly parentism. It is much easier to establish parentism in a society which still respects vertical order

ment and the Protestant Great Awakenings. This division has never been healed in American culture; in fact the so-called "culture war" between these two camps rages on to this day. The Abel camp is dominant in the churches and public discourse about morality. The Cain ideology dominates the universities, intellectual elites, and the media. The Protestant tradition emphasizes individual responsibility; it connects with capitalism and the Republican Party. The Enlightenment tradition sees man as the victim of his class and social situation; it is conducive to socialism and the Democratic Party.

This division has created distortions on both sides. For the Protestant churches, there is excessive narrowmindedness and mistrust of the world, which is exaggerated by their being at war with the cultural elites. Unfortunately, American missionaries carried this brand of narrowminded Christianity to Korea, whose churches have inherited a sectarian spirit.

The Cain trend of Enlightenment thinking has dominated the universities and intellectuals. In most universities, religion is spurned as unscientific opinion or worse, as the root cause of most wars. Since wars have been fought over religious dogmas, the way to peace is to overthrow all dogmas. Therefore, morality is regarded as based not on abso-

Preparing for a God-centered culture

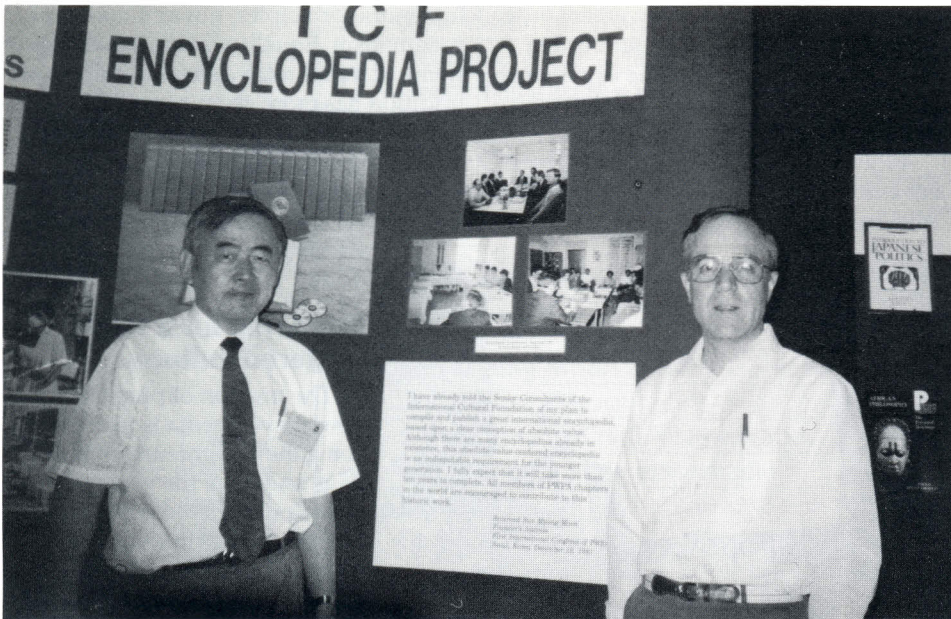
The mission of preparing a new encyclopedia is to overcome the Enlightenment heritage and pave the way for a new God-centered culture. To overcome does not mean to deny; it means to embrace and raise up, in the sense of "headwing." What can overcome the Enlightenment? Protestantism has always been hostile to the Enlightenment, but since its root is flawed it will always distrust the authority of parents.

Oriental thought lacks a clear conception of God, and it has not been able to deal with Western science. Only Unification Thought is capable of overcoming Enlightenment thought.

We must create a new encyclopedia that can be a showcase for the worldview of Unification Thought. Every article on every topic should in some way be imbued with the Principle. We cannot create an encyclopedia just by repeating Unification dogma. We must digest, appreciate and harmonize all the valuable and true points in each of the world's religions cultures and ideologies. Unification Thought provides a framework for harmonizing all thoughts, centered on true love and the ideal of harmonious give and take.

The ultimate test of whether or not Unification Thought is successful in digesting each of the world's cultures, religions, and thoughts will be when we produce encyclopedia articles which scholars with those partial viewpoints will accept as correct. When they read a

The encyclopedia project is looking for Principled insights into areas of life: the internal character of nations, persons whose life exemplified the Principle, new directions in science, etc. Share your knowledge with us. Without your help, how can we go beyond the conventions of the world? Send your suggestions to: Dr. Andrew Wilson, ICF, 4 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036.



Drs. Masuda (l.) and Wilson (r.) man the table for the encyclopedia project. Dr. Wilson said, "If people read the encyclopedia, when they read about pine trees or tunas they will be able to see them more from Father's point of view."

article, they should feel that they have learned new things about their own tradition and how it can be raised to a higher viewpoint. You all had such experiences when you first met the Princi-

ple and reflected on your previous level of knowledge. Each encyclopedia article should be a ladder upon which the reader can climb, little by little, from the conventional world toward the unified

world.

The give and take of East and West is crucial for the success of the encyclopedia. Only through Oriental culture can hierarchy and order be reestablished in the West, because in the Orient there is a solid ideological foundation for family and vertical order. Here we find the internal traditions about family life that are foundational to heavenly culture.

My role as editor is to collect and organize Principled knowledge from all over the world. I asked Father how I could make the encyclopedia reflect his thought, and he directed me to travel to all parts of the Unification family and gather their insights. I am learning about political theory from CAUSA, engineering from WRIST, economics from the Global Economic Institute, and European culture through meetings with European members. I am collecting information about the internal character of nations and peoples from the missionaries who live there. I am networking with members all over the world. As I receive their notes and comments, they can be added to the growing frame upon which the encyclopedia shall be built. ■

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Report on the Nineteenth ICUS

exhortation and notice to all who follow my teachings to join Mrs. Moon and me in our attendance to God on the path of sacrifice and service for the salvation of this world." [The text of Father's address is in this issue.]

Dr. Rubenstein's response

On behalf of himself, the chairpersons of ICUS and PWPA and those who agreed with Father's proclamation, Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein paid tribute to Father's extraordinary messianic vision which has enabled so much to be accomplished in such a short amount of time. He said to Father, "No one has reached out so extensively, consistently and universally to bring intelligent men and women together in shared endeavor as have you. Indeed, your entire life has led up to his culminating moment." [The text of Dr. Rubenstein's remarks appears in this issue.]

NEW PROJECTS

Encyclopedia

During the Professors World Peace Academy Congress immediately follow-

ing ICUS, Dr. Andrew Wilson introduced the ICF encyclopedia project. Modern encyclopedias have been heavily influenced by Enlightenment thinking, resulting in the promotion of secular, materialistic values through the articles of such well-known compendia as the *Encyclopedia Britannica*. The aim of this new encyclopedia will be to cover all pertinent topics from an absolute values perspective, including both Western and non-Western viewpoints. Since encyclopedias are considered repositories and transmitters of knowledge, it is critical to convey a spiritual values perspective.

World university network

With the recent agreement between PWPA and the University of Bridgeport in Bridgeport, Connecticut, Father's vision of a world university network is beginning to be realized. Dr. Anthony Guerra explained that this project will facilitate exchanges of students and professors among universities around the world. The first order of business is to reinforce the sagging enrollment at the University of Bridgeport, which is currently around a thousand. To this end a generous scholarship program is being initiated to bring excellent students from around the world for this international, intercultural experience.

PARTICIPANTS' REMARKS

Some of the first-time participants had deeply moving experiences that produced the following comments:

Carolyn M. Tucker,

professor of Psychology, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida

"I shall forever treasure my participation in this conference."

Karel Wagner,

chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, Prague, Czechoslovakia

"It was an extremely urgent and needed action from ICF to introduce the notion of 'The Unity of the Sciences.' The sciences have been developing separately for a long time now, and that was necessary and logical, now they need to be united."

Dolores Pogue,

educational administrator/instruction specialist, New York public schools, New York City

"The friends I made at this conference will last a lifetime." ■

Gregory Breland is the executive director of ICUS.

Religion and the Creation of World Peace

REVEREND SUN MYUNG MOON
AUGUST 26, 1992, SEOUL, KOREA

MOST distinguished religious leaders, scholars and representatives from each nation, as well as all religious people assembled here: It is an honor to welcome you to the third Assembly of the World's Religions and express my happiness in meeting all of you. I hope that you will have a rewarding and fruitful time during your stay.

SETTING A TRADITION OF HARMONY AND SERVICE

This is the third conference of the Assembly of the World's Religions. At the first conference, which was convened in 1985, I founded the Religious Youth Service and announced my plans for the first conference of the Council of the World's Religions. These projects which I support every year, together with the publication of *World Scripture* last year, have become the front line of the campaign to unite worldwide inter-religious bodies in service activities and provide a stepping-stone for harmony and understanding among religions. In doing this they have set a valuable tradition for the future of humanity.

The second conference was convened in San Francisco in 1990; there I announced the founding of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP). In August 1991, the historical founding conference of the IRFWP took place in Seoul. This year the IRFWP and the International Religious Foundation are jointly convening this conference.

This third conference has been organized as part of the first World Culture and Sports Festival. Four years ago, when the Olympics were held in Seoul, I announced my plan for the World Culture and Sports Festival to open a new page of harmony, exchange and cooperation among the peoples of this world village. Although the Olympics play an extremely important role, they lack the vertical values and spiritual dimension, which are bestowed by God. Because religion lies at the heart of culture, the Assembly of the World's Religions and IRFWP stand at the heart of the World Culture and Sports Festival. Religious ideals and the wisdom and values that accompany them should permeate the education, scholarship, art, athletics, news media, politics, and economics of the world, and become the standard for all fields of endeavor. The World Culture and Sports Festival seeks to guide humankind's spiritual culture and promote the values which lead to true happiness. It will also be a historical event, pointing towards a peaceful new world culture harmonizing God, humankind and all things.

We are all aware that our world is immersed in deep suffering. Although the Cold War may have come to an end, conflicts



Assembly of the

Father addresses the Assembly of the World's Religions. This assembly was unique in that many of the AWR participants were included in the blessing the previous day and Father had declared his mission along with Mother's at the banquet that the AWR participants attended two days earlier.

still occur in all corners of the world, and evil, hatred and injustice continue to afflict humanity. Many people are suffering in despair, and spiritual poverty plagues even materially abundant, advanced nations. The solace people seek through drugs and indiscriminate sex leads to spiritual and physical ruin. Obviously nobody desires such a world of evil, conflict and despair.

THE CLASSIC RELIGIOUS QUEST

I came to call upon the original nature of humanity to dispel unhappiness and build a world overflowing with peace and joy. This is the classic quest of religions. Nonetheless, the ideal world for which humanity yearns has not yet been realized. At the core of religion lies the desire to reveal the source of the

God's ultimate and unchanging dispensational purpose is to find and establish True Parents. True Parents come as the personification of love and the seed of true life.

unhappiness and suffering of humanity. If we are ignorant of the source of suffering, we cannot even hope to eliminate it. The solution comes only from divine revelation.

Today I intend to clarify the fundamental cause of this problem and indicate its solution. God created the ancestors of mankind, Adam and Eve, and bestowed upon them the three great blessings: to be fruitful, to multiply and to have dominion over all things. The first blessing, to be fruitful, means that all individuals should grow and perfect their character centering on God. The second blessing signifies that perfected man and perfected woman should become a true couple, give birth to children, exemplify true parenthood, and form an ideal family. The third blessing is to create a heavenly environment on earth, free of want and distress, according to God's plan.

God, the embodiment of true love, created sons and daughters as the objects of His love and destined them to become perfected incarnations of true love. They were to establish a heavenly environment based on their achievement of ideal conjugal love. Tragically, Adam and Eve did not perfect the true love implanted within them. While still immature, they took a course of deviated, unprincipled love and were driven out of paradise. Having lost true love, which is the source of life, and their original divine nature, our ancestors ignored God's blessing and started married life centering on Satan's love. Thus, they handed down the love, life and blood lineage of Satan to their descendants.

Determined to restore His ideal of creation unaccomplished due to the fall, and committed to save humankind from unhappiness, God has guided man by establishing religions. Accordingly, in place of Adam and Eve, who had become false parents, God had to send the Messiah—that is, True Parents—in order to give rebirth to all humanity. God's ultimate and unchanging dispensational purpose is to find and establish True Parents. True Parents come as the personification of love and the seed of true life. A true family originates with the True Parents, and this family becomes the model for all families in their path of restoration.

THE REPEATED INVESTMENT OF LOVE

True, godly love is love which invests itself again and again, even forgetting what it has given. When God, who exists for the sake of others, created His object of love, He invested one hundred percent of His being. He did not stop there but longed to pour out an additional one hundred percent or even one thousand percent into His creation. The motivation for God's continued investment is His desire that His loving children, the objects of His love, become better than Himself. Thus, the path of true love is the path of repeated giving. The path of True Parents, who are the embodiment of true love, is also that of sacrifice for others rather than the quest for recognition. The path that religious people should exemplify follows the same sacrificial principle that God established for His providence of salvation.

Because human life is conceived centering on the ideal of love, the essence of human life is love. A being who is born on the basis of love should be devoted to living for others, follow-

ing God's example. This is the principle of heaven. Consequently, one can say that people came into existence for the purpose of true love. True love starts from the point of living for others. God originally created our mind and body permeated with true love. People imbued with true love respond to it naturally. When our mind is centered on true love and responds to God, the body automatically acts in unison with the mind. The true desire of our mind and body is to inherit God's true love completely and to respond to it substantially. This ideal of the unity of mind and body is achieved when we fully possess God's true love. The ideal of genuine freedom, peace and happiness depends on us uniting our mind and body—centering on true love. The foundation for freedom and peace in the family, nation and world—is the unity of mind and body. The cardinal point of peace is found not at the global or national level, but in the relationship between mind and body within the individual.

A SPIRITUAL AND MORAL CRISIS

Yesterday, thirty thousand couples from all corners of the world received the holy blessing and established a new family



Presidents, presiding council, and special guests of the IRFWP at the head table for the founder's address: seated (l. to r.) Dr. Syed Ausaf Ali, Prof. H. A. Mukti Ali, Rev. Kyung Soo Kim, Dr. Wande Abimbola, Grand Mufti Ahmed Mohamed Zabarah H.E., Father, Mother, Metropolitan Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios, Chairman AWR, Dr. V. Mohini Giri, Dr. Shivamurthy Shivacharya, Rev. Chung Hwan

God has bequeathed a mission on the religious leaders of this age: to guide properly the spirit of humanity and secure the spiritual and mental order of the new world culture.

tradition centering on God. The ceremony you attended was not simply an important wedding ceremony convened by one religious order. Society is being shaken to its foundations by the collapse of sexual morality, the deviant behavior of young people and the breakdown of families. How should we tackle this situation? The seeds of moral corruption sown by Satan and the ancestors of humankind have borne their historical fruit. We have witnessed the phenomena of the Last Days of hell on earth; heavenly traditions have been abandoned, and human morality has been ravaged, and people have become animals. This tragedy has been exacerbated by a tendency to extreme egocentrism and a tolerance of free sex which seems to have imbued immorality with a rosy hue.

Spiritually and morally, our world is facing a profound crisis. Not only is family order disintegrating, but also the minds and bodies of youth, who represent the next generation, are being damaged. This crisis facing humanity can only be solved through the Messiah, True Parents, who are the owners of God's true love and true life. Contrary to popular trends, God's ideal of marriage emphasizes the eternal bond between one man and one woman committed to God, the sanctity of love and sex, God's blessing and marriage for one's descendants.

This movement promotes the eternal ideal of couples and families centering on God's love in one hundred sixty nations, regardless of race and national boundary; thus, it represents the bright future and hope of humanity.

THE BASIC UNIT OF GOD'S IDEAL

The basic unit of God's ideal of creation is the family. The family is the foundation for the society and nation. God's ideal of a one world family, transcending race and based on true love, is directly connected to the realization of a peaceful world. People throughout the world can have children of goodness and practice correct ethics when they build blessed families under God's ideal of true love and become exemplary husbands and wives. Ideal families, which are the fruit of true love, are the foundation for ideal societies, nations, and ultimately, an ideal world. The international joint wedding ceremony is providing a fundamental solution to the chronic ailments of modern society by restoring the original ideal for the family.

The time has come for religions to display their leadership in the world. Leadership cannot emerge from blind faith or an

arrogant and self-righteous attitude stemming from narrow-mindedness. True leadership arises when one subordinates oneself to the will of heaven and acts altruistically. It is time for religious people to appreciate their responsibility towards the conditions of this age and its unprincipled facets, and to examine themselves deeply. Religious people should repent for failing to exemplify love, for becoming engrossed in their personal salvation, and for focusing on the interests of their denominations rather than investing their whole efforts in the salvation of humankind. What is needed now is not merely faith, but the practice of love.

God is calling us. He passionately seeks to challenge the injustice and evil in the world and express His true love. All religions should be of one mind in making known and practicing God's fervent hope for humanity. God, who transcends all ritual and doctrinal disputes, desires believers to raise up their spirit through profound spiritual dialogue and exchange with



Kwak, Dr. Richard L. Rubenstein; standing (l. to r.) Dr. Vera Mehta, Dr. Thomas G. Walsh, Rev. Kakujo Miki, Neil Albert Salonen, Dr. Mamullah Khan, Dr. M. A. Zaki Badawi, Bishop Abednego Ajuoga, Hyun Jin Nim, Dr. H. Francis Clarke, Senior Consultant AWR, Rev. Jae Suk Lee, Un Jin Nim, Dr. M. Darrol Bryant, Organizing Chairman AWR, Dr. Frank F. Kaufmann, Kook Jin Nim, Rev. Dr. Josef Hromadka, Dr. William Cenkner O.P., Bhai Manjit Singh Jathedar, Dr. Ik Jae Oh, Dr. Don Sills, and Dr. Bo Hi Pak.

Introduction to the Founder

by Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak

Him. Religions should establish the spiritual order to which people, with their spiritual nature, should adhere. A religion should systematize its spiritual order and create a lifestyle which expresses itself rationally. Religious leaders of all creeds should set an example of personal purity, show respect for each other, and raise up influential inter-religious organizations.

CEASELESS DEDICATION

Until I founded the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace last year, I endured enormous difficulties. For forty years, I trod the path of sacrifice, living for others and promoting the vision of inter-religious harmony and the accomplishment of the ideal of world peace centering on God's will. Despite the persecution by a number of intolerant religious groups in various countries, despite the misunderstanding by successive generations of political regimes, and at the cost of all kinds of personal sacrifices, I determinedly worked to establish an ecumenical movement, an ecumenical theological seminary, the New Ecumenical Religious Association, and the publication of the *World Scriptures*. I have also continually supported the Council of the World's Religions and the Assembly of the World's Religions for the promotion of inter-religious harmony.

One may ask why I have initiated all these projects. All I desire when I involve myself in these activities, including the holding of the Assembly of the World's Religions, and the activities of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, is to fulfill the will of God, the Parent of mankind. My only aspiration is that, together with all of you enlightened religious leaders and religious scholars, we can realize the hope of God and all people on the earth.

BEYOND RELIGIOUS HARMONY TO WORLD PEACE

Rather than satisfying ourselves with inter-religious harmony, the next step from here is to involve ourselves more positively in social activities, by creating a broad-based unified organization aimed at world peace, together with opinion-makers in the academic, political and media spheres. In nurturing this organization and guiding it to fulfill God's will on earth, religions should exemplify the spirit of living for others.

Let us all reopen our spiritual ears, incline them toward heaven, and follow God's advice with a humble heart. God has bequeathed a mission on the religious leaders of this age: to guide properly the spirit of humanity and secure the spiritual and mental order of the new world culture.

I hope that this conference will provide a forum for discussion based on God's wisdom, transcending the dimension of human insight. I want to express my appreciation for the dedication of His Grace Dr. Gregorios, who has provided a model for organization and management as chairman of the conference. I would also like to thank all the committee chairmen and representatives for their hard work. Lastly, I pray that God may bless you, your religious activities, and your families. Thank you. ■■

DISTINGUISHED chairman, honorable co-chairmen, religious leaders, scholars, ladies and gentlemen: it is a distinct honor and privilege to stand before you on this day to introduce the founder of this third Assembly of the World's Religions. For many years prior to this day, Reverend Sun Myung Moon has wanted to assemble religious leaders and scholars from all traditions and all regions of the world to work to-

Presentation to the Founder

by M. Darrol Bryant

More than a decade ago, when we began the process of planning for what came to be called the "Assembly of the World's Religions," we had no idea that they would become the landmark events in the dialogue between peoples of different faiths that, I believe, they have become. The assemblies were initially conceived as a series of three. So we began in 1985 in McAfee, New Jersey, outside New York City, then we met near San Francisco in 1990, and now here in Seoul. Over these years more than fifteen hundred people have participated directly in these events and many thousands more have been touched by these events through the publications and videos that emerged from these assemblies. We believe these assemblies have been significant in the religious life of humankind and pleasing to the Almighty. We thus felt it would be appropriate, at the occasion of the founder's address at this the third assembly to present a small token of appreciation to the Reverend Moon for his inspiration and support of this important venture. Without the vision, support, and dedicated effort of the Unification family, these assemblies would not have been possible.

So I call Reverend Moon to join me here so that I can, on behalf of those who have participated in these assemblies, present this token of our appreciation to the Reverend Sun Myung Moon. Let me read to you the inscription:

gether to help heal and restore our divided world. He has never called these meetings for ceremonial or bureaucratic reasons. His aims and goals are very practical and urgent—never self-serving. For him, religions hold the messages and expressions of God given to a world in need. Without religion, humanity would only plummet more rapidly into degradation and despair. If there is a single purpose and motive for sponsoring these assemblies it is simply the desire for world peace. Our theme for this assembly, "Religion and the Creation of World Peace," is, therefore, in perfect keeping with this basic purpose.

I recall when Reverend Moon decided to sponsor a series of three major assemblies which would bring together the religious leaders of the world to work together for world peace. The first took place in 1985 in New Jersey. I was not sure we could actually accomplish such a major task, but with the help of

providence, we were able to create an extremely significant gathering of representatives from all the religions.

This assembly in some sense marks the end of one era and the opening of a new one. With the completion of these three assemblies, a certain level in the work of the International Religious Foundation has been fulfilled. After this

the Religious Youth Service, the Council for the World's Religions and the New Ecumenical Research Association. It will support the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace as it endeavors to bring religious activism, service and reconciliation to our divided world.

Reverend Moon defies ordinary classification as a religious leader. You can see for yourself that he has attracted not only religious leaders but scientists,

Reverend and Mrs. Moon's fulfillment of this family ideal is the most significant accomplishment of the Unification Church.

meeting, future assemblies will come under the direction of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace. The International Religious Foundation will continue to work through its projects:

scholars, artists, political leaders, journalists and athletes to this World Culture and Sports Festival. In essence, he believes that religion should not operate in isolation from the world; neither should

at the Opening Plenary



Father (c.) receives the scroll of appreciation for the first three assemblies from Dr. M. Darrol Bryant (far r.) as Rev. Kwak (l.) and Dr. Thomas Walsh (r. of center) look on.

In appreciation of
Reverend and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon,
founders and sponsors of
the Assembly of the World's Religions:

Assembly One

"Recovering the Classical Heritage"

November 15-21, 1985, McAfee, New Jersey, USA

Assembly Two

"Transmitting Our Heritage to Youth and Society"

August 15-20, 1990, San Francisco, California, USA

Assembly Three

"Religion and the Creation of World Peace"

August 24-31, 1992, Seoul, Korea

These three great assemblies, which you called together, have been milestones in advancing the cause of world peace through inter-religious harmony.

The patrons, chairman, planning committee members, advisors, and participants of the 1985, 1990 and 1992 assemblies

Dr. Bryant was organizing chairman of the third Assembly of the World's Religions.

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it accommodate itself to the world, abandoning its mission as witness to eternal truth. Religion should be the heart and conscience of the world, living for the sake of the world. Those that concentrate on self-preservation or worldly success

but what happened yesterday is really very profound. If you asked Reverend Moon about the significance of yesterday's event, he would undoubtedly say that it is the real core of his ministry.

It is Reverend Moon's mission to es-

they do not passively receive a gift; more importantly, they take up the challenge to eliminate all ungodly elements from their lives and their marriage, to establish families that embody the highest ideals of religion, and to exemplify these ideals by serving the world. Families form the front line in the quest for world peace. The Blessing ceremony which you witnessed is not simply a time for marriage, it is the time when couples embark on a holy mission to serve the world.

Message constantly same

Reverend Moon's resolve and commitment manifests itself in all that he does. I have been closely following him for almost thirty-five years and have never seen him waver or slow down; I have never heard him alter or revise his basic message. I have seen him persecuted mercilessly and he keeps moving forward as if unaffected. I have seen him speak to heads of state, scientists, artists, scholars, and religious leaders; his message is consistently the same: Live for the sake of others; practice true love; digest the meaning of True Parents; and seek to embody those ideals in your daily life.

It now gives me great pleasure to introduce to you the founder of the International Religious Foundation, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace and the Assembly of the World's Religions, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.



Being True Parents means, you regard the world most fundamentally not as nations or cultures, not as economic powers or international blocs, but as a family in need of guidance, craving the true love of God.

will lose sight of their true mission and cease to attract people in search of a divine mission. Even if such religions are large numerically, their spiritual power will be greatly weakened. We know that a quarreling and divided religious community cannot succeed in carrying out its task.

My own re-creation

At the very heart of Reverend Moon's vision is a very simple and basic truth: the creation of world peace begins with my own re-creation. Of course, organized religions and organizations like the International Religious Foundation and the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace are important, but without profound internal revolutions of the heart, religions and assemblies can never bring peace.

You attended the wedding ceremony yesterday. I am sure it must have seemed unusual or even exotic to some of you;

establish the true love of God in the family unit. He persevered in a desperate and lonely struggle to accomplish this in his own life and family. Reverend and Mrs. Moon's fulfillment of this ideal is the most significant accomplishment of the Unification Church. The term of respect given to Reverend and Mrs. Moon is True Parents. Reverend Moon has in the past been called Master or Teacher, but most central is the acknowledgement of his position as True Parent.

Living for the sake of the world

Being True Parents is not a mission restricted to one's own family but means living for the sake of the world and loving the world as your own family. In other words, you regard the world most fundamentally not as nations or cultures, not as economic powers or international blocs, but as a family in need of guidance, craving the true love of God.

When couples receive the Blessing,

Conveying Father's Vision for World Peace

by Thomas G. Walsh

THE third Assembly of the World's Religions was held in Seoul, Korea on August 24-31, 1992, at the Inter-Continental Hotel. Over two hundred participants from more than forty nations represented a wide range of religious traditions. The theme for this assembly, "Religion and the Creation of World Peace," was explored through prayer and meditation, committee meetings, panel discussions, plenary sessions, and the performing arts.

This third assembly completes the original plan for the International Religious Foundation to sponsor a series of three assemblies. The first, held in New Jersey in 1985, focused on "Recovering the Classical Heritage." The second, held in San Francisco in 1990, discussed "Transmitting Our Heritage to Youth and Society." At the second assembly, Father announced his plan to establish the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP). The IRFWP had its Inaugural assembly in August of the following year. This third assembly was jointly sponsored by the IRF and the IRFWP. The IRFWP is planning its own congress next year in Delhi, India, to commemorate, along with other interfaith organizations, the centennial of the 1893 World's Parliament of Religions.

Dr. Paulos Mar Gregorios, metropolitan in the Syrian Orthodox Church of the East and president of the World Council of Churches, chaired this year's assembly. The four co-chairmen included Swami Chidananda, president of the Divine Life Society in India; Dr. Ahmad Kuftaro, the grand mufti of Syria; Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, chairman of

the IRF; and Eui Hyung Seo, president of the Buddhist Chogye Order in Korea.

The organizing chairman for the assembly, Dr. M. Darrol Bryant, has played a central role in all three assemblies. Dr. Francis Clark, secretary general of the IRFWP, served as the senior consultant. In addition, the planning committee included Dr. Frank Kaufmann, Dr. Franz Feige, Gary Young, Jeffrey Gledhill, Wendy Stovall, and Kevin Ribble.

At the opening plenary, Father presented the Founder's Address, entitled "Religion and the Creation of World Peace." Dr. Bryant expressed appreciation to Father for his vision, inspiration and support of the assemblies.

Distinct, yet harmonious voices

Some of the assembly participants heard Father explain his messianic vision at the WCSF celebration banquet on August 24 [that speech is printed in this issue of *Today's World*]. As might be expected, this generated significant conversation and controversy. Of course, responses to the speech varied, according to individual theological perspectives.

However, theological unanimity has never been a characteristic of the assemblies; rather a shared commitment to putting religious ideas into practice for the sake of world peace. This premise was never called into question.

The program was similar in structure to the previous assemblies. In the primary innovation, committees focused on more practical topics and sought to create a statement on peace representing the collective wisdom of the committee. Panel discussions explored themes such as the role of women and families in promoting peace or studied regional issues. One panel debated whether or not the pursuit of world peace is a "mission impossible."

At the closing plenary several participants offered reflections on their experiences. The session concluded with a Zen Buddhist and a Native American chanting together in the distinct, yet harmonious voices, of their respective traditions. ■

Dr. Walsh is the executive director of the Assembly of the World's Religions.



The assembly staff gathers for a closing photo.

Mingling with a Variety of Spiritualities

"... the practice of love"

by David A. Carlson

In the third Assembly of the World's Religions, leaders and laypersons from around the world and from twelve major faiths gathered to share the fruits of their traditions. The opening day, participants were invited to the Little Angels Performing Arts Center, along with other participants in the World Culture and Sports Festival, to hear Father speak on "Becoming the Leaders in Building a World of Peace." They listened as he announced that he and his wife are "the Savior, the Lord of the Second Advent, the Messiah." There were various sincere responses to this during the following week. Notable was the assurance by assembly chairman Dr. Gregorios that, aside from possible doctrinal differences, he would continue to support Father in working for a peaceful world.

A welcoming ceremony, or spiritual convocation, the following evening officially opened the assembly, creating a feeling of spiritual unity with its elevated and serene atmosphere. This was surely aided by the fact that earlier in the day assembly participants had been invited to observe (and in some cases, to be part of) the historical Blessing of 30,000 Couples. This was truly an unforgettable experience.

In his Founder's Address, Father emphasized true love and the family as the basis for a peaceful world. He stated that "at this time the practice of love is required—not only faith." He called for a broad range of "social activities" to "fulfill God's will on earth." There seemed to be a genuine expression of support for his words.

Faiths represented at this third assembly were African Traditional, Buddhism, Christianity, Confucian, Hindu, Jain, Judaism, Islam, Native American, Shinto, Sikh, Unification and Zoroastrian. Following breakfast each morning, participants gathered in the different prayer and meditation services, depending on their preference. This gave us an opportunity to share and experience a mode of worship perhaps quite different from that to which we were accustomed. In addition to the morning worship there

were evening interfaith services, at which participants gathered to worship together, transcending their particular paths.

Among the committees in this third assembly were the following: spiritual disciplines for peace, the role of the family in the creation of a peaceful world, making peace with the earth, and the inter-religious dialogue. These were quite diverse; in Committee One, for example (spiritual disciplines for peace), the focus was on religious ritual and practice. We chanted together, played together, meditated together, and shared different traditions together. Questions and discussion came naturally. Other committees emphasized discussion. However, in all cases the interaction carried over into meals and beyond.

The panel discussions offered a variety of topics. The panel on the family and world peace was graced by the presentation of Unification Theological

Seminary president, Dr. David S.C. Kim. Women and the environment loom as cutting-edge issues in religion. This seems appropriate inasmuch as this is the "age of women."

Tours were organized to visit the various Unification family activities (headquarters church, *Segye Ilbo*, Tong Il), as well as shopping and sight-seeing. Korea continues to be an attractive place for tourists to visit.

I personally found this third assembly inspiring. As a teacher of world religions, it is always stimulating to mingle with such a variety of spiritualities. But the fact that the assembly is the direct fruit of our True Parents' efforts makes it qualitatively different from anything else. ■

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Farewell Banquet Remarks

(*excerpts*)

August 30, 1992

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak

After an entire week together we come to the close of our gathering here in Seoul. I trust, we can say at this moment that through this assembly we have advanced the cause of world peace.

As you know, this assembly completes the series of three assemblies, originally called for by Rev. Moon. As such, it is an appropriate time to take stock of our accomplishments. At his founder's address in 1985, during the first assembly, Rev. Moon stated the following:

"I have three hopes for these assemblies. First, that the world's religious traditions respect each other and at least work to keep in check any inter-religious conflicts and wars. Second, that the assembly serve the world by becoming a cooperative community of religions. It will hopefully agree upon and make resolutions calling religious people to practical action, encouraging all people to

live by God-centered values, and fostering the development of human minds and spirits. Third, that the assembly develop into an organization in which the major leadership of all religions participate. The assembly has to lift up the highest values and purposes of life and offer them to all religious people, all groups, and all nations. Only in communion with the Absolute and with love for one another can individuals, groups and nations prepare for and become a part of the Kingdom of God on earth."

Looking back on the past eight years, I feel a great sense of satisfaction. Although there is still much work to do, we have moved progressively forward with each assembly. The second assembly in 1990 served as the beginning point of the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace (IRFWP). Now, with this third assembly, we see the IRFWP on its feet and moving forward. It will be through the IRFWP that the assembly itself and its vision will live on. Thus the conclusion of this series of three generations of assemblies involves not only a closing, but an opening to a new and important stage of our work.

I know that Rev. Moon wanted to be here to speak to you, but his schedule called him out of Korea yesterday. He has already spoken straightforwardly to you about his mission, and there have been straightforward responses. He recognizes and appreciates the important theological concerns, and the conceptual difficulties that stand in the way of a full meeting of the minds on certain issues. However, at the same time, as his record of achievement reveals, he does not consider his understanding of his mission as interference with his resolve to promote inter-religious harmony.

I know that he very much appreciates your dedication to inter-religious cooperation. He values your willingness to work for world peace from a position

firmly rooted within your religious traditions. He does not wish for anyone to abandon or diminish their fullest understanding of faithful commitment to God, to the Ultimate Reality, to Truth.

In his presentation during the banquet for the World Culture and Sports Festival on August 24, the day just before the holy wedding ceremony, and to a very diverse and distinguished audience, he spoke most candidly of the mission of True Parents. This address was in no way intended to create distance or present a barrier. While he has shared his understanding with us, he remains ever committed to working with you, respectfully and cooperatively, believing that while there are points of difference, there are significant points of similarity. Most importantly, he welcomes your ongoing collaboration in the great and necessary task of creating world peace.

Finally, more than a theological or philosophical agreement, Rev. Moon aspires to something I would call a heartistic agreement. That is, Rev. Moon believes the most significant reality about our relatedness is its familial quality. We are a family bound to one another regardless of our various differences. Even the Unification Church, in Rev. Moon's mind, is subordinate to God's ideal of one world family. His announcement a few days ago about the House of Unification for World Peace represents a stress on world family and the practice of true love more than on church affiliation. Ultimately, apart from any title or theological position, one finally is known by the quality of one's relationship to God, or Ultimate Reality, and the quality of one's love. These qualities cannot be appreciated simply through listening to speeches, but by consulting our own heart of hearts, and living according to the highest ideals advanced by our traditions. ■■

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(Edited for Today's World)



The opening ceremony, or spiritual convocation, officially began the assembly and gave a "feeling of spiritual unity with its elevated and serene atmosphere."

International Holy Wedding of 30,000

by Kwang Yol Yoo

Under the pure white sun
In the heart of Seoul filling the fields of Chamshil
are 30,000 beautiful couples, the flowers of 60,000 devout men and women
in full bloom.

At the time of this dazzling holy wedding
Great blessing, the grace of God like gold dust is pouring down,
and all people of the world
are enjoying together this noble, this pure moment.

All of this
started from the warm heart of God.
All arose from True Parents' unchanging hearts
flowers blossoming in filial piety towards heaven.
I know that this measure does not come close to filling
the natures of our Father and Mother.

If the whole world
were turned over in a moment through a convulsion of nature
and if, as a whole, families of good spread out everywhere—
That would be their burning desire!

Folding that desire and pressing it down,
If only this number spreads out,
With its existing viewpoint, the world
cannot begin to fathom even this.

From the beginning, the True Parents
began this work laying its nature in eternity,
and its base was a nation of constancy, peace and true love.

The longing of all mankind
is to arrive in the original eternal village,
Which is a flower garden where we attend True Parents
Breathing the air of God.

Above anything else
The desire of True Parents
is for these two loves to join into one
and to see the fireworks of that love burning brightly.

So now
In this Chamshil field of Seoul
Gathered from 131 nations of the world
30,000 couples of brides and bridegrooms and 100,000 guests gathered together
Their outstretched hands and gazes overlap one another
and the fireworks of their love rise up.

60,000 Couples of the Unification Church

August 25, 1992, at the Olympic Main Stadium in Seoul

This is a marvel, an ecstasy.
This is victory and praise.
This is the eternal gift
of God's love.

This is the five-colored rainbow in True Parents' breast.
This is all happiness shared with the young.

This is beyond the limits
of what man can do.

This is a banquet hall, a feast of love
held by people who have raised their hands
To the call of God

This is
The nation of goodness planned from the very beginning
These families of love and victory
won through the long struggle of True Parents
Are the symbols of a glorious nation.

Oh God,
Come to our village.
Come and stay with us forever.

Oh True Parents,
Come and live with us.

All mankind, gather together in one place and,
Cheer "Mansei." Hold a banquet through the night.

Oh, oh,
The fruit of
God and
True Parents' love,
That love is joy beyond what we can feel.
It is the happiness of mankind which comes from the joy of True Parents.

Man Mansei (Ten thousand cheers) for the International Holy Wedding
of 30,000 couples, 60,000 people of the Unification Church.

(Translated by Lynne Kim)

Dr. Kwang Yol Yoo was born in Chunchon, Kangwon Province in Korea in 1928. Dr. Yoo joined the Unification Church in 1954, graduated from Seoul National University in 1956 and is a well-known poet. He writes poems on our historical occasions.

Dr. Yoo has been the chairman of the Unification Church History

Committee for over ten years. Prior to that he was the director of the Culture Department of the Korean Headquarters Church for twenty-seven years.

Now, he is the president of Sung Hwa Publishing Co. and the first president of the Korean Poets Association of Freedom.

One of the Most Precious Gifts

by Andrea Spurgin Porter

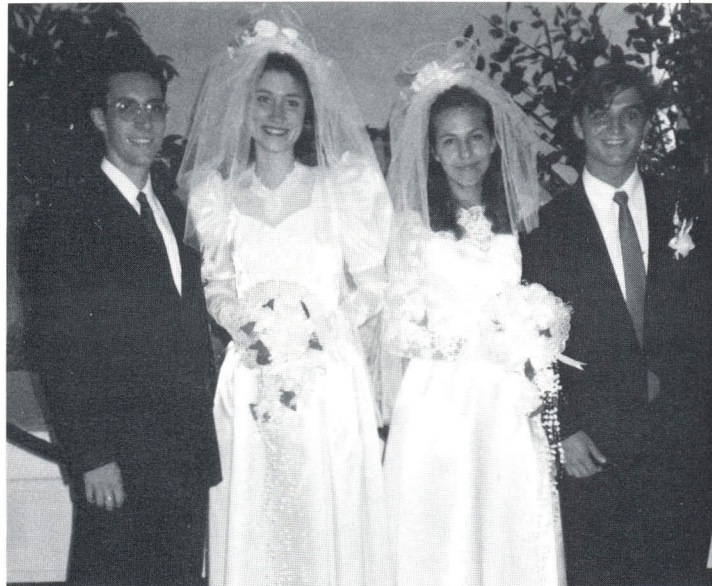
I can speak for my husband, Tim Porter, as well, when I say that we are very grateful to Heavenly Father and True Parents for our blessing. It is hard to imagine that one could have such a personal experience when there are thousands of people watching your wedding. On the day of the blessing the sun beat down, replacing the rain that drizzled as we stood in the same spot the day before at rehearsal. Everywhere I looked, I could see the shining faces of brothers and sisters with their spouses, many of which were of different nationalities. It was comforting to see so many people I knew also receiving the blessing with me in our fatherland.

Both my husband and I had been willing and expected to be matched to a Korean brother or sister since the Koreans made up about ninety-six percent of the four hundred second generation that were matched. Many of the second generation struggle to choose between a very appealing lifestyle outside the church and a life for God which is much more difficult and demanding. Before the matching, I heard Tim talking to some others who were questioning him about why he was going to the blessing. I was impressed with his attitude toward the church and the blessing. He was not interested in what benefits it would bring him but what he could contribute to the providence and his willingness to give his one hundred percent in a marriage.

I thought that my friends at school would think that we were brainwashed or just crazy to have an arranged marriage. I was surprised to find them very supportive and overjoyed to see the two of us so happy together. One of my friends commented on me being so lucky because I do not have to go through all the dating hassle. They always talk about "love at first sight," but they haven't experienced love through God's sight.

My parents have taught me many things and I love them very much. As a child they were my vehicle to experience God but now my husband is that vehicle. The things that I lack are qualities that he possesses and *vice versa*. We constantly learn so much from one another but at the same time as we become more balanced people we also maintain our unique individuality.

We only had a few days before the blessing to get to know each other better, but we have been preparing our whole



These two couples are the first Western second generation to receive the blessing. (l.-r.) Tim Porter, Andrea Spurgin, Heather Burley and Toby Fernsler.

lives. For many of us, when we are lonely we create a faceless person to represent our future spouse. It helps us through those times, to know that Heavenly Father has someone out there for each of us but has not revealed them yet. However, during the blessing I did not experience a feeling of lost time. The faceless image

in my memories were replaced with his face, as if he had always been there. Purity is one of the most precious gifts one can offer. But giving up everything for another person especially when there is no face attached is extremely difficult. Nevertheless there is nothing more rewarding than when that image receives a face, one which you will love for eternity. Underserving of this precious gift, we return our gratitude to Heavenly Father and our True Parents. ■

Andrea, twenty years old, is the eldest daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Hugh Spurgin, a 777 Blessing Couple and Tim Porter, twenty-three years old, is the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Martin Porter, a 43 Blessing Couple. Andrea is in her second year at the Fashion Institute of Technology in New York City where she is majoring in textile development and marketing. Tim is in his senior year majoring in business at State University of New York at Geneseo.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fernsler and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Burley are 43 Blessing couples. Heather is twenty-one and a senior at Marymount College in Tarrytown, New York studying drama. Toby, twenty-two, is a math major at George Mason University in Virginia.



The Spurgins (l.) and Porters (r.) with Tim and Andrea and (c.) an AWR and blessing participant, Dr. N. J. Simon, christian evangelist.

The Person I Was Born For

by George Kazakos

AFTER being matched I met my fiancée's mother, Hope Igarashi, who has been in the family for twenty years. I was comforted by God through her motherly heart. Hope and I made a deep connection, which was a good start for building a relationship with her daughter, Christina.

Christina and I are opposites. As we become a complete couple, we can express God's different characteristics in our mission and family.

I learned I have to be clearer in expressing my sincerity about how I feel, because when I did not misunderstandings arose. However, the more we talked the more we realized our thinking was the same, although we express our thoughts differently.

For me the blessing experience was at its deepest point at the holy wine cere-

mony, because of the talk I had with Christina the night before. We opened up our hearts to each other and she expressed her feelings of unworthiness. What she did not realize was that I felt the same way about myself. After our talk I went to pray and found myself in the most tearful repentance prayer I ever had in my life; it enabled me to experience deeply our Parents at the holy wine ceremony.

When Father came out onto the stage I found myself in tears, except this time it was because of appreciation for the blessing from God and True Parents.



Christina and George Kazakos at their blessing.

Then Father asked us to hold hands for the engagement ceremony. During that time it hit me—this is the person that I will spend eternity with. As Father has

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Some of our members have joined the Unification Church after beginning their families, and not all of those other spouses and children followed. The sacrifices involved are very real; yet God never forgets, and when the seed blooms the sweetness begins healing the wounds.

When Hope Perez Igarashi joined, Christina, her daughter was four and a half. As no other members of Hope's family wanted to go this way at that time she left her daughter in the care of Christina's paternal grandmother and joined the California One World Crusade, fundraising. At eighteen years of age Christina joined the Unification Church. She has lived with her mother and stepfather and their three blessed children and begun her own individual course.

Now Christina is blessed with George Kazakos and has a very loving Greek family that is wild about her. Hope said that after the Women's

Interview with Hope Igarashi

Federation rally in Boston she and George's mother and father were able to meet True Mother and the new couple was introduced. Debby Gullery said at that moment the couple looked so beautiful that it was like seeing Adam

and Eve after receiving the blessing with God's permission. Both George's and Christina's mothers are WFWP representatives, one in Greece and one in New Jersey. George's father lives in Maine, and has been sincerely em-



(l. to r.) The new couple joins two families: Tadashi Igarashi holding their daughter Patricia, age five, Hope Igarashi, son Mori, age nine, George's mother, Evonne, second son Yasu, age six, Christina, George, and Esther Flores, Hope's sister.

bracing of his new daughter-in-law and supportive of the couples' course. He brought a picture of the Kazakos' home complete with picketed fence and flowers and said, "This is your house now, you are my daughter," and as he knows how devoted George is to his CARP work, "I will help with the grandchildren."

In an exclusive interview Hope told *Today's World* that when Christina was a child she would visit her and say, "Mommy has to work for God, but one day you are going to be the happiest little girl in the world." Many spiritual children came, and Hope's international blessing to Tadashi Igarashi and three blessed children, plus one child offered for special adoption; but only now is Christina's blessing bringing this promise into reality. She said, "My name is being fulfilled—Esperanza—hope. I'm grateful for George. I respect and love him and his family. This

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Japan's Love for Africa

by Edmond Charley

Edmund Charley is one of eight members from Sierra Leone blessed in Seoul—one of the first blessing participants to come from Sierra Leone since the church was established there seventeen years ago. Though back in Japan, Mr. Nagatomo, the spiritual parent and original missionary to Sierra Leone, did not forget his younger brothers and sisters and appealed to clubs and business people for donations to make their blessing trips possible.

AT the age of fifteen, my bride, Mercy Quaye, was brought to the United States by a Ghanaian couple to look after their children. She stayed with the couple for seven years. When the children got bigger, the couple did not need her anymore. She was praying about what to do while attending a Presbyterian Church where she met Glenn Strait. She heard the Principle and joined the Unification Church; that was about six years ago. Most of her time before the blessing was spent as a center member in Washington, D.C.

In 1989, she was supposed to go to the matching in Korea, but while she was fundraising her bag was stolen with her green card in it. She tried to get a copy so she could go to Korea, but the lady at immigration said, "You are too young to get married. You should not go." Mercy thought that maybe the lady was telling her the truth, in any case she did not have her green card so she had to wait until this blessing.

I was witnessed to by Mr. Nagatomo, the missionary to Sierra Leone, Africa. I joined in 1982. I have been waiting for the blessing for ten years. In Africa during the early days of the church it was very hard to get news quickly and also to raise the money to go to the blessing. I was fortunate that in 1987 At Mr. nagatomo's urging, I came to the United States to study economics. After graduation Mr. Nagatomo requested that I stay and fundraise, directly hear Father speak and become familiar with the church organization. I also added some computer science to my education.

When he told me to prepare for the blessing financially, I did. In 1989, I had applied for a church worker's visa and my case was pending. When the blessing came up it was not possible to go without jeopardizing the visa and the communication connection through me between Sierra Leone and World Mission Department International Headquarters.

At the time, the West African Region

was divided between English-speaking and French-speaking nations. Sierra Leone was part of the English-speaking group, consisting of Nigeria, Ghana, Sierra Leone, Liberia, and Gambia, with Nigeria as the headquarters. A regional director rarely is able to visit. I was able to channel news directly to Sierra Leone.

However, as time progressed my desire to return to Sierra Leone became stronger, but my central figure encouraged me to stay in the United States until I received the blessing as it would be so difficult to get out of Sierra Leone once I returned. I thought the 1989 blessing was going to be in New York, but then it was changed to Korea. I realized then how difficult it was to get the blessing.

When we saw each other we both laughed and at that moment felt we had known each other for twenty years. We had no barriers.

I prayed tearfully for three days and on the fourth day had a dream in which Father was matching Africans to Africans. As he went down the line and came to me he said, "It's time for lunch—we will have lunch and then start again." I felt happy as I felt it meant that I would be the first for the matching next time. When I woke up I felt it was Heavenly Father comforting me.

My prayers for the blessing changed after that. Rather than pray for this or that quality in my spouse I just repented for not being worthy of receiving the blessing. I gave all my intensity to this prayer because I realized it is really difficult to be blessed by the Messiah.

Dreams fulfilled

On July 15, 1992, Kathy Coman from the World Mission Department called me very early and said, "You are match-

ed to Mercy Quaye from Ghana, twenty-eight years old, and somewhere in the United States." I only knew one sister from Africa working here and she wasn't named Mercy. Later Kathy gave me Mercy's phone number and address. While I dialed the number someone said, "You have to go through a central figure." "I know, but this is a match made in heaven!" I replied.

She was fundraising and so I left my number and the message that I was her new fiance. She did not call back, so I called again and connected. I told her I had heard that we were matched, but she had not heard anything. She said, "Do you believe in Heavenly Father and True Parents' choice?" I wanted to joke, but I knew I had better not; so I just said, "Yes." Her voice comforted me and I knew that she was the person I had prayed for. Then I didn't want to know so much how she looked, her voice comforted me so much—I was very grateful to Heavenly Father and True Parents.

I began doing three bows to them each day in gratitude because I did not know how else to express my gratitude. Before, I had prayed for someone who is faithful—no matter what she would not betray God and True Parents. I believe this kind of person will never break the blessing. I hoped for someone I could share with and who could become the spiritual mother of a country. For our future in Sierra Leone and the success of the mission there I felt someone respectful, loving and caring was needed. Just by hearing Mercy's voice I had a strong feeling that God gave me the person I had hoped for. I never had that feeling before and the experience was great.

In my country when a marriage is arranged we check the health of the other family, so I asked about her physical strength and family background. She was fine but she did not like so many

questions. When I found she was a full-time center member I was completely satisfied. Center life is very spiritually nourishing. She asked me for my picture and, when it came, asked her central figure if I could visit.

I arrived Saturday evening at Upshur House while Mercy was fundraising. Paul Herman, the center leader, and his wife and son David welcomed me and shared the history of that historic place. The older blessed members were keeping a prayer vigil for the newly matched members and Paul and his wife were on a fasting condition for the same purpose. I felt grateful Mercy was in such a caring environment.

each other we both laughed and at that moment felt we had known each other for twenty years. We had no barriers. Our traditional cultural background is almost the same. We understood each other better each time we spoke and she felt comfortable with me.

After Sunday service and breakfast we went to a workshop for the blessing. Everybody said we looked alike. I met many members she works and lives with. I realized she is just the perfect match for me.

Thanks to Japan

On August 5 I left for Japan where my spiritual parent had invited me to attend a meeting of the W24 Club as a representative of Sierra Leone. These are not our family members. They are individuals who have their own businesses and have positions in the society. All of them are in their forties and just graduated from the Junior Chamber of Commerce. Usually they hold their meetings on the twenty-

fourth of each month, but they moved it up so that I could be there.

I arrived in Tokyo and stayed there for two days. My spiritual parent explained how they came into contact with the W24 Club. Because Mrs. Nagatomo had fought and overcome cancer in her womb and gave birth to twin daughters (Karen and Sui ren), Mr. and Mrs. Nagatomo had become famous not only in our family but throughout the entire nation of Japan as well.

For two days I was with their physical parents in Miyazaki and then on the eleventh attended the W24 Club, where the president, Mr. Kosaka, presented me

with a monetary gift on behalf of the club which I received on behalf of the Sierra Leone church. They also promised to help the Sierra Leone church in the near future. The rest of the time was spent in Tokyo thanking groups and individuals for their tremendous help in financing Sierra Leone members' trips to Korea for the blessing. Eight members were blessed this time; the first blessing in the seventeen years since the church has been in Sierra Leone.

In Korea on August 21, I met Mercy. We were admired by many other couples, especially the ones from Africa, because we are an African couple but have had the opportunity to live and be trained in America while True Parents are here.

End of evil & sonship

The holy wine ceremony was the most important part of our life, and we talked deeply into the night about what it means. It is the time all evil history of our ancestry must stop, i.e., her evil history and my evil history as well. However, she was confident; she trusted God and True Parents absolutely. We went through the holy wine ceremony and the blessing. Her new position right now is that of being a mother having a son.* I am now praying for understanding of exactly what that means. Sometimes it's tough.

The more I pray the more I realize how difficult it is to be a son to someone who you know is your wife and someone younger than you. It is quite an experience, and that is what I am praying about now, not just externally but deeply, seeking its purpose. I feel that it is very important for us. So far she has been nice, and she has an amazing sense of humor but I realize that she is very serious about God, True Parents, and our future.

Overall we are both happy and grateful to Heavenly Father and our True Parents for allowing us to become part of their lineage. We are looking forward to overcoming the many challenges that lie ahead and to fulfill the responsibility given to us as a blessed couple. ■

*Editor's note: In the first stage after the blessing (for the first generation) a bride is like a "true mother" and the groom is like her "true son."



Edmund Charley, from Sierra Leone, (l.) and Mercy Quay, from Ghana, (r.) smile on their wedding day in Seoul, Korea.

After dinner the members returning to the center testified to Mercy's greatness, and when the phone rang I knew it was for me. Mercy encouraged me to go to bed and she would see me the next day.

Kevin McCarthy led the pledge and then spoke on prayer life. I was introduced to the brothers and sisters and finally the moment was here. Mercy came over from the fundraising center, and Clyde West called me saying, "Mercy's here." I thought, "Is it real that Father looked at my picture for a few seconds and picked someone for me?" Indeed it was real, she was real. When we saw

ing to lose your life you'll gain it.' and 'Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and all His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.'"

In every way, it is through all the children, that Parents' love is spreading out mending and knitting up the broken hearts and filling the empty arms. As the old

Christian hymn says, "Only believe, only believe, all things are possible, only believe." ■

—by Linda Lee Perry

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Interview with Hope

is only the beginning... One day I'm going to make a T-shirt that says, 'If you're will-

Heaven Was Shaken

Reflections on Events this Summer in Korea

by Peter Kim

In addition to the April 10 and August 25 blessings, November 27, 1992, Parents blessed four hundred Koreans in a "single blessing" ceremony in Seoul, Korea. Speeches and Reports on the Summit Council and World Media Conference will follow in coming issues of Today's World.

THE three weeks I stayed in Korea in August was truly a time for me to repent. Of course, it was a time of blessing and celebration; however, deep in my mind and heart I truly repented as I watched the events and observed Father's seriousness.

Reasons for repentance

Father gave eight formal speeches, all in Korean. You would think it would be a piece of cake for Father to give such speeches. He can speak in Korean for many hours without a script, and he has had years of practice. However, Father would carry the text of his next speech wherever we went, and he was always studying it. We could hear him reading it out loud from the family room. I realized it was not that Father couldn't read his speech smoothly but that he wanted to share his heart. He put effort into each speech so that he could give his spirit and heart to the people.

Father tells us that before we give Principle lectures we should pray at least three times the length of the lecture. Fa-

ther practices the same principle.

I have been living in the same house with Father for the last twenty-two years, assisting Father and looking after his family; yet I don't fully appreciate the privilege of serving True Parents' family directly. After a time it becomes routine. I get up in the morning, go to Father's house, and greet Father, sit at the breakfast table and do whatever Father asks me to do. This time, watching the brothers and sisters who came to Father's house in Seoul, I realized that I was not worthy to be with Father. Members would come in small groups and stand by the street outside of Father's house and pray. They kept coming so I spoke with Father and Mother and they said to let them into the property. Father was having many meetings inside the house, but members could come into the front yard. There they stood and prayed and sang in tears. Everyone considers it the holy ground of holy grounds because Father is living there. I told the security people to give them candy and McCol. Sometimes I walked out to meet them,

and hundreds of them just rushed to shake hands and embrace me; actually that kind of embarrassed me and I had to run away. Then I started repenting, realizing that Father's place is holy ground and I must not consider my presence there routine because this is my mission. Whenever we come to Belvedere or East Garden let's show our appreciation and gratitude to God and True Parents.

The scope of Father's work

There were many main events during this first World Culture and Sports Festival, August 19-30. Prominent people from all over the world came to these events. Whatever their title, they couldn't boast about themselves once they saw the scale of our festival. They could see that Father is the master of all these events. I accompanied Father to each of these events. Consider the scope of conference themes and the numbers and variety of people represented:

The nineteenth International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, August 19-26, with one hundred twenty



participants. The theme was "Absolute Values and the New World Order." The fifth convention of the Professors World Peace Academy was held jointly with ICUS. The theme was "Society in the Twenty-first Century: Opportunities and Dangers."

The twelfth World Media Conference, August 22-26, with one hundred twenty-five participants. The theme was "Communication Media and an Ethical World." A famous scholar from England gave what he called the "Ten Commandments for Journalism." Dan Quayle sent a congratulatory telegram.

The fifth Summit Council for World Peace, August 22-26, with one hundred participants, including former heads of state. The theme was "World Peace and Korean Unification." The former prime minister of Great Britain, Edward Heath, spoke. There was a great deal of opposition for him to come to Korea, but he overcame it. He is a man of conviction, and he gave a great speech.

The first Women's Federation for World Peace convention, August 24-27, with one hundred participants. The theme was "The Role of Women in World Peace."

The third Assembly of the World's Religions, August 24-30, with two hundred participants. The theme was "Religion and the Creation of World Peace." The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace was held jointly with the AWR.

The Hanmadang Sports Festival, August 22-23, and the eighth CARP Convention of World Students, August 24. The theme was "CARP and World Youth Movement for World Unification."

The International Holy Wedding, August 25, with thirty thousand cou-

ples, include participants by satellite in ten locations.

Proclamation of messiahship

Father invited over a thousand people to a special banquet on August 24 at the Little Angels School. To these selected participants from the various conferences and key Korean leaders Father proclaimed that he is the Messiah. I don't think that everybody was convinced that Father is the Messiah and is ready to follow yet, but they must be impressed by the work Father does.

Many of our leaders in Korea were kind of scared of Father's announcement. Once it is printed there is no way of escape. Now it's a known fact and Father is proud of it. "I did it, so now I completed my mission," Father said to us. I want all of you to know that Father made this declaration under the direction of God. Now when we introduce Father to somebody we have to be straightforward and honest, not embarrassed, but proud.

Preparation for the blessing

You may be interested in how Father did the matching on such a large scale. We bought display stands and put photos on them, organized by categories such as nationality, education, age and height. These are attributes that you and I can see. But Father sees something else: your spirit, your ancestors and even your coming generations. For instance, photos of Korean men were placed on the display stands, and Father walked back and forth carrying photos of Japanese women. Several of us held additional stacks of photos sorted according to age: twenty-seven, twenty-six, etc. Father went through the photos and picked

matches, and then the information was entered into the computer. Some older sisters could not get married because of the lack of older men. About three thousand sisters could not get matched because there were fewer men in general.

Among the new couples are two second-generation American couples. Dr. Hugh Spurgin's daughter, Andrea, is married to Rev. Martin Porter's son, Tim; so these two families became linked. I don't think that they thought even two weeks ago that they would become in-laws. Toby Fernsler and Heather Burley were blessed. We never know who will become our in-laws, so we have to maintain good relationships with one another.

Ardent Korean Christians prayed for rain on the blessing day. On the evening before, it started pouring. We were joking but serious, saying, "God is really listening to those Christians." I was worried. Father did not say anything. That night I accompanied Father to the International Training Center at the *Segye Ilbo* [World Times] to match some late-arriving blessing candidates, people whose match was broken, people whose spouse did not show up, etc. Father continued matching until 4:00 am on the wedding day. When we went to bed it was still raining hard, and my heart really felt bad. By 6:30 am the rain had stopped. South of Seoul it was raining, but in Seoul the sky cleared and the weather became hot. I realized that my faith was not deep enough.

The impact of the blessing

The Japanese had three celebrities at this wedding: a famous singer, a gymnastics champion and a badminton champion. Because of these three participants





Junko Sakurada, actress, Hiroko Yamazaki, Olympic gymnast and Atsuko Tokuda, badminton world champion, attracted Japanese media by their participation in the matching and blessing. Junko is shown above with her groom, Nobuyuki Azuma, a businessman.

the Japanese media were digging into the pros and cons of the blessing. On the wedding day twenty or thirty television cameras were competing to be in front of those celebrities; maybe because the media did not want to do a favor for the Unification Church by covering the whole wedding, they decided to focus on the celebrities. When a reporter asked one of them if she was happy with her wedding, she said, "Yes, I am happy, and with these other thirty thousand couples my happiness is thirty thousand fold."

They were very smart in answering the reporters.

When Father gave the vows the stadium full of couples answered in unison shouting "Yes" (in Korean "Yei"). That sound shook everybody's soul. It was powerful, it was genuine, reaching all the way up to God. I was really shaken by it.

In Tokyo fifteen hundred couples participated by satellite. Elderly people and couples who did not come to Seoul because of the shortness of time showed up in Tokyo for the blessing. One husband was eighty-four and his wife seventy-two. Japanese reporters came and were shocked. When Father asked for the response to the blessing vows, these Japanese people answered, "Yei" in Korean. That "Yei" shook the entire world. One Japanese newspaper headline read, "Heaven was shaken!"

Right after the wedding, we hold the indemnity stick ceremony, right? At each hotel where our brides and grooms stayed, we rented the ballroom and told the hotel managers, "These newlyweds are going to celebrate all night, so please excuse us and don't come in." There was singing and sometimes screaming. The Japanese media were waiting outside the door to interview people as they came out. One forty-year-old wife told the press, "I felt that all the frustrations and the junk and the anger and whatever accumulated over the last forty years is all gone now." I thought that was a cute expression. A cameraman asked a fifty-year-old groom, "Are you hurt?"



and he said, "No, no." But as he walked away he started rubbing his hips. They showed on television how many sticks were piled up. The Japanese media know everything that our newly-wedded couples go through, even the three-day ceremony.

Some dignitaries from America who are participating in the conferences took part in this wedding.

This holy wedding shook earth and heaven. Father showed his ability and his power to the world. We are at a different stage now. Father clearly declared that he is the Messiah, so we should have no hesitation to introduce Father to anybody. Father declared from today on we start working toward the next blessing three years from now. Next time Father wants to bless three hundred sixty



Bruce Smith, from Harlem, New York, church MFT and his bride, Keiko Yamada, from Tokyo, Japan, Women's Federation for World Peace, say, "Our common language is true love." His background is Catholic/Baptist; hers is traditional Buddhist.



Laszlo Weress (Hungarian) and his wife Eszter (German) en route to their blessing told Today's World that after joining as a married couple Eszter was on the Manhattan witnessing team for one year where she met her spiritual son, Stefan Lutsch (German). He is now an MFT captain; they were bringing wedding presents for Stefan and his Japanese bride, Tomoko, who were also being blessed. The Weress' live in Delmar, New York, with their children, Adam (8) and Andrea (12).

Excerpt from Wedding Ceremony Speech about the Ideal Family

What was God's ideal for the human ancestors? It was for an ideal man and woman to create an ideal family. If that is so, what is the center of that ideal family? It is not man, nor is it woman. A family is ultimately parents and children. It is the love of God that is the center of the family, a family bound by the unity of the parents. A couple unites centered on the love of God, so we conclude that it is God's will to bring families to perfection centered on God's love.

Through the fall, man lost God's love. The fall means seeking relationships in a state where God's love is absent, and therefore the love relationships created in today's world are not what man originally desires.

The value of the blessing cannot be exchanged even for the whole world. The blessing is where one man and one woman center on God's will and practice true love, becoming a true father and mother.

God's blessing is an absolutely public one. God's blessing is not only for one individual, one family, one society, one nation or one world; it is for the entire universe.

Your receiving the blessing comes on the victorious foundation of God's four thousand-year providence to send the Messiah, who restores a family centered on God's will. Therefore, as your descendants are in the providence of restoration, even if they do not do any meritorious deed, they enter into the position to receive merit based on the foundation of their victorious ancestors, those who become great workers for the four thousand-year providence of restoration.

A woman must love a man, who is in the position of father, husband, elder brother, and younger brother. A man must love a woman, who is in the position of mother, wife, elder sister and younger sister. From these four positions, you love and respect each other in the closest way while also loving the world. As you feel this stimulation, you are a couple whose destiny is bound together.

The family is a representative workshop for teaching love for mankind. It is a symbolic arena for establishing the center of heart. If you mutually trust each other and your happy life carries on, your world becomes the center of the universe and the realm of the ideal begins. ■

(Reprinted from the official 30,000 Couples Blessing program.)



The front section (from the photographer, front l., to the platform with photographers) is where the second generation stands, directly in front of True Parents. After the ceremony forty thousand balloons and four hundred pigeons were released and the couples and guests were treated to entertainment by some of Korea's top stars. The second generation, having no indemnity conditions after the blessing, attended a workshop just for them. Today's World offers sincere congratulations to our elder Korean and Japanese families

thousand couples, and he has asked each of us to prepare one hundred twenty couples for the Blessing. More than just being excited, let us be aware of our responsibilities and become more serious and more faithful. ■



(l. to r.) Representing Russia is Vasily Kizilov (flag bearer) with his bride Tomoko Kinoshita (Japanese), along with Michael Shea (C.I.S. workshop staff from the United States) and his bride Reiko Ito (Japanese), and Andrei Lukyanov (Russia) with his bride Edina Horvath (Hungary).

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The Person I Was Born For

said, this is "the person I was born for."

From the whole blessing experience I realize how serious and responsible I have to become—to commit myself more to God and my new life and to fulfill God's dream of family through the blessing. My hope is to demonstrate my devotion and appreciation through my actions. I am deeply grateful to God, True Parents and Christina for the blessing and the changing of the blood lineage. ■

(Exclusive to Today's World)

George Kazakos, 25 years old, just graduated from the Berklee School of Music in Boston and is a composer. He is presently with Boston CARP fulltime. Christina Perez 23 years old, has interrupted her university studies and been on the national MFT out of Philadelphia for one-and-half years; previously she worked for I-Travel and WACOM.

World Peace and the Role of Women

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

HAK JA HAN MOON

AUGUST 26, 1992, SHERATON WALKER HILL HOTEL, SEOUL, KOREA

LEADERS of the Women's Federation for World Peace who have come to Korea from the nations of the world, and leaders of the women's associations of Korea: I consider it a great honor to be able to share part of my beliefs about world peace with women leaders from around the world and every domain of Korean society.

We are arriving at an important transitional era, entering a world of oneness which transcends the barriers of ideologies, the differences between languages and cultures, and racial conflicts. It is not by chance that we women are holding this conference for the sake of a new world of love and peace today. It is the providence of God; it is predestined, necessitated by the rushing flow of history.

Until now the role of men in history has been emphasized. The institutions of society and the world have been centered on them. Unfortunately, we cannot help but conclude that the reality of the world led by men has been a history of conflict and sin. Isn't it because of this world of conflict and sin that we have dreamed of a world of happiness overflowing with peace and goodness? Because most of human history has been filled with war, revolution, fighting, oppression, domination, conflict and violence, the masculine logic of power made sense, and the masculine ideologies dominated.

The present age is different. The history of today is calling for peace, reconciliation, compassion, love, service and sacrifice. It is an age in which the present problems cannot be solved by the masculine logic of power. There is no longer any need for ideologies which oppress humanity. This is the age when the present problems must be solved by the more feminine logic of love, and the direction of history must be straightened out.

A NEW AGE OF WOMEN

The twenty-first century is less than ten years away. Now communism, which has trampled humankind mercilessly while insisting on violent revolution and class struggle, is speaking its last words. World opinion has united into one voice saying that there must be no more war. These facts are

signs proclaiming the opening curtain of a new age of women, and the historic transition announcing the arrival of an age of the liberation of women around the world.

Leaders of the Women's Federation who have gathered from around the world: at this historical gathering, I do not wish to offer mere ceremonial greetings. I wish to proclaim before history the meaning of the past, present and the future. In this era of the historical transition heading toward cooperation



Mother teaches Godism to Women's Federation participants.

and understanding, I want to present the great principle for the construction of the eternal world of peace based on Godism, to establish a goal for the women who will pioneer the future world. In this address, "World Peace and the Role of Women," I would like to present to you the ideology of Godism and heading thought which my husband, the Reverend Sun Myung Moon, has already advocated.

Originally God created an object of love in order to feel joy. To create one masterpiece, a sculptor works day and night, and invests his youth and all his strength. Where does the heart of such a sculptor come from? Doesn't it resemble the heart of God who created an object of love in order to feel joy?

If we look at the world of existence, we can see that everything has an inherent duality. Minerals, plants, animals and people all exist in pairs. Therefore, in the world of humankind there are men and women; in the animal kingdom, there are males and females; and in the plant kingdom, there are sta-

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mens and pistils. On the molecular level, there are positive ions and negative ions. On the atomic level, there are protons and electrons. The whole world of being consists of pairs. To say that things exist in pairs means they exist with reciprocity and all beings exist centered on love. It means that without a reciprocal being to live for and love, no being can exist. Do you know why all beings live in pairs? It is in order to have an ideal relationship centered on loving each other. Anywhere in this world, if one does not have a reciprocal being with whom to have a give and take of love, there can be no interaction, and there can be no existence or multiplication without interaction.

ORIGIN OF TRUE LOVE

A being without interaction is the same as a dead being. The reason God created man is that He absolutely needs an object to love. In human society the hearts of parents who want their children to become better than themselves have their roots in the heart of true love which God had when He created humankind.

The heart of wanting one's reciprocal object to be better than oneself is originally due to the true love of God. If God invests one hundred percent, the being has only the value of one hundred percent; but God wants to invest more than that so He forgets and invests again. Finally, the reciprocal object becomes bigger than oneself; one still continues to forget, until one invests one's life. This is where true love begins.

God's true love is love which forgets that it has invested, so it invests again, again, and again. If the memory of having given remains, then love cannot flow endlessly. Because love moves endlessly, one must not hold onto the memory of having given. Even if one gives and gives again, love continues to flow because the memory of giving does not remain.

THE LOGIC OF ETERNAL LIFE

In essence, true love means God's absolute love. Included in love is the right of inheritance. By becoming one with God, the logic of eternal life is proven; the family and society which practice true love will not be destroyed and will develop throughout eternity. If man, who was created as God's object, had not disobeyed God's words, had grown according to God's will and had inherited unchanging true love from God, our human world would have begun with a history of peace. There would not have been the miserable history of the bloodshed of war. In that true love, the confrontation and conflict between nations, societies and, of course, individuals would be surpassed and melted away, and a true world of peace would be

realized. Because of the fall of the human ancestors, humankind could not completely inherit true love. Unfortunately, because man was not able to become perfect as the reciprocal object of God's true love, the position of True Parents, who were to be the substantial representatives of true love in place of God, was not filled either. What is the fundamental cause of the fall of the first human ancestors? In the Bible, it says it is because they ate of the fruit of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. After they ate the fruit, what did they cover? They should have covered their mouths, but they covered the lower parts of their bodies. This means that they had entered into an immoral sexual relationship, centered on Satan. This is the fundamental cause of the multiplication of the evil blood lineage.

The origin of true love, true life and true lineage is the sexual organs of love. Through the fall, these sexual organs of love, which should have been holy, became the wicked place which destroyed heaven's principle. They became the headquarters of evil. Thus the seeds of false love, false life and false blood lineage were sown. Adam and Eve, the ancestors of humankind, fell while still immature—as teenagers. Because they fostered evil in that way, the blood lineage of evil historically spread from there throughout the human world.

SEXUALLY IMMORAL COUNTRIES DESTROYED

When the time of harvest, in the Last Days, comes, throughout the world young people like Adam and Eve will destroy the ethics of love and tend towards corruption. When we see this phenomena, we will know that the age of Satan's authority has reached its climax. The present time is the day of judgment, when God's rod of iron will come down. In history the cities and countries which were sexually immoral in God's eyes were all destroyed.

Look at the advanced countries of the world today: America, Europe and Japan. Who can stop the tide of sexual immoral-



The True Family listens and supports as Mother gives her speech at WFWP World Convention.

ity and free sex which is pouring in from all directions? Humankind, which fell and came to be on Satan's side can be symbolized by wild olive trees in the realm of religion. They are the wild olive trees who belong to God, so God can freely dominate them. They were prepared so that when the Lord of the Second Advent came they could easily be cut and grafted all at once. At that time, finally, the wild olive trees return to their original state by becoming true olive trees. Therefore, people who believe in religion must find their original True Father because they were born unable to receive the original seed of life from him.

The ideal of goodness could not be realized as sons and daughters linked to the blood lineage of God centered on true love; therefore, the Messiah must come. The Messiah is he who comes as the True Parent. As True Father and True Mother, the True Parents come and cast out Satan and carry the serious responsibility of establishing the world of peace and the heavenly world of freedom and liberation. Of course, we must define the image of the True Man, and also the images of the True Mother, True Wife and True Daughter. We must also attend the True Father who established the tradition of worldwide historical victory and the True Mother who has become the world level victorious representative of women.

PROPER GUIDANCE

We women have the responsibility to solve the resentment of Adam and Eve's destruction by properly guiding men who have led disorderly and chaotic lives. Distinguished leaders of all spheres of the Women's Federation here and abroad! In the era of women which has arrived, we must spread, to the whole world, a model movement of the realization of true love in which we embrace our husbands and raise our children properly. By doing so, we should gain the active support of our husbands and children, and develop the Family Federation for World Peace.

The Women's Federation for World Peace is not a movement for women alone. It must bear the fruit of ideal families through a movement of true love for our husbands and children.

Ideal families realized like this will join together and create the ideal nation and world. That is the reason the Women's Federation for World Peace must develop into the Family Federation for World Peace. For that reason, women must take a leading role in politics, economics, culture, and each area of society to realize world peace. Godism and headwing thought contain the fundamental system of values that our Women's Federation should espouse to unite the left and right-wings, to overcome atheistic materialism, and to guide the future after the twenty-first century.

Let us go forward together to the world of peace centered on the True Parents who have the leading role in true love, cultivating our families as the dwelling place of true parents, true couples and true children.

Let me close my address by wishing God's blessing on all of you, your families and your nations. ■

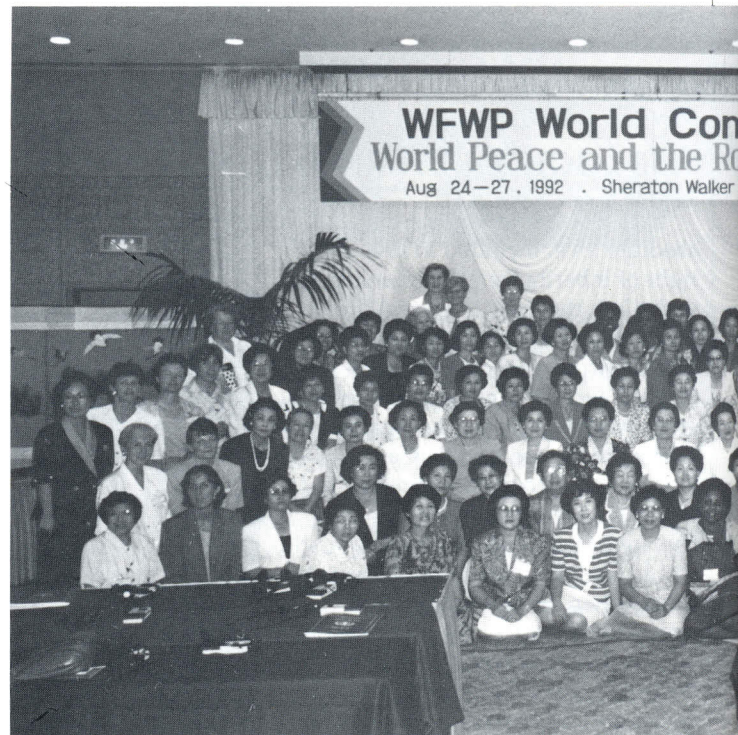
"Speak Frankly"

WFWP Holds its First Convention in Seoul

by Rev. Kathy Winings

The Women's Federation for World Peace hosted a world convention from August 24 through August 27 in Seoul, Korea as part of the World Culture and Sports Festival. Held at the Sheraton Walker Hill Hotel, the convention drew over one hundred and fifty participants from seventy nations making it the first Women's Federation event of this nature.

The convention began with opening remarks by Mrs. Won Pok Choi, WFWP chairwoman. Then came the president's address given by Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon,



Women's Federation for World Peace representatives from seventy nations, over one hundred and fifty women join together

president of the Women's Federation for World Peace. President Moon's speech focused on the need to establish true love, true life, and true lineage if we are to realize a world of true peace. Though the federation is called the Women's Federation for World Peace, the participants were reminded that it is not a movement for women alone. "The Federation must bear the fruit of ideal families through a movement of true love for our husbands and children" and "must develop into the Family Federation for World Peace." Next was a congratulatory address given by Rev. Sun Myung Moon on the "Reappearance of the True Parents and the Ideal Family." [See *Today's World*, September 1992.]

Women should not be afraid

The keynote address was then presented by the former first lady of the Republic of Bolivia, Mrs. Clemencia Siles. She is an active organizer and former president of The Institution for National Service and Social Unity and the Pacenas Women's Association, major women's organizations in Bolivia, and Bolivia's former ambassador to Spain; she has also been recognized internationally with the coveted "Most Illustrious Women's Award" given by the Arab Republic of Egypt. Mrs. Siles began her address by looking at the many problems which

currently plague our world and which are major obstacles to the establishment of world peace. While "peace seems like a mirage that moves further away as we try to draw closer to this ideal, we should not lose heart. We must keep the torch of peace burning always."

Women must use this time to speak frankly, Mrs. Siles continued. How, then, can world peace be achieved? Three points are crucial in this task. First, we need to understand the causes behind the violence in our world and then visualize a clear goal for our work. Secondly, we must then put all of our efforts and convictions into achieving that goal and vision. Finally, we must summon all of our determination to realize this vision with the conviction and certainty that the goal is within our reach and is possible.

Ultimately, women should not be afraid to: 1) proclaim how natural it is to create life out of true love within the family setting; 2) restore our personality and virtue and that of others; 3) exalt God in our homes and in our hearts, finding peace and preserving it; 4) act in public and private settings in order to proclaim and realize everlasting peace, integrity, and harmony, in the fellowship of men and women.

In closing, Mrs. Siles reminded the participants of the famous words of St. Francis of Assisi: "Lord, makes us an instrument of Thy peace."

Open the world's eyes

The afternoon sessions of the convention focused on two important topics: the role of women in the twenty-first century and in the unification of Korea. Mrs. Josette Shiner, managing editor of *The Washington Times*, spoke on "The Role of Women in the Twenty-first Century." Drawing from her vast experience as a journalist and her intimate experience as a mother, Mrs. Shiner gave an impassioned talk which touched the hearts of all participants and reminded us that we must speak out to "open the eyes of the world to what is possible."



North Korea as a sister

Dr. Young-Hee Suh, dean of academic affairs, Graduate Institute of Peace Studies, Kyoung-Hee University in Seoul, addressed "The Role of Women in the Unification of Korea." Speaking eloquently, Dr. Suh offered several suggestions for women to pursue in this noble goal. First, women have the power to move men. Second, women need to behave in ways related to unification in their practical lives by living responsibly. Third, women in Korea should call for and support national policies which can encourage more women to participate in national and social concerns. Fourth, women should take more responsibility for the education of their children with the goal of inheriting unification. Women must begin to view North Korea as a brother or sister to be loved rather than an entity to be hated.

The convention concluded with a traditional Korean dinner, musical entertainment, an address by Rev. Kathy Winings, lecturer at the Unification Theological Seminary and ecumenical officer for the Unification Church, and closing remarks by the vice chairwoman of the Korean Women's Federation, Mrs. Gil Ja Sa Eu.

Rev. Winings is a doctoral candidate in religion and education at Teacher's College in New York, in addition to being a lecturer at the Unification Theological Seminary and ecumenical officer for the Unification Church.



for a picture at the WFWP's first convention.

FOUNDER'S SPEECH

by Rev. Sun Myung Moon

YOUNG members have come from all over the world to Korea—the homeland of our heart—to participate in the Hanmadang Sports Festival! Feeling the warm atmosphere of youth, I want to share some words with you.

The World Culture and Sports Festival is a meeting of scholars, religious leaders, journalists, politicians, youth leaders, and athletes from the whole world—as a global village family centered upon God. Looking back, it seems like yesterday I followed the heavenly call and announced the World CARP Convention and Festival centering on the youth of the world. This is now the eighth CARP convention.

The original ideal world was to be established through Adam and Eve when they fulfilled the heartistic dimensions of true children, true brother and sister, true couple and true parents, centering on God's true love, life and blood lineage. Unfortunately, at a young age the first ancestors abandoned God's will and inherited the Satanic seed through an immoral blood relationship with the archangel. God's own children lost their qualification as the heavenly royal tribe when they abandoned the four dimensions of heart and the kingship of three generations (past, present and future). All this happened in their youth.

SOLUTIONS TO THE CAIN CULTURE

In the last days, the fallen act in the Garden of Eden re-emerges at a worldwide level. Satan established the sphere of Cain culture which pursues physical pleasure through the use of drugs, alcohol, tobacco and free sex. The True Parents—coming as the Messiah—are responsible to grasp the essential nature of such problems and solve them. I have investigated and clarified the root of the original sin, including the motivation, process and results of the human fall, discovering that the most crucial social problem is immorality.

You young people should take the front line to uproot immorality and violence, cut off satanic habits and traditions, and establish a new culture and tradition centered upon God. This Hanmadang Sports Festival will help spark a new, God-centered youth culture. You young people can liberate God's resentment through the unification of this disordered world. You are the royal tribe of the future; be strong and bold. Uphold the standard of righteousness. Judge evil. Chase away darkness. Calm the waves of rampant immorality and violence. Start a holy revolution.

The God-centered youth of the world should be the central figures to restore the heartistic dimension of children, brothers, couples and parents. You should restore the kingship of three generations. Today's highly developed Western society has gone the way of decline and destruction because the young people, who should be responsible for the future world, lost God—the center of love and life. You became overwhelmed by a humanistic view of value based on materialism and fell into an evil culture established by an evil power and characterized by lies and hypocrisy.

In order to reorganize all the value systems based on God-centered absolute values, I have founded organizations to exercise the highest caliber of leadership in religion, politics, sciences, arts, philosophy, culture, media, industry, etc. This World Culture and Sports Festival is the first event of its kind to discuss God-centered, absolute values. It embraces all the organizations which I have founded since receiving the heavenly call to restore the world. It is creating a new, unified culture by harmonizing different traditions, cultures and perspectives which have been separated from each other.

The Unification movement is the foundation for the new united world culture. It is a movement of new life and true love. It is creating new people, a new family, a new nation, and a new world centered upon God and the original mind.

CARP is on the front line of our efforts to establish a peaceful society and an ideal youth culture through the practice of true love. It is giving new life and new ideals to tens of thousands of young people in the collapsed communist world. Its vision is expanding in over seven hundred universities in the former Soviet Union as the alternative ideology to Marxism-Leninism.

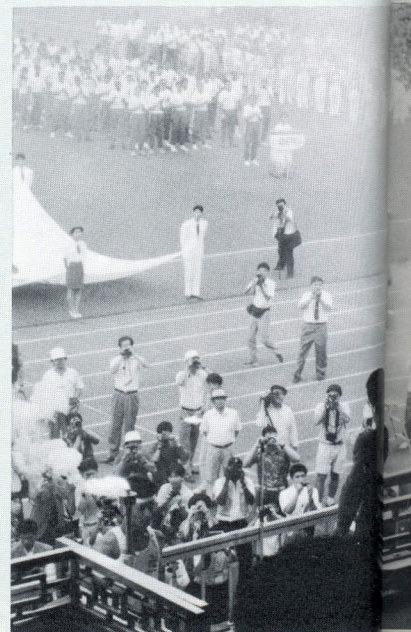
SECOND-GENERATION ERA

The Divine Principle is a philosophy of ideals to be put into practice. All my life I have taught and lived by the following mottoes: "Live for others" and "You must dominate yourself before you can expect to dominate the whole universe."

CARP members and young leaders: with burning passion and pure reasoning—the special gifts of youth—let us go forward together to build one true united world. Let us strive to embody the three main ideals: true parent, true teacher and true owner. Let us create the true united world which our Heavenly Father has pursued throughout history. I pray that you young members may become the driving force of the providence. May you experience profound unity and harmony during this Hanmadang Sports Festival. This joyful day opens the new providential era of the second generation. May God bless you all. ■

(edited for Today's World)

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Demonstrating Our Hopes and Dreams

by Hyo Jin Moon

LADIES and gentlemen and CARP members of the world, welcome to this sports festival. Today, I would like to offer my deep appreciation to God for allowing me to open the eighth Hanmadang Sports Festival in Korea, our religious fatherland.

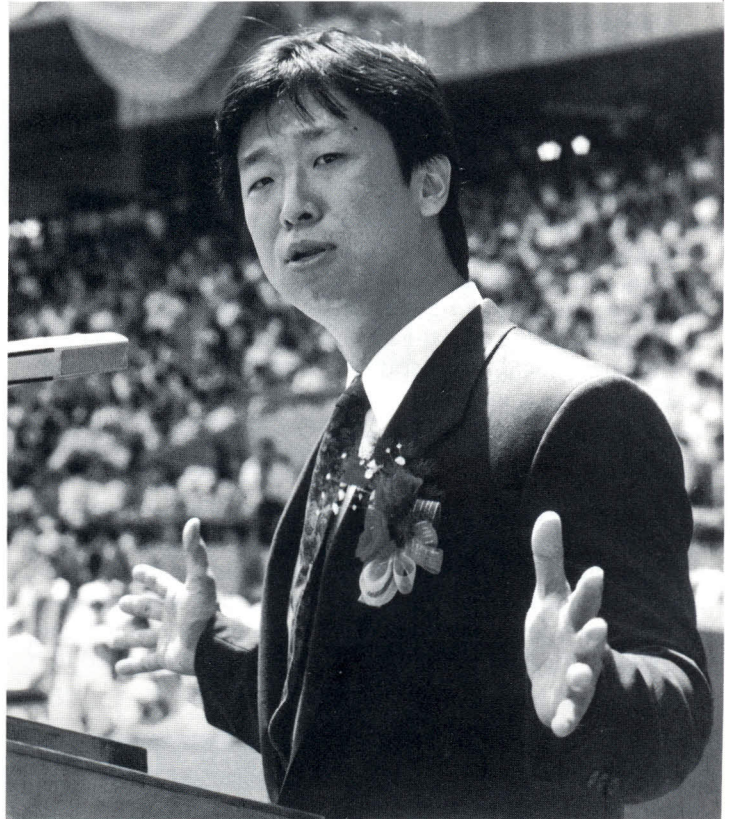
I am especially and deeply grateful that our True Parents, the founders of the CARP movement, are here today to encourage us. With our whole hearts we appreciate their presence among us.

In this first World Culture and Sports Festival, it is deeply meaningful that the CARP rally opens centering on the Hanmadang Sports Festival.

Forum of unity

This festival provides a beautiful, international forum of unity and harmony in which the youth of the world can demonstrate their hopes and dreams for the future, which are expressed by God's ideal for the creation. If people's mind and body had truly reached completion without any fall, we would be a temple in the service of the infinite God. Our very existence could be united directly with God, and all people would represent God visibly as complete, holy individual beings.

However, because of the fall of the first human ancestors, we became sinful descendents. Our body has become subject over our mind, and the sinful mind has become subject over the good mind. Such a reversal of dominion caused us to become friends of evil and produced corruption, immorality and



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Each time the Hanmadang games are held, holy fire is brought from the Rock of Tears in Pusan, Korea. Holy fire symbolizes the Unification family centered on the Divine Principle which began in Pusan and spreads to the ever-darkening world. This time the holy fire was received by Bong-Tae Kim, director of the Sports Youth Department, on August 17.

The fire traveled from holy ground to holy ground: Pusan to Kwang Ju, to Dae Jeon, to the Sung Hwa University, to Tae Gu, to Moon Kyung Sae Gae, to Chung Pyung, to Chun Cheon and finally to its final destination in the Hyochang Stadium.

When the runners reached the stadium, the torches were presented to Father and Mother for their blessing on the opening ceremony of the Hanmadang Sports Festival.

As the flame traveled from city to city, Holy Fire Welcoming Festivals were held to encourage the development and harmony of specific traditional culture. Until finally, through lighting the holy fire in front of youth from all over the world and True Parents in Hyochang Stadium, the Hanmadang Sports Festival is sanctified. ■■

unrighteousness.

The root of problems is egoism. From individual self-centeredness has evolved social, national and world-level egoism. Egoism ultimately split into democracy versus communism, theism versus atheism, and idealism versus materialism. As a result, the whole of human culture has become centered upon a corrupted body and characterized by domination through force, causing abuse and war. Uncivilized and dehumanized, people act in self-destructive ways.

However, since the beginning of God's restoration providence, people have always yearned for true freedom and true peace. Sick of such a disordered society, we long for true order centered upon new hope and true love.



The model of God's ideal world

The world of God's ideal will be modeled on the form of an ideal person who is unified in mind and body. If the mind becomes a subject of goodness, it can give clear direction to the body.

All the power of the physical body flows from the action of a healthy and true mind. Therefore, if our minds become the subject of goodness, we can build the ideal world long desired by our original, God-given nature.

Through the Hanmadang Sports Festival, we can achieve the original harmony of mind and body, enlarge our experience, and build the new world centering on the mind and its desire for goodness. This festival includes many different games. Some events, such as the marathon, feature individuals, while team events involve many people. Team games can become beautiful masterpieces of cooperation, achieving unity and harmony through compromise and understanding, through love and virtue—while also helping players develop a strong spirit of competition. Participants in team games must keep the rules of righteousness and obey decisions made in the game. At the end, the loser holds up the winner's hand. The winner should also inspire the loser. When such support and inspiration is exchanged, we all feel deep brotherhood and love.

Spirit of cooperation

The term "Hanmadang" is very important to understand: "han" means large and wide, and "madang" symbolizes community spirit and working together. The spirit of the conventional Olympics has become a fight for medals, and the nations that win few medals are disregarded in the competition. In contrast, the Hanmadang Sports Festival was founded to

foster a spirit of cooperation. Only mutual love can form the basis of a new culture. Through Hanmadang let us passionately appeal to the world's youth to build an ideal world of principle. Let us give our very best effort and apply the skills for which we have trained. Then both winners and losers will all ultimately be victors.

The Hanmadang Sports Festival was founded to foster a spirit of cooperation.

World CARP members, the significance of your participating in the Hanmadang Sports Festival transcends winning or losing competitions. This is a forum where you can share true brotherhood and sisterhood and participate in the great global family of God's ideal of creation. Through the games you can experience true brotherly and sisterly love centering on True Parents.

It has been the lifelong hope of the True Parents to see the ideal world. Now that the twentieth century of tension, confrontation and conflict is passing away with the end of communism, the coming twenty-first century will herald the new Eden culture and open a new chapter of a harmonized humanity. Today, the youth of the world can demonstrate the model of the ideal kingdom of heaven through the Hanmadang Sports Festival.

Let us make a fanfare of harmony, of friendship, of love, and of peace. Let us work together in this forum for true love, creating eternal and unchangeable friendships, moved as we are by the natural passion of youth to open a new world. Thank you again for coming, and God bless you. ■

HANMADANG SPORTS FESTIVAL

"Tug of Love"

Reflection on the Sports Festival at the 1992 W.C.S.F.

Gary Jones-Locke

At the Sports Festival competitors gathered early on the morning of August 22 for the two days of competition. Everyone looked so bright and serious, especially after we heard that True Parents would attend the festival on Sunday.

I had been given the mission of team captain for the North American "Tug of War," or Tug of Love, team as it became known. Martin Carmody, a head organizer of the North American sports team, and the one who asked me, mentioned that there would be one hundred brothers and sisters on the team. After the big lump left my throat I told Mar-

tin, "Sure, we'll win!"

We entered the stadium around 8:00 a.m. that first morning to the sight of the Japanese team already practicing their perfectly harmonized pulling technique accompanied by a strong fighting chant. The stadium was beautifully decorated with the two giant flags of CARP and World Culture and Sports Festival uniquely supported above the track and field. On that day many heats took place to qualify for the finals. The next day, True Parents would attend.

We gathered together about one hundred brothers and sisters to practice the Tug of War (Love). The situation called



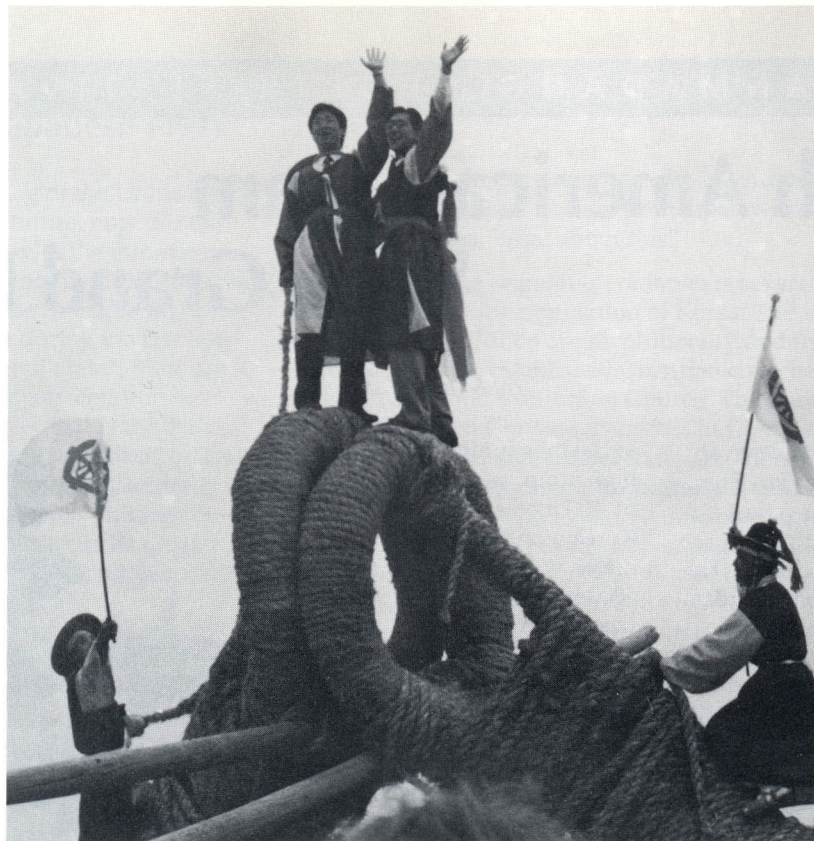
for a lot of imagination and creativity by everyone. We had to practice without a rope. By linking arms around the person's waist in front, we formed human chains and got into the spirit of the event.

During the day everyone gathered to watch the track events. The standard of competition was amazing. Everyone was so inspired about being in Korea that many times they were cheering for the Korean team even more than the North American team.

In the afternoon the USA Tug of War (Love) team gathered for the first round of competition. I searched in my heart for words of inspiration to encourage the team. My prayers were answered when someone casually mentioned in my ear that the Tug of War

(Love) was Father's favorite event and there were four hundred points for the winning team. After hearing this the North American team spirit swelled up into a thunderous chant.

In the first heat against Japan the five inch thick rope snapped like a piece of thread, so then the rope was attached together again by a giant knot and the teams were scaled down to forty members each. Because the spirit of the North American team was really on fire we beat Japan and the ominous looking African team to reach the finals the next day.



Hyo Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim on top of Korean-style "fighting dragons" at the climax of the Hanmadang-nori. They paraded around the field and then charged at each other.

August 23 was the official opening of the Sports Festival. The streets outside the stadium were blocked by the arrival of many busses bringing the thousands of spectators that day. The stadium quickly filled to capacity.

The opening ceremony was a grand event. True Parents and True Family arrived to the greeting of an ecstatic stadium of people. There were marching bands, Tae Kwon Do and gymnastic displays from hundreds of people. Then all of the competing nations paraded into the stadium before True Parents to the

applause of the crowd. As we stood before True Parents representing our nations, I felt deep gratitude to them for making such a moment possible. There was a feeling of heavenly pride to be part of that historic day.

Brother dragons

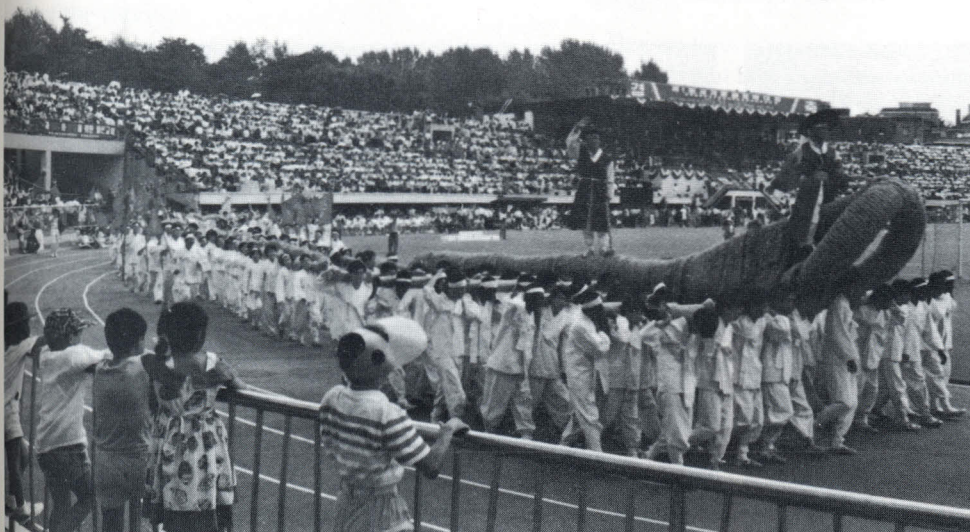
During the opening entertainment, Hyo Jin Nim and Hyun Jin Nim came down onto the track and each climbed onto one of the giant Korean style traditional "fighting dragons." They paraded around the field then charged at each other, clashing together in the center of the stadium. Brothers and sisters cheered at the tops of their voices. We were all so inspired to see True Family join in and raise the spirit even higher in honor of God and True Parents.

The competition took on a new level of competitiveness that day. Through the zoom lens on my camera I watched Father's face. Father looked happy, I felt that he could see God's kingdom happening right before him.

Time passed quickly and soon it was time for the United States team to gather together, everyone looked deeply prepared to bring victory in this final moment against the European team. When the starting pistol fired I screamed at the top of my lungs for the team to pull. Everyone gave one hundred percent if not more. We won the first heat and everyone was ecstatic with joy. Then the European team won the second heat. The atmosphere was intense. It was down to the final pull. Everyone pulled "with all of their life" and our team, representing North America won. The whole team jumped with joy. Hyo Jin Nim was there to see the North American team bring victory for True Parents and North America.

The Sports Festival was a total success, it was a beautiful way for brothers and sisters from all over the world to come together in a heavenly atmosphere of oneness under God. ■

Gary Jones-Locke is a member of the Los Angeles CARP center.



North American Team Wins Grand Prize

by Martin Carmody

THE Hanmadang Sports Festival was held primarily at Hyo Chang Stadium in Seoul, Korea, just a short walk from the Unification Church headquarters and the main church. The preliminary rounds began on Saturday, August 22; the finals were played the next day in front of a capacity crowd of three thousand people.

Excitement filled the air as the athletes arrived at various locations around Seoul for the preliminary heats. The volleyball, basketball and table tennis games were held in the main Olympic gymnasium; soccer was played at a site by the Han River; and the track and field events took place at the Hyo Chang Stadium. Hyo Chang Stadium is a main soccer venue for Seoul, so we had to be flexible as we prepared the track for the running events. We were even planning to bring in a truckload of sand in order to make a long jump box.

As the events got under way it became clear that it would be a battle between Korea and North America for the coveted Hanmadang cup. Europe, Japan and Asia shone in team sports, winning the basketball, volleyball and soccer events. North America was clearly supreme on the track, winning the 100 meter, 200 meter, men and women; the 800 meter, women; and the 1500 meter, men's races. North Americans excelled

in the long jump, the high jump, and four by 100 meter relay. Korea won the 3000 meter, women, and 5000 meter, men's races. For the North Americans, the many weeks of early morning training in the San Francisco Bay area paid off in the form of many gold medals for the individual athletes as well as the grand prize of the Hanmadang cup. Most of the North American track athletes are associate members who were specifically invited to Korea for the Sports Festival and CARP Convention.

The term "hanmadang" signifies broad collaboration; "han" means large and wide, "madang" is the symbol of community spirit and working together. In the spectacular continental tug of war/union game, one hundred people pulled on each end of a very long and very thick rope. Africa had a huge team and Europe appeared to be strong and well coached, but the North Americans shone through and pulled its way to victory. Twice the rope broke, and the



North Americans fell flat on their backsides. It was intense for thirty seconds as the Americans, coached by Gary Jones-Locke, heaved and pulled inch by inch the African team and then the European team over the line.

The Sports Festival succeeded as an important international event which will grow and improve and ultimately be ranked with the Olympics in importance.

■
Martin Carmody was head organizer of the North American sports team, composed of CARP members from the United States and Canada.



Conference with Japanese Press

The international wedding of the Unification Church offers hope for the future, hope for the world. Then what's wrong with the international weddings? Throughout history in many cultures arranged marriages have been a tradition. Romantic marriage has begun during the last hundred years or so. In the United States, there are so many broken families and many children have stepfathers and stepmothers—that is the fruit of the romantic marriage. Marriage impacts on children. What's the desire of children? Children want to be proud of their parents. Children expect their own father and mother to be great, to be number one in the world. What happens when children's parents divorce?

In the international blessings, divorce is not allowed. Before pledging to one's spouse, members pledge to God that there will be no divorce. Members pledge to God before pledging to their spouses. This is the beginning of the blessed families. There are a number of families who have problems among blessed families. In the Unification Church there are cases of divorce. One type is if the member loses faith in God and that person is opposed to God and the church, then that would be a condition for divorce. The person pledges to lead a life of eternal fidelity, but if the husband or wife commit adultery, then that can become a condition for divorce—unless the husband or wife forgives the spouse who committed adultery. Adultery can be a condition for divorce. Before yesterday twenty-five thousand couples were blessed and the divorce rate is between one and five percent; no divorce rate is the hope for the future.

Finances and tribal messiahship

Press: In addition to the international wedding, there are many conferences are being held during this World Culture and Sports Festival. It must cost a great deal of money to afford these conferences and weddings. What is the origin or source of the money?

Rev. Kwak: The funds came from donations which members of the Unification Church give. As for the cost of the international weddings, these are weddings of the individual members. Though this is a huge wedding, each individual participated in their own wedding, so each individual is responsible for the expenses of part of yesterday's wedding. Of course, the financial background of the participants is not exactly the same, so, in our weddings, all these expenses (such as the gold rings offered by the husband and wife) were paid by all the members. Each member is responsible for these expenses. Please don't think that the money is a donation for Rev. Moon. The largest part of the expense for this World Culture and Sports Festival is the expense for the hotel accommodations and meals. All

these expenses are paid by individuals so I don't know about the exact expense for each individual couple.

Press: Among the participants in the international wedding, the majority were from Japan with fewer from Korea. What about this?

Rev. Kwak: The population of Japan is several times larger than the population of Korea. The teachings of Rev. Moon are revolutionary and in Korea some of the established Christian churches are opposed to the Unification Church. The number of established Christian churches in Korea is much greater than the number in Japan. There is narrow-mindedness among Protestant-Christians in Korea. However, you must take into consideration that the situation in Korea is changing. Today we have the meeting of the Assembly of the World's Religions and we have the representatives from traditional Christian churches, repre-



sentatives from Buddhist temples and Buddhist organizations in Korea, and representatives from Confucianism in Korea. The Unification Church in Korea is changing rapidly, but our church there experiences greater persecution than elsewhere.

Press: Rev. Moon has been emphasizing the importance of being a tribal messiah and going back to one's hometown. Isn't this a change in the Unification Church?

Rev. Kwak: This is not a change. Going to and restoring hometown has been expected from the very beginning. An individual person cannot become a tribal messiah. Each couple is the tribal messiah—each couple married yesterday is the tribal messiah; all members are expected to restore their parents, family, relatives and to become tribal messiah. This was Rev. Moon's idea from the beginning. ■

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To establish an ideal family is not an easy task and members are determined do exactly that, so they offer these conditions.

Children cannot be taught by theories on paper. Before learning on paper or through theories, children feel through parents.

Women Sacrificing for World Peace

MRS. HAK JA HAN MOON

SEPTEMBER 23, 1992

FOUR SEASONS HOTEL, TOKYO, JAPAN

This speech was given at the VIP banquet during Mother's WFWP world tour the evening before the kickoff public speech in Japan. Fifty different embassies were represented.

Mother delivered her speech in Japanese as she spoke to fifty thousand the next day at the Tokyo Dome—with Nagoya, Osaka, Hiroshima, Fukuoka, Sendai, and Sapporo ranging in attendance from three to eight thousand. In Tokyo, Osaka, and Nagoya she also spoke at smaller gatherings to Korean women living in Japan. October 3 she gave the church holiday speech at national headquarters in Tokyo.

ON SEPTEMBER 17 of last year, I came to Tokyo as the principal speaker at the national rally held by the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia. Since that rally, this organization has received tremendous support in Japan and around the world and has accomplished remarkable growth. On November 20, the first Women's Federation for Peace in Asia rally was held in Seoul, with fifteen thousand representative Korean women in attendance.

Then, on April 10 of this year, Seoul's Main Olympic Stadium was filled beyond capacity by more than one hundred and fifty thousand women from seventy-two countries expressing their strong desire for world peace. That rally, the largest women's rally ever held, inaugurated the Women's Federation for World Peace. I have nothing but the highest words of praise for all of you for your strong dedication and hard work in bringing about such remarkable growth in this movement.

Following that international rally, I toured eighty-one cities in Korea and continued my lectures on the topic of "Women's Role in the Ideal World." Everywhere I went, people gathered in such large numbers that they resembled the clouds of heaven. In all, I received the welcome and support of more than one million Korean women. The enthusiasm of these women clearly illustrated that women hold an infinite capacity to contribute to future world peace.

In only eight years we will enter the twenty-first century. We are witnessing the passing of the era of brute force, in which men have held almost exclusive sway. This era has been tainted by war, violence, exploitation and destruction. In the new era we are about to enter, women will have the central role in leading humanity into love, forgiveness, harmony and cooperation. My tour was an important opportunity to bring this realization to the people of Korea.

ORIGINAL ROLE

Women need to come to a new realization of their original, God-given role and become cornerstones for peace, happiness and freedom. The only way for us to build peace in each of our nations and in the world is to build true families, that is, families confirmed in true love.

The international wedding ceremony of thirty thousand couples in Seoul on August 25 validated the fact that world peace can be brought to reality through ideal families. This international mass wedding ceremony, held as a part of the first World Culture and Sports Festival, was a historic declaration

opening the gate to world peace. It was a giant panorama of love manifesting that humanity is one family, and that all people in the world are bound by a kindred tie centering on God's love.

On that day my husband and I, in our capacity as the True Parents, gave the blessing of eternal love to some sixty thousand brides and grooms from one hundred and thirty-one countries. At this magnificent festival of love held under the bright sunshine and azure sky, each bride and groom made his and her pledge before God, True Parents and all humanity to establish true families and a world of true peace. The covenants of love formed that day centering on God's true love are eternal and absolute. Such marriage bonds can never be seen as conditional or limited, because true love seeks to give perpetually. When two people come together in such love, they form an eternal association that no force can sunder. Thus, for these brides and grooms, there can never be even the slightest thought of divorce or the corruption of sexual morals—two problems which have become so widespread in today's society.

Because these people come together in an environment of God's true love, differences of nationality, race, language, and customs do not become obstacles. God's true love melts down all obstacles, and these husbands and wives will discover in His bosom a common language of true love. They will come together in the common arena of true love. Their unions transcend nations, race and religion. They will grow to become citizens of the future world who will serve and embrace the world. When these people set down their roots of sacrificial true love around the world, the world will be swept clean of all the philosophies of hatred and conflict. There will be an end to the tragedies of war and human slaughter. There will only be true ideal families and a true world.

PEACE THROUGH INTERNATIONAL MARRIAGE

Already, in 1988, Rev. Moon built a bridge of eternal peace between Korea and Japan by joining in marriage more than six thousand Korean-Japanese couples. As husbands and wives centered on God's true love, they formed families which, by virtue of their connection by lineage, have a greater love than anyone for the peoples, traditions and cultures of both countries. The peace in northeast Asia, at least, is now guaranteed forever, through these Korean-Japanese couples.

Traditionally, the task of protecting and nurturing the fami-

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ly has been the special right and mission given to women. In our society today, however, there are innumerable fundamental problems which threaten to undermine our families. Certainly, the problems faced by the world today cannot be resolved by developing military might or economic power. In contemporary society, the amplification of problems of an internal nature, such as the collapse of traditional values and the breakdown of social order, is outpacing external growth and development.

Even now, tens of millions of people on this earth are dying of starvation. Underlying the challenges of adequate production and distribution of food is the more fundamental problem of the desiccation of the love which would otherwise let us see these suffering people as our own sons and daughters, our own brothers and sisters, our own mothers and fathers. Societies today are increasingly afflicted with crime and drugs. It is said that humanity has escaped the threat of nuclear war. Yet our future appears more shadowed by the clouds of despair than lit up by the sunshine of hope.

Such crises faced by the world today reflect deeper, more fundamental problems which will not be resolved by fragmentary or superficial means. Any effort to pursue the solutions to such problems solely through human means, while excluding the God Who has been in the background of human history working His providence, is certain to end in failure.

This is the reason that Rev. Moon teaches Godism, which is

referred to as Headwing Thought. Despite having had to undergo every imaginable form of suffering, he has opened a new horizon of victory which enables humanity to find solutions to the problems of the world. His message is that the gates to a peaceful world will be opened only when humanity recovers its relationship with God and reestablishes original ideal families. Not only in America but even in places such as Russia, which had been controlled by atheistic communism, headwing thought is teaching large numbers of young people and intellectuals about the existence of God and is opening their eyes to the ideal of a true family.

Whether we are concerned with racial discord, violence, conflict between the rich and the poor, destruction of the environment, or even the selfishness exhibited by countries and peoples, we can begin to work out the solutions to the world's problems only after we have been trained within the environment of the ideal family for the practice of true love—that is, the love that seeks to sacrifice one's self for the sake of others.

PRACTICAL STEPS

To bring Godism into reality, Rev. Moon has made efforts in a wide variety of fields. Using the Unification Church as a foundation, he has established the International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, the Professors World Peace Academy, the World Media Conference, the Summit Council for World Peace, the World Congress of Religions, the Federation for World Peace, the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace, the World Collegiate Association for Research of the Principle, the World League of Universities, various international performing arts groups and many other organizations. Each of these organizations holds as its ideal and purpose the building of a world of peace centered on God.

Rev. Moon, who has devoted his heart and soul to the realization of world peace through the establishment of ideal families, was also the central figure in the establishment of the Women's Federation for Peace in Asia and the Women's Federation for World Peace. In addition, he has founded the House of Unification for World Peace in order to unify the efforts which are already in existence in each country around the world.

No one can deny that Rev. Moon has established the greatest foundation in the world, extending into religion, thought, scholarship, media, education, science and culture. When all these different fields join forces and begin to march forward as one, the world of peace that has been the object of our desires will surely appear before our eyes.

True love, by its nature, perpetually seeks to give and to sacrifice for the sake of others. True love allows no concept of an enemy. In his practice of Godism centered on true love, Rev. Moon has received all sorts of misunderstanding, persecution, slander, and innumerable hardships. Rev. Moon, however, would never even think of considering anyone his enemy. Thus he visited Mikhail Gorbachev when he was president of the Soviet Union, even though for almost a century the Soviet Union had been considered the enemy of the free world. Rev. Moon also went to North Korea and met with President Kim Il

The virtues of sacrifice and service which you have cherished now must be transformed on the worldwide level into the true love of perpetual giving for all of humankind.

Sung. There he expounded on headwing thought, which is the principle of peace centered on God's true love. Rev. Moon has shown that he is willing to go to the ends of the earth, if it is for the purpose of practicing the true love that seeks to give to others perpetually.

Even at this moment, Rev. Moon is working harder than anyone to lay the foundation for Japan to become the most respected nation in Asia and the world. He is also working day and night to ensure that his teachings reach the young people of Japan so that they can follow a properly moral path. Look at those young people working in a pure and healthy manner! Already, many Japanese young people have gone out across the world. As a result of their activities, they are receiving the unlimited love, esteem and respect from the people of the world.

Rev. Moon would have had much to say to each one of you regarding the true way to save Japan. I know very well how much love my husband holds for this country and for its people. Unfortunately, however, I must appear on this stage alone tonight, even though I am not nearly qualified to give to you the full message of his deep love. Certain persons who are ignorant but are caught up in their own prejudices continue to persecute and oppose Rev. Moon's work. I hope that they will come as quickly as possible to a true understanding of Rev. Moon's love and his true will.

Ladies and gentlemen, if Japan is to expand its relations with other Asian countries, it would be better to do so in a position of unity with Korea. This way, Japan will have more friends and a larger foundation. Koreans and Japanese each refer to the other's country as "the country that is so close, and yet so distant." Now it is time for our two countries to become close to each other in every meaning of that word and to stand side by side in shouldering the future of Asia. More than anything else, I believe that Japan must devote its full energies to the unification of Korea.

Japan's rule over Korea finally ended in a division of the peninsula. The deep pain that comes from this division can be relieved completely by efforts on your part for Korean unification. A first step toward establishing a foundation for Korean unification is uniting the two organizations of Korean residents in Japan, one of which is pro-Seoul and the other pro-Pyongyang. These two organizations can be brought together by means of Headwing Thought, centered on true love. If Korea and Japan contend against each other, they will both lose all that they have. If these two countries combine their strengths, they will become the strongest forces for building Asia's future and accomplishing world peace.

Historically, Asia has been the leader in developing the spiritual aspect of world civilization. It is historically inevitable, then, that a new movement of women, a new movement of families and a new movement for peace should begin here in Asia.

RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITY

The women's movement that I have been conducting has a character that is fundamentally different from the women's



rights movements that challenge male authority and stress female rights exclusively. The women's rights movements that have developed in Western societies until now reflect the mutual antagonism and animosity that is an integral part of Western civilization's spirit of struggle. Ours, by contrast, is a movement based on the East Asian principles of harmony that stress mutual accord and complementarity. Our movement's ideal is to seek out tasks that men cannot perform, that is, tasks that can be performed only by women, so that we can join men in complementarity in order to establish true families.

The destruction of families is becoming the most serious problem in our societies, and yet no one is able to propose an effective solution. The very foundation of human existence is being shaken. Thus, in the United States, family values and issues of social morality are becoming major issues in the ongoing presidential election campaign. Such issues are not the concern of America and western Europe alone, however. They represent a serious crisis for all humankind.

Japan and Korea are also affected by such problems. We are at a stage where we must seriously concern ourselves with the moral crisis that parallels our economic development. The only way to resolve this crisis is to teach Godism and Headwing Thought, which approaches the problem from the aspect of providential history.

We have a particularly urgent need for the moral education

Today, however, there are innumerable fundamental problems which threaten to undermine our families and which cannot be resolved by developing military might or economic power.



Mother gives her message to a capacity crowd of fifty thousand at Tokyo Dome.

of our young people. In this regard, I was surprised to hear that many Japanese people responded positively to the recent series of rallies upholding the spirit of Yoo Kwan Soon. Certainly, Yoo Kwan Soon, who is known as the Joan of Arc of Asia, is a most appropriate role model for instilling patriotism in young people. What surprised and moved me, though, was the progressive and broadminded attitude of the Japanese people in their search to transcend the historically unpleasant relations between Korea and Japan and open a new avenue of understanding.

TAKE A STAND

I would like to ask that the women of Japan, in particular, take your stand at the forefront of the effort to resolve the serious issues in our world related to the family. You possess the most admirable tradition of women in the world, because through your country's long history you have protected your families and nation in a spirit of love and sacrifice. Also, I know that you women were the hidden force behind your country's recovery after the total destruction of World War II to become among the strongest economic powers in the world. You need to take the foremost position in our movement, because the virtues of sacrifice and service which you have cherished

through your tradition now must be transformed on the worldwide level into the true love of perpetual giving for all of humankind.

Men have tried for the past twenty centuries to build a world of peace, but now the task has been entrusted to us women. It is the decree of heaven that we take up the task of building world peace through ideal families. In general, men tend to lead their lives centered on themselves, whereas women tend to be more willing to sacrifice themselves. With the coming of the age of women, we are entering a new history where, instead of sacrificing the whole for the benefit of each individual, we need to sacrifice ourselves for the benefit of the whole and, thus, exercise true love.

Let us all arm ourselves with headwing thought, and become leading figures in building a world of peace. We need to correct the deteriorating family morals. We must stand up against drug abuse and the spread of AIDS. We need to give proper guidance to our young people, who are wandering aimlessly down deviant paths.

We are in a new age of transition in which women must take a firm stand and contribute to world peace. I hope that everyone here this evening will take the lead in this march toward peace. I pray God's blessing upon you and your families.

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Spiritual Renewal and School

National Divine Principle Workshop for Eighteen Thousand and Baltic states—Summer '92

By Tony Devine

Introduction

Through the largest series of Principle workshops yet in Unification Church history, 18,042 pupils, students, and high school teachers were educated in the former Soviet Union this summer. At the same time, Mother was conducting her historic eighty-city speaking tour in Korea. On the foundation of her victory, these summer workshops were also victorious.

In the staff orientation, Dr. Joon Ho Seuk likened this program to a heavenly Inchon landing operation, saying that a special window of opportunity has been given to educate such a large number of high quality people and form a base for the rapid expansion of True Parents' foundation in the C.I.S. and Baltic states.

Two hundred and forty American brothers and sisters sacrificed their missions and families to personally testify about True Parents.

The following is an account of this historic workshop and its impact upon the future direction of education in the Commonwealth of Independent States (C.I.S.) and Baltic states.

Overview

From a practical viewpoint, organizing the education of over eighteen thousand people is an almost inconceivable task. Each workshop site had just five or six staff members taking care of up to two hundred people.

Among the 18,042 guests, 8,127 were teachers, 5,139 were high school pupils and 4,776 were university students. Except for six sites where introductory workshops for new teachers were held, all the workshops were advanced.

In a period of only eight weeks, 129 individual workshops were held simultaneously at twenty-six workshop sites in five different regions of the country. One workshop was held in Central Asia

in the Republic of Kirghizia; five workshops were held in the Moscow region; one site was outside of St. Petersburg, eight sites were in Latvia, and eleven sites were in Lithuania.

The following is a breakdown of the types of workshops:

Type	Sites	No. of Workshops
5-Day: Teachers	6	37
5-Day: Teachers and Pupils	1	12
7-Day: Students and Pupils	6	32
10-Day: Students and Pupils	3	17
14-Day: Advanced Teachers	4	13
21-Day: Students and Pupils	5	13
40-Day: Actionizing	1	5
Totals	26	129

In the Baltics, most of the workshops were held in agricultural schools and tourist camps. This area has many lakes and rivers and is a favorite destination for Russians during the summer. In Kirghizia, the workshop was located near beautiful Lake Issyk-Kul, one of the largest and deepest mountain lakes in the whole world. For Moscow and St. Petersburg the workshops were in the country outside the city. One camp, called Obninsk, was closed to the public until recently, since it was a secret research center where nuclear reactors were developed.

Almost every day, hundreds and even thousands of people had to be assigned to the right workshop. We rented 1,100 buses and 760 cars. So many kilometers were driven that one bus traveled the equivalent of going around the world ten times. It was also necessary to rent three trains to transport the overflow at one peak point during the summer. In spite of thousands of daily logistical challenges, not one single lecture ever had to be canceled. Our members truly witnessed the support of the spirit world assisting them in running the workshop and in taking care of the guests.



Uniqueness of this seminar program

This summer, over eight thousand teachers were educated in beginner and advanced workshops. Since sixty percent of the participants were non-English speaking, all the lectures were translated by student members. The slides in all of the introductory seminars were in Russian. Several workshops were taught exclusively in Russian by the young student members.

Instead of group meetings, questions were addressed daily by two panel discussions. The students and teachers asked profound, soul-searching questions, even to the young Russian lecturers such as Kostya, who is only nineteen years old. It was common, on the second

Education in Russia

Teachers and Students in the C.I.S.



or third day of the workshop, for him to be asked if Father is the Messiah. He confidently answered, "Yes, Rev. Moon is the Messiah," and explained why. The students and teachers would write in their notebooks, "Rev. Moon is the Messiah," and offer no further rebuttal.

Every single participant received a copy of the Principle book that was recently translated into Russian by *Isvestia*. It was common to see the students avidly studying this book in their free time.

Attitude and support of the Ministry of Education

In order to educate eight thousand teachers it was necessary to gain the support of the Ministry of Education. Educating the teachers would be the

foundation on which a Principle-based curriculum could be introduced in the high schools.

At one meeting in St. Petersburg with the chairman of higher education, he was presented a proposal introducing a course on morals and ethics in the high schools. It was very moving when he suggested the title of the course should be "Eternal Moral Values in a Changing World."

Following this, a meeting was held with the vice minister of higher education for the Republic of Russia. In the course of making our presentation, he interrupted and said he really likes the Principle and mentioned he had read both the English and Russian versions. However, he had noticed small differences between the two versions, which

was of concern to him. He then suggested that teachers should come from Korea and teach Korean in the public schools; then once the students had a basis in Korean, they could be taught Principle in the original language. Although he has only been with us a short time, his heart is already closely connected with True Parents' desire. This deep understanding on the part of the ministry made it possible to bring the large number of teachers on such short notice.

Teachers' workshops

During the Black Sea workshop in March, one thousand teachers were educated along with students from their own high schools. Many of those teachers felt it would be better to have a workshop exclusively for teachers so that they could focus on the content themselves.

To facilitate the recruiting of teachers, a special meeting was arranged with the superintendent of public education from the Moscow region. He brought a representative from each of the sixty school districts in his region. Our expectation was that several hundred teachers could register for the summer program, but they were so inspired by the presentation about Father and our family that they wanted to send one hundred teachers from each district, totaling six thousand. This far exceeded any expectation we had.

The workshops began on July 1. Disappointingly, only several hundred teachers had registered at that point, due to some miscommunication by the ministry. The majority of high school teachers had already left their cities to go on vacation to their *dachas*.

In the midst of an already intensive workshop, we had to simultaneously launch a major campaign to inform and register thousands of teachers in Moscow and St. Petersburg throughout July and early August. A telephone bank was set up and advertisements were placed in major newspapers and on prime-time television.

Through this effort, eight thousand school teachers were able to participate in thirty-seven introductory five-day workshops. Of these, twenty-four percent graduated to advanced workshops.

Beginners' workshop in St. Petersburg

One Russian sister had a profound experience while translating the lecture on the Second Coming. In the middle of a sentence, she suddenly broke down in

tears. After composing herself, she explained to the teachers that for the first time she realized in her heart that this was the absolute truth, that True Parents are here. Many of the teachers started crying. That night, while giving their testimonies every single teacher proclaimed that they wanted to teach Divine Principle in their high schools. Knowing the shortage of staff, several of those teachers rearranged their schedules and stayed on as group leaders for the later workshops.

During the introductory workshops, a special lecture is given called "Marriage and the Family." This lecture covers abstinence before marriage, fidelity in marriage, and the value of the Blessing. This was always very inspiring for them as they could feel hope that it is possible to create a harmonious and loving family.

Experiences of the teachers

The requirements and standards expected of the teachers were the same as those for the students: to attend all lectures and to have no drinking, smoking, or "dating"; and to pass a Principle exam before going to an advanced workshop.

The majority of teachers in the C.I.S. and Baltic states are very "Abel-type" women. This profession requires enormous dedication. Teachers are very poorly paid. After school, they have to shop for food and take care of their families, often without the support of their husbands. Their attitudes during the workshop were very moving. A teacher revealed that she had used her life savings

to attend the workshop, knowing that she would not even have money for food upon her return.

During the seminar, a lecture was given on prayer. An opportunity was provided for the participants to voluntarily attend a prayer meeting. A beautiful atmosphere was created through singing holy songs and burning candles. In all the workshops there was almost one hundred percent attendance at these events. For most of them, this was their first experience of prayer.

It was surprising that even those in the five-day program were very serious about understanding Father's messiahship and what it means for their lives. Spirit world was so active; teachers had dreams in which this was revealed to them. Further, they really wanted to understand about the blessing and how they themselves could qualify.

Teachers in the advanced workshops did lecture practice with the motivation of teaching the Principle in their schools. They realized it is the highest form of moral education and felt a course on moral values, based on the Principle, should become part of the school curriculum.

Workshops for university students and high school pupils

Support of parents

The majority of the students' and pupils' workshops were seven-day intermediate and twenty-one-day advanced. During the beginners' workshops earlier

this year in the Black Sea, the parents of the high school pupils would only allow their children to go when accompanied by their teachers. The pupils had such life-changing experiences that the parents witnessed a dramatic change in their children's attitudes and behavior. Therefore, they trusted their children to further pursue their study of the Principle without their teachers.

Support of government officials

The main workshop site in Lithuania was visited by President V. Laudbergis of Lithuania. The coordinator, Jerry Lux, met him and explained how Father was providing moral and spiritual education for the youth of his country and the whole of the C.I.S. and Baltic states. The President remarked that this was more important than political or economic training. He was presented with the *Divine Principle* book, which he graciously received and promised to read.

In Uzbekistan, the government paid 168,000 rubles to transport the pupils from Tashkent to the workshop in Kirghizia.

Fifty teachers, forty students, and one official from the Ministry of Education came for the first time from the Republic of Tadjikistan, where there is grave civil unrest. During the workshop, they became totally inspired and reborn. The official realized the Principle offered the only constructive alternative to a rising tide of Islamic fundamentalism. Saying that Unificationism was the only hope for their republic, he literally begged Dr. Seuk to quickly send a missionary to



Tadjikistan.

For the first time, students and teachers attended from several major cities in Siberia. Also, participants came from Vladivostok, which is situated near North Korea.

C.I.S. student member staff

This was the first time that the C.I.S. and Baltic states student members substantially participated as staff. Their responsibilities included being lecturers, translators, group leaders, and group assistants. Through totally investing themselves, they had transforming and rebirth

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experiences as they felt God's love flowing through them in a profound way. They truly realized the value of living for the sake of others.

Russian students became the main lecturers at three workshop sites. They stayed up late at night preparing their lectures and woke up early each morning to pray.

During the panel discussion, they were asked very challenging questions about the Principle and the Unification family which they competently answered. One question often asked was, "Do you know who the Messiah is?" The audience became excited when the lecturer

said that it was Rev. Sun Myung Moon. They all stood up and cheered with a rousing applause.

The C.I.S. staff became role models for the younger students.

Experience of the students

Since these workshops were advanced, the students' faith deepened considerably through their experiences in prayer and understanding more deeply about Father's life. Many of them had dreams and spiritual experiences.

One boy experienced a beam of light entering his body through his head. He

felt very warm and was rejuvenated by feeling the embrace of God's love for the first time.

Toward the end of the twenty-one-day workshop, people were moved to tears especially by Father's life, as they realized how much Father had suffered for them. Through these advanced lectures, students could feel the need to repent and change their lives.

Participants' appreciation of the staff

Students recognized the investment and dedication of the staff.

In one workshop, lecturer Maartin

Meijer had pulled ligaments in his leg and had to use crutches. But that didn't stop him, and each time he came to the stage, he received a hero's applause and then lectured sitting on a chair.

Blessed children's participation

Several blessed children came as staff, including Jin Man Kwak and Matthew Jones. They testified to how they overcame many challenges to live a pure life and preserve their love for their future spouse. When the students heard this, they cried. Right from the beginning, the blessed children were recognized as true role models. One student regretted that she was not a blessed child herself because she noticed a distinct difference in their hearts and attitudes.

Actionizing program

The actionizing program, known as the Leadership Training Program, took place just thirty minutes outside of Riga in Latvia. It consisted of an intensive ten-day training program, followed by the actionizers returning to the workshops as staff.

The ten-day program consisted of a full schedule of Principle lectures and internal guidance, training to teach a complete two-day workshop, and several days of fund raising; each day began with a 7:00 a.m. service and ended at 11:00 p.m. with a closing group meeting. Upon successfully completing the ten days, they were placed as group leaders, assistants, translators, and lecturers in the various workshops.

Teachers, university students, and



high school pupils all participated in the program. To be qualified, they were thoroughly screened and had to successfully pass a Divine Principle exam in a twenty-one-day workshop.

Lecture training

Initially, many participants (especially the young high school pupils) were apprehensive about teaching before a group of up to eighty people. It was very moving to see their seriousness. Often they would take their blackboards to their rooms to practice their lectures, skipping meals and staying up late at night.

Fund raising

One of the highlights of the program was the fund raising in the Latvian capital, Riga. Everybody was very anxious, as they had no idea what to expect. Last summer tables were set up on the street where people came up and made contributions to the Latvian Children's Fund.

This year the style of fund raising was door-to-door and shop-to-shop. The av-

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Beyond making money, these young brothers and sisters were deeply moved by the response of the people of Riga. There were many cases of people giving

a little money at first and then running after the brothers and sisters from one building to another to give them a larger donation. One old lady literally had no rubles and burst into tears because she had nothing to give. Later she found the brother who fund raised to her and gave him a box of silver spoons. That was all she had to give. Through these kinds of experiences, the young brothers and sisters could feel so much hope in their own people, realizing that they have such beautiful hearts.

Most of the actionizers were Russian. Latvian people have a lot of deeply-rooted resentment towards Russians because almost every family has had relative killed by Russian soldiers. The brothers and sisters understood that one of the most important aspects of their fund raising was to give true love to the Latvian people so that they could overcome whatever resentment they had. The people who were met were deeply moved that Russian students would volunteer their summer vacation to raise money to help Latvian children.

At the end of the summer, during a special banquet, six hundred thousand rubles were handed over to the president of the Latvian Children's Fund. The bag was so big and heavy that two brothers had to carry it on stage. One hundred seventy thousand rubles were also donated to the Children of Chernobyl of Byelorussia. This program was a major media event covered by national television, radio, and newspapers.

Surprisingly, the teachers also challenged themselves to go fund raising. In the beginning, they were very reluctant to go out and ask for money. The thought of this injured their pride and dignity. However, after they started they didn't want to stop because it was such a liberating experience for them. One teacher felt so invigorated through fund-raising that she said she now has the confidence to even witness to President Yeltsin.

Testimony of a ten-year-old pupil

One of the youngest participants was a ten-year-old girl named Katya from

the Ukraine. At first the coordinator felt the girl was far too young to attend, but nevertheless she allowed her to stay. This little girl attended every lecture and activity, including Pledge and fund raising. At the end of the program, she expressed her gratitude to True Parents a letter:

"Dear Father,

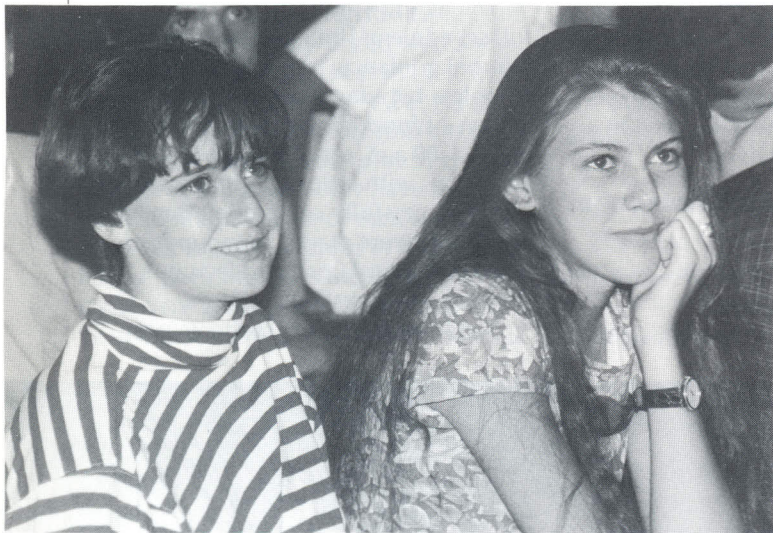
My name is Katya Zhelernyah. I am ten. I live in Simferopol. I have a mother, a father, and a grandmother. I studied with my mother at four seminars: five days, seven days, twenty-one days, and actionizing program. I also passed all exams.

Dear Father, thank you that you've sent the missionaries to my country. Thanks to them that they teach us how to live righteously, love people, and become true children of God.

Dear Father, I wish that your book would be written in a way so that it would be easier for children to understand. Many children want to be good, to live righteously, to know God's heart. I wish there had been children of my age in the workshop. I would like to meet them, to know if they believe in God, how they live, what they are doing, what parents they have. At the workshop, I was collecting money for sick Latvian children. When at first we were fund raising on the streets and door-to-door I was very scared. But then I overcame because I knew that the lives of small children depended on that money. Some people couldn't give any money because they were very poor, but sometimes even poor people gave their last money away to help the children. I wish those people happiness because they have paid for their sins. I learned how to say "thank you" for every ruble. I also learned at the workshop how to give lectures. I did my best and I got good grades, not less than adults did. If even children will do their best, they would also be able to understand God and His word.

At every workshop, people told me: "This seminar is not for kids." After the 21-day workshop they promised to give me a graduation certificate, but the forms didn't arrive from Moscow in time. I'm afraid that if I come to another workshop, they will tell me again that "this seminar isn't for kids" and they won't believe that I studied as hard as college students do and passed all the exams. I'm afraid that they will tell me, "Go for a walk." I like going for a walk, but I can go for a walk later, and there would be no seminar later.

I took part in the Pledge. People were



promising many things to God there. I want to become a true daughter of God.

Dear Father, I want to thank you once again for the very difficult life you had, following God's will, in order to save the world. I want to thank you for everything you did, for making it possible for me to learn about God and this truth, that I can learn how to love people and be grateful.

Thank you very much again. God bless you.

With love, Katya Zheleznyak, Simferopol, Ukraine"

Investment of brothers and sisters

In past workshops, there was about forty staff at each camp. This summer there were only four or five staff members per workshop so it was very intense.

Every person totally invested themselves, setting many conditions and often staying up late at night listening to the guests. They made a lot of sacrifices in leaving their missions and families, and since the condition of some of the camps was very poor, the staff had to take extra responsibility to make it comfortable for the guests.

At one workshop, all the staff, including the lecturer, had to scrub the walls and repair toilets. When the teachers witnessed this, they were completely won over. They had never experienced people in positions of seniority serving in such a humble way.

Within a few days, a beautiful family atmosphere was created. Through brothers' and sisters' investment of heart and example, the teachers and students could come to know True Parents. Also, brothers and sisters could appreciate the value of Father's training.

No matter what kind of impossible problem or challenge occurred, Heavenly Father always came up with a unique solution. For example, in the main coordinating camp, there was only one telephone line through which to coordinate twenty-six workshop sites with thousands of people arriving and departing. The earliest that the telephone company could install another line was in two months. By that time, the program would have been over. Out of desperation, the staff went fund raising for telephone lines door-to-door outside of the camp. Within only a few hours, local people offered the use of their private lines. Cables were then run out of their bedroom windows, through a forest, and into the camp. Without this kind of novel solution, it would have been impossible to



Workshop and organizational staff for C.I.S. and Baltic states pause for a moment to feel the joy of this enormous response to the Principle.

coordinate such an enormous operation.

At the end of every workshop there was such a bond of heart created between brothers, sisters, and the guests that it was almost unbearable to separate. On parting, many tears were shed.

Even though the workshop had concluded, it was by no means the end, but rather a new beginning for them since they could now look forward to reconnecting with the missionaries in their cities.

Conclusion

In the middle of August, fifty members of the C.I.S. staff, including nine professors and parents, departed to Korea for the blessing.

These were among the first groups to be matched by Father. Father feels that the providence in the C.I.S. and Baltic states is far greater than just saving that nation itself, but is also for the purpose of saving America and the world. Therefore, these blessed couples have a great responsibility to become the spiritual backbone of the country.

Following the workshops, missionaries were sent to pioneer new cities throughout Russia and the other republics.

Upon their return, the teachers and students testified about their experience to their family, friends, and colleagues.

By direct word of mouth, literally millions of people learned about True Parents.

The teachers gave enthusiastic reports to their representatives in the Ministry of Education. The vice minister of education for the Russian Republic stated that the ministry was open to changing the dates of the autumn high school break to coincide with our workshops. He felt that more teachers should go through these workshops because the clear understanding of life they gained would in turn enrich the lives of their students.

Upon further dialogue with the ministry, a heavenly opportunity opened up to conduct a special high-level workshop during the autumn break. The purpose is to educate over fifteen hundred top administrators from the Russian Republic. In this program, they will be presented with a proposal to introduce a Principle-based curriculum throughout the entire high school system called "Spiritual Renewal and Formal Education in Russia."

As miracle after miracle unfolds, we humbly realize more and more that all of this is due to the incredible foundation our True Parents have made and their continued investment of true love, which is liberating the suffering people of the former Soviet Union.

Teachers' testimonies

Ludmila Rybnikova,
Teacher, from Moscow

I am very grateful for the seminar and for the new knowledge. I would very much like that my son could also listen to these lectures given in an appropriate way for children. I will recommend to my colleagues to absolutely attend this seminar and join Unification family. For myself, I would like to attend the advanced series of lectures.

Lubov Pravotorova,
Parent, Riga, Latvia

Thank you for the first opportunity in my life (I'm thirty-five years old) to think about all these problems connected with good and evil. It was the first time in my life that I'd met somebody who could answer my questions so deeply and profoundly. I tried to be sincere in my thoughts and reflections during the week, but even that seemed to be difficult. This was the first discovery of the week. Then there were more discoveries—sometimes pleasant, sometimes not.

All my life, I tried to protect my love, my family, and my daughters from that wild world, but I had to step back rather often. I reproached myself for my weakness, but now I think that all my efforts were too small and weak. Sometimes I didn't know what to do or where to find the way out of my problems. I realize now that my problems were the same as a lot of people all over the world; I'm not alone in my search for the way. I feel that I've got the support and help of all the members of the staff.

It was proclaimed that we are all brothers in our former communist society, but it wasn't so, and we all knew it. Looking at you, listening to the brilliant lectures on the Principle, I believe that you are all brothers. May God help you in your mission. Thank you.

Nadezhda Zheleznyak,
Teacher, Simferopol, Crimea

A strange feeling of loss came upon me though I had three more days to stay here. It was like saying good-bye already. I think my heart was grieving because the beautiful communication with people I came to love and need was to come to an end. God bless everyone of you who came to better the world, to heal the broken-hearted, to give new hope to

those who despaired, to give a world of God's truth to those who hesitate or are ignorant, to show that the light of salvation is possible for those who have been walking in the darkness for such a long time. I'm very thankful to Reverend Moon, who has made this all possible and who took such an enormous and noble task upon himself and has carried it out successfully for years. Amen!

Students' testimonies

Helen Podbegalina,
School #238, Tver

This workshop helped me to change. For the first time I could feel God. Now I know how to share with other people, how to give love to them, how to sacrifice for the sake of others, for the sake of the restoration of true love. I learned how to pray. When I talk to God, I'm thinking not about myself, but about my friends, family, and other people who are suffering. I've realized that my life does not belong to me; each person should be ready to give his life for happiness, peace, and love. It doesn't matter what nationality you are, because all the people have only one goal—to reach perfection.

When you are surrounded by kind and loving people, you pay no attention to the bad conditions you live in. I experienced this in my twenty-one-day workshop.

At home I want to share my ideas about the Principle with my family and my friends.

I believe in the Unification teachings and in true love, and I want to be helpful for you!

Constantine Kosyakin,
School #1131, Moscow

During our seminar I had three deep experiences in my prayer. I tried to pray by myself in nature in a special place. I had a strong wish to feel God's heart, but I couldn't. All my prayer experiences thus far had been with Terry (group leader). My best experience was about three days later. I closed my eyes and started to pray. Something warm came into my head. I felt that light came from nowhere into my mind and then my heart. Perhaps it was meditation. I continued the prayer. In front of my eyes I saw a piece of paper. I looked at this paper with great attention. In a few minutes I saw that words began to appear. It was a mirage to me. The way I understood it, it

was God's opinion. The words said to me: "Constantine, I know that you can do my Will, but I know also that you don't want to do it." I opened my eyes and looked at the clock. I am afraid, but I prayed for forty minutes. That is my reflection of this seminar. At the previous seminar I never felt this kind of thing. Thanks to everybody who helped me to feel this relationship with God.

Lena Bocharova,
School #606, St. Petersburg

I'd like to share my experience of prayer. Frankly speaking, before this seminar I had a certain desire to pray, but I felt something like barriers in my way to God. I was not able to make the first step. It was difficult. I didn't even know how to pray properly, what to say, how to behave, where to pray. I didn't know what my friends and people around me would say. The practice of praying in this seminar helped me very much. I opened myself to God. When our group leader, Concha, asked us to pray out loud, I thought it was beyond me. I was wrong, fortunately. Everybody prayed out loud. I understood it was a great thing. The spiritual atmosphere improved. It was easier to express our feelings. But most of all I liked to pray alone somewhere in nature. I have plenty of

things to tell God. He became for me like my best friend. I trust Him. Now I have someone to whom I can tell everything I feel and I think He'll never give my secrets away, but He'll always understand me. I consider this the greatest victory of my life.

I would like to participate in the next seminars. First of all, I'd like to go to the seminar where I'll be taught how to teach lectures. Then I'd like to help those people who didn't find God yet. I'd like to help this movement. I understand that it was just really God's surprise and present to me that I was here and could listen to this truth through the lecturer. Now I have so many plans. I want to live to receive God's love. I hope God will help me in my future.



Katya Radyshina,
School-Gymnasium #415, St. Petersburg

My five-day and seven-day seminars were only the beginning of my understanding of the Principle and the purpose and goal of the Unification family. After these seminars I didn't have any deep thoughts and now I realize that I knew and understood nothing before the twenty-one-day seminar. Nothing I had heard before touched my heart; it was something far away from me that I thought would not be close to my own life, nor part of my inside world, internal character and thoughts. Maybe the first two seminars couldn't influence me because they only lasted a very short time.

But when I heard the lectures on the Principle for so long every day, I came to really believe in most of those things,

(pray, study, serve, and report) that Maarten gave us in the last lecture.

There was a moment when I felt sorry that my parents are not members of the movement and I am not a blessed child like Matthew (Jones), because I think that Matthew has a great future and is lucky because he has such a great thing as parents who believe in God and can lead him in the right way. At the same time I am afraid of all the feelings that overflow in me, because I am afraid that my future will not be like the ideal that I now have for myself. Anyway, thank you everybody for such a seminar and such work that you did for us and for me. And thank you for the kind heart and understanding. I think that now I must do some goodness, and I want you to help me understand in what way I am wrong or right.

Natalya Malyklina,
School #30, Vilnius

I never thought that one month could change my life and my consciousness so completely. "Life meant nothing to me until you came along." I am really grateful to you.

I had known about kindness and love before and tried to share my love with others, but disappointment often came to me. Often my powerlessness to change the world full of evil and envy and despair forced me to think of suicide. It has been a time of great suffering.

It always seemed to me that my life had no importance and use. I've never known the purpose of my existence, but now I can understand that the cause of all my suffering has been my disbelief in God. When I tried to begin a religious life, I forced myself to change my life, to accept faith (Orthodox church) without understanding—because there were too many questions that nobody could answer. There was no use in such a decision. Only here (first after the seven-day seminar, and then here in New Holland), could I understand my great mistake: I've never connected my desire to love or my life to God, and never understood that only faith in God can bring love, hope, and light into my life. Thank you very much. I found many answers, especially in the lectures about religious life, prayer, and the relationship between

men and women. Thank you! I'll never forget this time I spent with you and with my group.

Pavel Dobrikov,
School #5, St. Petersburg

This was the third workshop I attended. Here I really felt God. To tell the truth, I was rather skeptical before coming to this seminar. In school we were told that the purpose of God and religion was to deceive people. It was not easy for me to change my opinion. For the first time I met such loving and attentive people here.

I like logic, and the logic of the Principle attracts me; it abounds in numbers and proofs.

In this workshop I was surrounded with such attention that I never received even at home from my own family.

I was greatly impressed by the members of the staff. They were always ready to answer all my questions.

It is amazing that the Unification Church cares not only about spiritual perfection, but about physical as well.

I would like to develop my relationship with the Unification Church, not only receiving love and attention, but giving them to other people as well. I will try to practice the Principle in my everyday life.

Lena Filatova,
School #86, St. Petersburg

This workshop gave me a lot of experiences. I learned many new things from the lectures. I heard about some of them earlier but couldn't understand them; this workshop helped me to get answers to all my questions. The lectures about prayer, about the Second Coming, and about Rev. Moon's life impressed me the most.

When I was in my first workshop in the Black Sea, I prayed with tears and thought I felt God. However, when I came back home, I lost that feeling. I started to attend Sunday services and it was very helpful.

Now when I pray, I cry because I feel God's suffering heart, I understand Him, and I can see how Satan dominates people. I know that my responsibility is to explain everything about the Principle to my relatives and friends. ■

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facts, and words of God. Now I am afraid that everything that became the main part of my thoughts and feelings—and such a deep feeling that I can't explain—will be cut off from me when I leave this place. I think that now is a very important moment in my life because I am in the midway position, and if I cannot find any support from other people I will again live the life that I lived before in such a wild, incomprehensible world. I think that if I want everything to be prolonged, I have to go to another seminar to understand the Principle and learn how to help people, to do something for the benefit of others and practice all these things. Maybe if I become a member of the Unification family, it will be easier for me to fulfill this advice

Matthew Quentin Cowan

November 16, 1960 — August 17, 1992.

MATTHEW Quentin Cowan was born in Chislehurst, England, November 16, 1960, and at the age of eighteen travelled to the United States to experience more of the world. In November 1979 he met members of Mr. Neil Salonen's IOWC team in Washington D.C. and began to follow our True Parents.

Matthew joined the IOWC team, travelled to Boston and New York and worked with the New York Church witnessing team until the fall of 1980 when many members went to work on MFT. He first went to Atlanta, Georgia, and eventually went to work with Horizon Galleries (a part of OWP) in the fall of 1983 in Houston, Texas. He was blessed to Sachiko Watanabe of Chiba Prefecture, Japan October 14, 1982, in Seoul, Korea. Sachiko had joined the church in England in 1980.

In October 1984 Matthew became the director of all the Horizon Galleries locations in Texas and basically continued in that capacity until April 1990 when he moved to the New York area and began working on an international level. Our members in Tokyo had asked him to supply them with paintings and prints by American artists for their business in Japan. On April 1, 1990, his daughter Sun Hyung Iona was born.

Perhaps the greatest testimony to his desire to serve True Parents was his acceptance of receiving Haiti, the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere, as the country for his forty-day pioneering mission. He went in the autumn of 1990 with a willing heart to do his best to love

and serve the people of that nation and returned spiritually victorious. In May 1992 he learned that he had cancer of the pancreas and moved to the Los Angeles area to try to regain his health. He passed to the spiritual world on August 17, 1992.

There is no doubt that Matthew Cowan was an incredibly sincere and dedicated brother who truly wanted to make his life an offering to God and True Parents. Not only in the spiritual sense, but as a businessman working in God's Providence, he always wanted to make a substantial offering.

Everyone who knew him well was so impressed by the very high standard of hard work and perseverance he kept. Matthew struggled with his health for many years, but always pushed himself to do more. His ability to speak with anyone and make them feel truly loved, allowed him to work with people at all levels in society from the lowest to the highest.

As an art dealer, Matthew really felt the beauty of God's creation in the American landscape and was very inspired to work with artists that captured this spirit in their work. He also believed that in the future, the artwork of True Children and blessed children would be a very important gateway for many people to come to the heavenly kingdom.

It was probably in East-West relations that he realized his most important work. As he began to travel to Japan, Matthew began to feel more strongly the need for good unity between our Japanese and American members and

the nations of Japan and America. Because our nations represent Eve and the Archangel, by uniting together more fully, he felt, we could help advance God's providence on a worldwide level. His work allowed him to travel to Japan on numerous occasions and he was asked to speak to different groups of members and customers of the art galleries in Japan. This gave him the opportunity to explain the Abel-



type aspects of American culture and his experiences in his life of faith in the United States to our members in Japan and the Japanese public.

Matthew also worked very hard here in America to make good unity with his Japanese business leaders and always tried to promote harmony and understanding between Japanese and American members, as well as setting a very high standard of personal attendance to True Parents and the True Children. He felt that as a British citizen (the mother country of America) and having lived in America for many years he could serve as a bridge between America and Japan, which he did successfully. He will be as much loved and remembered by our members in Japan as he will be in the United States.

In April of this year when he found out that he had cancer, he was very determined that he would do everything he could to survive and continue to work in the physical world. He made an incredible effort and many of us felt that he could gain victory over cancer, knowing his strong will power.

He had moved to the Los Angeles area with his wife and daughter just a few months before he passed away and so his Seung Wha ceremony was held in Los Angeles and the Won Jun ceremony was held in New York. This was just several days before the great blessing of thirty thousand couples in Seoul, Korea, on August 25th. Matthew Cowan's life and passing to the spiritual world were certainly used by God for a great heavenly purpose. His life will stand as a shining example for many years to come as a person who determined to make his life an offering and who God used to speak to all of us in a clear and loving way in both his words and actions. ■

—by Harry Phillips



Nancy Breyfogle Yamamoto

June 29, 1949 — September 11, 1992



"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the sons and daughters of God."

Nancy Yamamoto was a true daughter of God, for her life was devoted to peace and the practice of unconditional love for others. Nancy was ever an inspiration of charity and compassion. By the way she lived, we could witness the real faith and the courage one needs to fulfill convictions so profound. As we walk this earth, we are all given grace to know persons of true heart and friendship; Nancy was a friend to all who knew her, and she will live on in our hearts.

She spread joy internationally

Nancy lived with an uncommon awareness of the divine nature of life, but she was especially noted for her love for people. She made her personal journey in life a commitment to spreading joy, harmony and hope to the people she met along life's road. Nancy followed her chosen way of faith with a true integrity that inspires and affirms the lives of those who seek the standard of goodness proclaimed by True Parents. In the many ways that her life was special, Nancy will certainly be remembered for the bright, spiritual light that illuminated her kindness and pure heart.

The testimony of her life can never be fully written in the many missions that she carried out with such tireless energy and dedication. From the years of service on MFT to her work for the International Religious Foundation (IRF), Nancy's contributions will always be measured by the recollections of the personal care and service she demonstrated in these historical activities. Nancy joined IRF in 1985, working for the Youth Seminar on World Religions (YSWR). Her work with the YSWR became the foundational experience upon which her true abilities could be offered to the success of the Religious Youth Service (RYS). Nancy was the key person for formulating the office administration of these important youth projects as well as the central person

for building participant relationships and lasting friendships. Nancy was directly responsible for the success of RYS programs in the following nations: Philippines (1986), Portugal (1987), Spain (1988), Italy (1989), Poland (1990), Kenya (1991) and Hungary (1991). Nancy was at her best when there was an international gathering of people. During her years with the RYS, she exemplified her personal victory in overcoming barriers and limitations by the way she was able to embrace participants and make everyone feel welcomed.

Nancy made the commitment to her international marriage with the same certain and dedicated vision for promoting world peace. Nancy was matched in 1979 and blessed at Madison Square Garden in 1982. Her husband, Kazuo Yamamoto, ascended to the spiritual world in 1990.

Nancy's final earthly challenge was to battle the invasion of cancer in her body. The culmination of her courage

and determination during the past year is a lasting tribute to her faith. Her enduring belief was that her struggle with cancer was not for her own healing, but to enable her to learn the ways to console and restore the spirit of people afflicted by this disease. With this point of view, Nancy chose to seek healing in the path of natural medicine, combined with serious self-reflection and prayer. In the end, Nancy succumbed to the physical depletion of her body, but she never gave up the fight to overcome and gain a spiritual victory. The courage that she displayed in this long ordeal is a memorial to her life of faith.

Even though many friends and her beloved daughter, Jana, are left behind, it is not a time for grief or sorrow but more appropriately a moment to remember the joy and cheerful heart of her way of life. She will be greatly missed in our daily lives, but her spirit will continue to guide and inspire us all.

First international blessed couple to ascend

Kazuo and Nancy Yamamoto are the first international blessed couple to have ascended to the spiritual world. As they have left behind a precious daughter, Jana, who will not be able to share the richness of their testimonies in this world, those who knew Nancy and Kazuo might want to write a short remembrance, testimony or experience about them. These written pieces will be collected and given to their daughter at a later time. If you wish to contribute a written piece or photos, please send them to: Gary Young, c/o IRF, 4 West 43 Street, New York, N Y 10036. ■

— Gary Young

We are proud of your pure and dedicated spirit following our True Parents for many years. Your story will be handed down from generation to generation. Now that you are going to start on a journey to a new and eternal world, I pray from the bottom of my heart for your soul to rest in peace.

—Takeru Kamiyama,
President of the HSA-UWC in Japan

Nancy is a wonderful person, with deep spirituality, and dedication, who radiates peace, love and kindness. She now has rest from her long trial and, enfolded in the mantle of God's love, an eternal life of happiness and reunion.

—Dr. Francis Clark,
Secretary-General of the Inter-Religious
Federation for World Peace

Both of you have carried very important missions on earth. I pray that even in the spiritual world, both of you as husband and wife will fulfill the exemplary mission of the blessed couple.

—Motoo Furuta,
President of Happy World

I'm a little bit jealous of the spirit world 'cause they're gettin' a really good thing!

—Danielle Bova

Women are the central point for the love, peace and spirit of service that protect our families, and it is the healthy family that must be the starting point in our work to build world peace. The establishment of God-centered family ethics and the education of our children lie at the innermost core of my teachings as the person who has declared for himself the responsibilities of the Messiah. The family is the holy sanctuary that must cleanse this defiled world.

That is the reason it was necessary that I, as the Messiah, make my declaration to women leaders gathered around President Hak Ja Han Moon, my wife, who stands in the position of perfected Eve.

This declaration is an exhortation to all who follow my teachings to join Mrs. Moon and me in our attendance to God on the path of sacrifice and service for the salvation of this world.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

August 24, 1992