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The End of the Cold War

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The Cold War between the United States and the Soviet Union has now reached the point where it can no longer continue. Events such as glasnost in the Soviet Union, the struggle for democratization in China, and the reforms in Hungary, Poland and other East European nations are similar to a revolution. It is proof that the communist system has reached its limits and that the East-West ideological confrontation is ending. In the economic field, the upcoming unification of Western Europe in 1992 is further indication of necessary changes taking place. How should Korea deal with these changes and which direction should it take?

Throughout history Korea has suffered a lot as a victim of superpower expansionism because of its crucial strategic position. The division of North and South in Korea has caused Korea to experience the global ideological confrontation within its own borders. Now that there is a movement towards pluralism and harmony in the world, it does not mean that the problems of the Korean people are automatically solved. The four major powers—the United States, Japan, Soviet Union and China—have interconnecting interests focused on the Korean peninsula.

Since such historical relationships and global problems are directly or indirectly connected with this peninsula, Korea is a microcosm of the world's problems. Therefore there is an inseparable relationship between the solution of the world's problems and the solution of Korea's problems. I believe that transforming divided Korea into a unified Fatherland has a direct bearing on the realization of world peace.

With the sun setting on the communist system and ideology, can we say that the Free World is in a position to offer a philosophical alternative? How will the paradoxes of the Western countries which adhere to free democracy be overcome? I have personally experienced the terrible fate of a divided people through the aftermath of the Korean War. I pledged before heaven to devote my life to the establishment of a philosophy that would lay the groundwork for North-South unification; I also pledged to prepare a worldwide foundation for it. For 40 years I have worked toward the fulfillment of these pledges.

Can it be an easy task for us to mobilize the support of the nations around the Korean peninsula for unification on the foundation of a strong philosophy of free democracy and thereby achieve peaceful unification? Would it not be fortunate if we could come up with a plan which would make Russia and China end their one-sided support for North Korea?

I have recently devoted my prayer life to Mainland China centering on the ideal of God's peace. In 1981, during the 10th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, I revealed a plan for an international highway and have made this plan known to the leaders of 120 countries. The highway is designed to run from Japan under the Korean Straits to Seoul, Pyongyang and Beijing. Another road would be routed to Moscow and Western Europe—all the way to London. The other would connect to the Middle East. In Japan, 1,500 scholars and businessmen organized a tunnel research association in 1982. They are conducting political, economic, technological and geographical research and have already dug a pilot tunnel. The Chinese government is showing great interest and is in the planning stage of the 1,000 kilometer section between Dandong, on the North Korean border, and Beijing.

Even at the time when exchange with Communist China was very difficult, the Unification Movement sent many people there to help them with modernization. I have established the Yonbyon Technical College in Manchuria where we send scientific equipment every year. I am helping with exchange professors and

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Happy birthday!

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GOD AND I

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My topic today is "God and I." When we look at the planet earth, we realize what a wonderful position it has in this great universe. Here alone are all the right conditions for us to exist — water, air, soil, and so on. Is there another place in the universe where mankind can live? We are now in an era where mankind can explore the huge universe. The time when humanity's potential can be fully realized is approaching. Mankind is going to discover the most profound secrets of the universe in this age.

Those who have knowledge of the spiritual world are aware that the only possible place in the whole universe where man can be born is on earth. Only this place has all the conditions necessary for us to live.

All life is centered on the purpose of receiving a savior. Why does the earth need a savior? Throughout the history of mankind and creation, everything has been longing for the Messiah to come. What kind of liberation do we need for him to accomplish? All creation is waiting for the liberation of love. That is the most important thing.

If you ask people what is most important, they may feel it is their life. But where does life come from? Life comes from the relationship between parents and children. If we continue the chain of life upward, we eventually reach God. This means we finally come to the relationship "God and I." No one can exist as a sole entity. It is essential to human nature to have someone to lean on and communicate with—someone to be the object of give and take. Man lives in relationship with woman. Emotionally and physically we all need someone to act as our support. Woman, man, parents and children all need that. It is the same with all existence. Everything needs an object to relate to. If you look at the seed of a plant, it has two halves. If it only has one half it is incomplete; it needs to exist with the other half.

One thing we see when we study the world is that movements are most perfect when they are round. When we examine perpendicular, centrifugal or centripetal forces we can see that circular movement is the most stable.

Everything wants to achieve a round, circular shape. In human society the most basic kind of pairing aspect is that between parents and children. National leaders and countrymen, the world and its people are examples of this parent-child relationship. If you look at the thousands of years of human history, one element that has never changed is the family. People have always been members of a family: first as infants, then as brothers or sisters, then husband or wife, then parents and finally as grandparents.

In the ideal world, grandparents would be in the position of God. Through their experience, they have acquired an overall picture of life. A child has no idea what life is, while grandparents have already experienced many things. They

can teach what is true and right and what is the ideal way. Through this kind of ideal family structure, the ideal family tradition will be established and passed on. Tradition must be received through a vertical position. We receive life through our parents and grandparents. In order for a person to be born, what does he need? He needs parents: a man and a woman who are united by love. Love must be there first before life can be created. You can see how different men and women are. There is only one force that can make them unite: love! Love has a tremendous power that can bring everything into balance, even the most different elements.

SPHERICAL LOVE MOVEMENT

What is the heart of a mother who is pregnant with her first baby? What a powerful experience it is when she feels the seed of new life growing inside of her! In the beginning of the pregnancy, a woman has morning sickness because her whole system is changing. As her belly is getting bigger with the growing baby, she is entering a new dimension of life. Through her a new life is being born which raises her own existence to a new level. It is difficult to describe the joy that is felt. When a baby is born into a family, that moment is very central to the life of family. When the first cry is heard, everyone is focused on asking about its health and whether it's a boy or girl. Everyone is so curious and interested in the little baby. Why is it so important in Eastern tradition to have a son? They are eager to have a son because the man carries the seed of life.

Every powerful force in the world needs the aspect of harmony or it cannot be effective. Strength will only destroy if it does not have the ability to harmonize. Only through harmony comes new creation. For example: Huge turbines have a central part where large amounts of energy are created. The pieces for this part of such a machine are made of soft metal, not hard steel. The strongest force always has the aspect of softness and harmonizing, not just straightforward strength.

It is interesting to see how beings have different aspects and stages. A man starts as a child and grows stronger. Then as he gets older, his hair becomes white and falls out; it is as if he was going to the peak of a mountain where there is always snow and no trees. A mountain always has one side in the sun and the other in the shade. Our human life is like that, too. The rays of the sun shine first on one side of the mountain and then go over the top to brighten up the other side. The different aspects of any one object describe a round shape.

Everything exists for the benefit of love. For example: Our two legs are symbolic of two partners in love. Man and woman discover each other and move together like two feet. They like each other, feel close, and unite to become two legs of

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one body. Husband and wife are walking up the steps of love. All of creation exemplifies these male and female aspects moving together. Even the earth has a North and South Pole, plus and minus.

So in all that exists you see these horizontal and vertical aspects. Basically the shape created through the interaction of these aspects is round. What is the force that can make this round shape? It must be the force that holds things together, giving them circular motion; it must have the power to expand things while holding them together at the same time. The movement of expansion or shrinking of a sphere always occurs simultaneously along perfectly straight and perpendicular axes.

Look at the shape of the human body. When artists paint a female nude, the round shapes are emphasized. When the naked male body is drawn, the muscles are emphasized, with the blood vessels protruding. This is because man's central function is to continue the blood lineage, so the protruding blood vessels are a sign of male beauty.

The ideal world is one where all things come into a circular shape centered on the relationships of their different aspects. Human families arrange themselves in a circular arrangement centered on love. In the family, the grandfather is passing on the tradition of love to children and grandchildren. He is teaching them about love. Their relationship becomes the 100% vertical axis for this family sphere.

ACHIEVING UNIFICATION

All unification describes a round shape. If Korea unites, will it become long or wide? The ideal shape is to become round. Why is there now no unification in the world? It is because there is no horizontal and vertical love; this absence creates a lack of balance. In the world today, the vertical relationships are separated; parents and children are divided by a generation gap. There is also separation on the horizontal level. In order for the world to achieve the ideal spherical shape, there needs to be a force that can eliminate divisions on the vertical and horizontal axes, by uniting generations and uniting East and West. That power is the power of true love. Those who learn this kind of love have learned the greatest lesson in the world. If someone has graduated from Seoul University and earned degrees from 100 other universities as well, that is not as precious as what you can learn through this kind of love. A person who has acquired this kind of love can unite all things, restore kingship to the world and become the King of Kings.

Everything in existence, from the huge universe to a tiny cell, has an orderly organization centered on an axis. All movement, then, has an order. Love is the axis around which life can become orderly.

In a sphere there is a vertical and horizontal axis. In order to become perfect, the vertical axis must be absolutely vertical. The horizontal axis can be adjusted or may turn 360 degrees, but the vertical axis can only be in one place. So, in the

family the vertical is stable and the horizontal can be adjusted. The relationship between parents and children and God and parents must be unchanging. God determines the vertical position in the universe. God is in one place unable to move, until He can expand into the horizontal position. Once the vertical is 100 percent established, then the horizontal can move as it wills.

Where is God? In the East or the West? Everyone looks upward when they think of God. This shows that God is in the vertical. He is giving vertical love to man in a straight line. Love is really the shortest connection between two extremes. If husband and wife long for each other, then see each other at a distance, do they make a curved approach to each other? No, they go the straightest possible way.

The sun rises in the east and sets in the west. What the West needs most is the sunshine from the East. That is the reason the West is now turning toward the East. Everything exists in this relationship of two aspects, such as East and West, male and female. They turn toward each other in a circular motion, centered on love.

Wherever you are in the world, love makes you feel good. Look at God—What does He have to be proud of? Sending good people to heaven and bad people to hell? To be proud of that would be crazy. God can be proud because He is the author of love. Love is not determined by external characteristics such as money, power or good looks. If a grandfather is ugly, he is still loved by his grandchildren. People are always longing for love. Even if they have only one meal a day, their greatest desire is for love.

When a new daughter-in-law comes into the family, does the family love her or not? They love her because they can experience love in a new way. I love to see my own daughters-in-law. Where Mother is round and a little fat, they are thin and small. It is fascinating to see the new kind of love that comes into the family with a new bride. God made love so that it can never be boring. Can you show me love? I think if you show your love to someone it starts with a smile, and becomes an embrace. Children come every day and embrace their parents.

ORDER OF LOVE

What if God had a chance to find a bag of love? God would run around looking for it, even if He would lose His dignity. What does God live for? Ask a pastor of an established church this question and he might be shocked. What do people like? Money, power or ability?

President Chun Du Hwan had a lot of money, but what good is it to him now? His life in the Paekdam Temple is a living death. Why is he in such an unhappy situation? Because he was only concerned with money. If Chun Du Hwan had ruled with love, the people would have wanted him to continue to rule.

If I have a pocketful of love, when I give it out, people will be willing and want to give their money in exchange for this

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love. So, what kind of prince do you want to be: a prince of love or a prince of money? Even God cannot but smile if the prince of love is in front of Him. What do we sacrifice and pay indemnity for? For the Principle? No, for love!

What kind of savior does the world want and need? What needs to be liberated? We need the liberation of love! When God created man and woman, where did He start? He started with the genital organs. That is logical because this is the place where love, life and the blood lineage are concentrated. Therefore, are they precious or dirty? God thinks of them as precious. Just think of where He put the genitals on the body. It's the wisest choice and the best place for them. If God had put them in the palm of the hand, they could easily be hurt.

Why did God create Adam and Eve? So that vertical love could come to them and through their relationship, vertical love could be expanded horizontally creating a round shape. The one axis from which all creation can be harmonized is the central vertical axis of love. The person who lives for love or gives his life for love, is the one who comes closest to God. If someone becomes a master of true love, all other elements such as power or money come by themselves. The most central part of all knowledge is rooted in true love. Without the connection to this love, you have nothing. If you are connected to that true love, then you have the basis of all knowledge. Actually, the physical and spiritual worlds are completely connected and are organized in the same way. The axis is always love. For example, sometimes people suddenly die in a car accident so in the spiritual world they do not realize they have died. They don't know what is happening until their ancestors who are on a high spiritual level come and explain.

If someone goes into the spiritual world alone without a partner, say someone who has never married, it is difficult for that person. The spiritual world is organized according to a hierarchy of love. For example, parents-in-law of a woman are in a higher position than her own parents.

The love of parents for their children is the most absolute because it is the most vertical love. In comparison, the love of a couple is very changeable. Similar to having different weather every day, husband and wife go through many changes. Because it is

a horizontal love there are 360 degrees of space available in which to move around. The relationship between husband and wife can change; they can even divorce. But parents' love for their children is unchangeable.

Why do we like God? Because of love. Even if God is far away and turns His back to us, our love can make Him turn around. Everything in the physical universe is oriented toward the sun, craving its light and warmth. Likewise in the spiritual world everything is oriented toward love; everything is trying to receive as much love as possible.

As I was doing my mission, I was persecuted from the physical and even the spiritual world. People were always criticizing me. Not many people have understood what I have been doing.

Some Christians do not like ancestor worship in Korea. They don't know that in the spirit world love in the family—love towards elders, love of children to parents, love of wife to husband—is what counts.

VERTICAL AND HORIZONTAL AXES

Our life on earth is a training ground for love. We are training in the different kinds of love we need to master. Who is the trainer of love? For the parents, the children are the trainers who teach them to love. The trainer for God was Adam and Eve. The vertical love wants to expand itself into the horizontal. Parents want children to love each other more than



True Parents lead a Mansei cheer in Korea on Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World, October 3, 1989.

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they love their parents. The more children love their brothers and sisters, the happier the parents are. Vertical love is satisfied when the horizontal love expands.

The horizontal love has to focus on the vertical love. When man and woman meet each other they have to meet at the center for vertical love to come down. When they come from east and west to meet at the very center, there is an explosion of love—like plus and minus meeting producing sparks of electricity. When parents have a child they want that child to have brothers and sisters so that there can be horizontal expansion.

Love is easy at a low level, just as in climbing a mountain you start on a gentle slope and the terrain gets steeper and requires greater effort as you approach the top. Love is something that has to include both high and low places. Without its strong root, a tree cannot be stable enough for leaves to crown the top. We have to look at the low end and the high end of love.

When you work hard your sweat is sad if you wipe it off too fast. The smell of your sweaty body after working hard is good. Man and woman's smell is very interesting. When people love each other, even the smell of the other is like perfume.

Let's come to a conclusion. What kind of God do we want and what kind of person do we want to become? We want a God of love and we want to become a person of love. Love is centered on the family, which is the training ground of love. Love makes us forget even the greatest suffering and pain. If your body is tired and in pain after a long day of work and later at home your wife wipes the sweat off your back with a wet towel, then all the hardship of the day is forgotten.

Who can go to the Kingdom of Heaven? Only a person who has realized love! This person has received the perfect training of love through relationships with a spouse, children and parents; he is in the position to be closest to God. We become parents through this training. Parents love their children more than their spouse because parental love is vertical love. If we come to love our parents more than our children, we can establish the perfect vertical line, for they represent God. To a person who has the strongest love for Heaven and loves his children more than his spouse, then every direction of the universe is open. So, the love that we have to learn is that of parents who love their children more than each other and who love their parents more than their children.

God is longing for mankind to be organized like a family. He is longing for a world where all races can live together as one family. Can you see how attractive other races are? International couples can show the beauty of racial harmony.

The relationship that we want with God is when God becomes "my God" and I become God's. In a family one member is not separate from the other. Through love a husband becomes "my husband" and a wife becomes "my wife," a daughter-in-law becomes "my daughter," a strange man becomes "my father-in-law." In the same way, God and I can become one through love. In the Unification Church we teach

the God of love, while other Christian churches stress the God of omnipotence and omniscience. Which do you like better?

FAMILY TRAINING GROUND

Who is the greater thief: one who steals a bag full of money or a bag full of love? Do you think I have a lot of money? All the money in the Unification Church cannot make me happy. Many think I am rich, but it is not my money. If one takes another's money, when the thief goes to the spiritual world he will be punished. All I have is love. The money in the Unification Church is used for the purpose of love. Still, when people come to Hannam-dong they usually want money—not many come to receive just love.

Who is your trainer so that you can become the owners of love? For the husband, it is his wife; for parents, it is your child. Your spouse and children teach you how to embrace the world and be the sovereign over the universe. That is how precious you are to each other. If you say, "My husband is the most precious thing in the world," God will not feel offended. As a parent, He will love it if you love each other more than you love Him. Your partner and children can open the Kingdom of Heaven for you. In the spiritual world the only force by which you can move is the force of love. The more love you have, the more freedom of movement you can have. If you are one who has achieved the vertical and horizontal axes, then in spiritual world there are no limits. What will you do about the relationship between God and yourself? You can make God your God; in other words, you can own God.

The place where love can be connected and new life can be created is the most precious place. If love is vertical, then life is horizontal and expanding. The unification of love and blood lineage takes place in procreation. Children resemble parents because all elements of parents have been united and given to the children. God is our vertical parent, whom we receive in our heart. Our parents are our horizontal parents whom we receive through our body.

If the relationships between husband, wife and children are correct, then all the relationships in the world can be right and the world order can become correct. If you establish this kind of tradition, then God and the universe become yours. The ideal is for your parents to be kings in relationship to you. Your ideal is for your vertical parents, God, and your horizontal parents to be kings. You can create the Kingdom of God by realizing the love of God within yourself and within your family. In the family the parents are king and queen and the children are the people. Tribe, nation, world, and king are all centered within the family.

In the Unification Church we have the True Parents and that means we have with us the true King and Queen of the world.

Let us pray. □

The Purpose of the Messiah

by Hyo Jin Nim

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Before I talk about the Purpose of the Messiah, I think it's important for us to recognize the existence of two intelligences.

According to the Principle, the first intelligence is the inner spiritual intelligence, which is realized through spiritual truth. The second intelligence is physical intelligence, which is realized through physical means or tactile truth. Just as we gain greater physical intelligence by understanding physical truth, we can ultimately gain spiritual intelligence as we truly tap into spiritual truth, which means God's will, or the inner desire of God. We all have some concept of right and wrong, and we can perceive signs of goodness and be inspired by certain people and events in our lives to commit ourselves to a life of faith. Those receiving inspiration which motivates them to become one with Heavenly Father are those who have put themselves in a position that enables them to understand greater and greater spiritual truth.

In order for us to truly understand Heavenly Father, first we must know God's will—not just as a general idea, but the intricate details of how He intends to realize His ideals. Through Principle we understand that God needs mankind to realize His ideal purpose of creation. Man was created to become an ideal object to God and be able to receive and return the innermost essence of God. As man fulfills that responsibility of becoming God's object, he puts himself in the position to receive Heavenly Father and His truth.

I emphasize this because becoming the object to Heavenly Father has *everything* to do with improving our spiritual life and with understanding the Principle. I'm realizing more and more how important it is for me to become an absolute object to God and how with that attitude and commitment, I can gain spiritual truth and have more power to act.

What is becoming a true object? It means to give oneself completely, having an absolute faith in Heavenly Father and the works of True Parents. Once you start to dedicate yourself to that kind of lifestyle, your spiritual intelligence will expand.

Experiencing truth

Many of you understand conceptually, but you may lack deep spiritual wisdom because you simply don't practice your understanding enough. Or you don't have sufficient belief to push yourself to endure the process required to reach this position of understanding God's truth. You can't stop at just realizing what truth is. To absorb that truth into your intelligence, you have to live it. Without experience, it is not going to be yours. It will always be something conceptual rather than innate. Only through experience can you truly distinguish a false notion from a true notion. You have to apply it, and your heart has to be within that process. Your mind and body must absolutely unite in making the concept work in reality in order for the understanding to become part of you.

When Father talks, there is a resonance. The quality of love has resonating power. When something resonates, it is not

only heard or seen, but also felt. Would you like to just hear about the experience of love, or would you rather feel love? What will make you understand more deeply? Without experiencing that kind of emotion that occurs when you embrace your spouse, you don't understand the deep, inner meaning of love. You have to feel it.

If I want my voice to resonate, I have to be in the kind of space where sound will reverberate. Through that reverberation, I will not just hear the sound but I will feel it. Then I like it more. That's why when I listen to my music I want to turn it up, because I don't just want to hear it, I want to feel it. I want to feel all the high and low frequency notes impacting on my body. It's exciting. This increases my experience of appreciating that music.

If ideals dwell within me, and if I want to share them with someone, my voice reverberating out into the universe, then I have to be where the voice of true love can resonate. I must find that ideal space where I can speak ideal things and where my ideal words will resonate.

Where do you think that space would be? True love exists only within God. If I want my true love to be ringing all over the place, I must find that space within God. That is why I want to become an object to God. Once we put ourselves in that position, we can start not just hearing our voice, but feel-

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ing our voice, feeling our emotions, and truly feeling and understanding our inner desires.

Only through experience can you truly taste and feel the love of God. Once you feel it, once you touch your wife, once you feel the great joy that lies behind love, you start craving it. You can't live without it. You must put yourself in the position to experience not just physical love, but heavenly spiritual love. I don't want to stress physical love; it's like the blueprint—the experience that we feel physically should be felt spiritually. Once you experience such joy and happiness fully, it's not going to go away—it is yours. If Adam and Eve had grown up to be the ideal object to God, that experience would never die. It would overwhelm them eternally.

Many of you are caught up in false experiences and manifestations. It is very difficult for you to break away from the bondage that has been manifested within you. But God planned our primary experience to be an ideal one. Only through the experience of spiritual truth can we become one with Heavenly Father and realize the value of True Parents. Only through responsibility can we attain God's will and be-

come God's children. God wanted man to develop the same creativity that He had. Man's responsibility is to make that ideal choice to adopt the will of God and act upon that commitment to ultimately become like God. How can you receive God without becoming like Him? How can you experience the same love that I am going to experience without having the same faculties as I have? It is impossible.

Spiritual and physical salvation

The Third Blessing promises that through becoming perfect and being married and multiplying, centering on God, you are to have dominion over the creation. How are you going to take that responsibility without having the ability to embrace and embody Heavenly Father?

When people really get serious about Principle study, they are going to emphasize the Korean version of the Principle much more than the translated one. Unless you understand Korean you are going to be left behind. Actually, the meaning is even more specifically expressed in the version with Chinese characters. I always refer back and forth between the Chinese version and the Korean one. To not know Korean is a very serious matter, especially if you are a Principle lecturer.

The purpose of the coming of the Messiah is to establish the everlasting Kingdom of God here on earth. But in a deeper sense, the purpose of the Messiah is to bring both spiritual

and physical salvation to fallen man. Most Christians believe that Jesus came to die for the sins of the world. By shedding his blood he would redeem the sin of man, and ultimately uplift fallen man to the standard of God.

This leaves a very big question. To understand the responsibility of the Messiah we must first understand the significance of the two-sided predictions concerning Jesus. In Isaiah 9:6-7 it was promised he would reign over the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is

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given; and the government will be upon his shoulder, and his name will be called 'Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.' Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, upon the throne of David, and over his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and for evermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this."

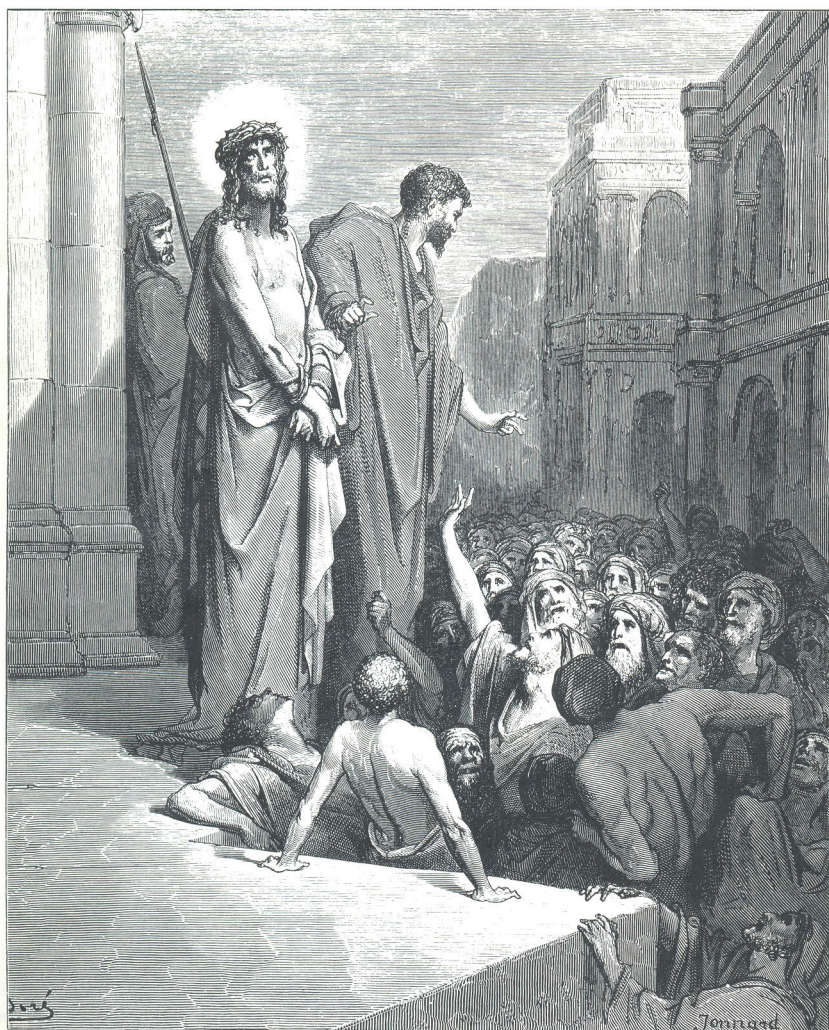
But according to Isaiah 53, Jesus' life was to be one of suffering and great tribulations. Why the difference? [Because God did not know what man would do when Jesus was sent.] When Jesus came people would ultimately accept him or betray him. It was man's responsibility, a point repeated over and over again throughout the Principle.

God's absolute Son

At the end Jesus knew his dying on the cross was unavoidable. But at the same time he bore the responsibility of fulfilling the Kingdom of Heaven here on earth. The purpose of the Messiah is to save mankind, not just physically, not just spiritually, but both. What course must he take? If I am to die, and if I have a portion of responsibility still to fulfill, then I must do everything within my power to go as close as possible toward reaching my goal. How could Jesus, who could not bring the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, at least bring about the spiritual salvation of man? [By accepting whatever the final course was and not rebelling against God.] Okay.

What I just read in Isaiah is very significant. Jesus was to represent God and become the everlasting Father in the everlasting Kingdom. Jesus won a foothold on the earth because he fulfilled the role of absolute Son. He gave his life for God, not just for our sins. Restoration has to do with fulfilling God's ideal. He died, not just for the sinners and whoremongers, but primarily so that his Father's suffering would be lessened. Don't ever put him in a lesser state by saying that he merely died for our sins.

When Jesus died on the cross, he asked Hea-



Jesus presented to the crowd, as Pilate asks, "Shall I crucify your King?" (John 19:15)

venly Father, "Why are You abandoning me?" According to the *Level Four Divine Principle Lecture Guide*, what was God's motive? [Because God was abandoned by Adam, when He saw Jesus dying on the cross, He had to abandon him so that Jesus could pay indemnity for Adam.] The significant aspect is that Jesus wanted to comfort God's heart by putting himself in the same lonely place occupied by God when Adam and Eve abandoned Him.

A teacher bears a responsibility to the pupil. Through the example of the teacher, the students will learn what is right and wrong. The question going through the disciples' minds as Jesus was being crucified was: If Jesus came to earth to become the Lord of Lords and King of Kings, why is he dying on the cross? Everyone must have thought: "He is not the Messiah. He is nobody." But even under those circumstances, Jesus knew who he was. He was the teacher of his disciples. He knew the difficult course they would have in the future. He said to them, "If you want to follow me, you have to abandon everything and ultimately bear the cross." Even in his last moment on earth, he taught the disciples with his dying breath to obey the will of God by setting an example for them to follow. He died for the sake of God's ideal.

Of course he knew how much God was suffering inside. If God sends His son to earth to become Lord of Lords, as described in Isaiah and Luke, do you think He is having a jolly good time seeing His son being crucified by these sinners? All the people who were prepared, including John the Baptist, failed their responsibility. John knew Jesus was the Messiah. He confessed it in John 1:33, and in John 1:23 he acknowledged he was sent beforehand by God to prepare the way for the Messiah. He knew his responsibility but failed in it because he couldn't see beyond Jesus' external appearance and position.

The 10 wise and foolish virgins

There is a parable that Jesus gave in Matt. 25:1-13: "Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom." There the five wise ones were waiting with a lamp and oil, but the foolish ones were waiting with just a lamp. When the bridegroom came, the five foolish ones asked, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise ones answered saying, "Perhaps there will be not enough for us and for you; go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." While the five foolish ones went out to buy the oil, the bridegroom came and "those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast; and the door was shut." Afterward the other maidens returned saying, "Lord, Lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you."

I read this verse because it has everything to do with the Blessing. Do you know what the Blessing means and how important it is? Through you, your lineage will ultimately receive redemption. Through the Blessing you can become citizens of the Kingdom of Heaven as those beings who existed at the time of the Garden of Eden should have been. You represent the lineage which will ultimately bring great joy and diversity to Heavenly Father. Within eternal love there are so many beautiful things. That is why human beings are here on this earth.

How do you become an ideal being? Your physical body must unite with your shimjung; there must be harmony between the sung sang in the subject position and the hyung sang in the object position.

What does that mean? Your spirit, or your original mind, must always unite with the will of God. It longs for union with Heavenly Father. The yearning to become one with God and to see oneself as the son of God should overwhelm one's physical self. We must put ourselves in that kind of absolute object position to Heavenly Father, saying, "You are my God, my Father in Heaven. I am going to love You no matter what. I want to dwell within You and I want You to dwell within me forever. We are inseparable beings. It means everything for me to have You in my presence, in my life, in my body. I am willing to do everything for You. Just like You, God, I want to make this world an absolutely pure world of good-

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ness. I am willing to sacrifice my life. If You are willing to suffer for the sake of that ideal, I am willing to suffer, paying any price that a man can bear. There is no limit to my yearning to become part of You and to bring fulfillment to Your ideal expectation."

For us to have the Kingdom of Heaven in the spirit world, there has to be a Kingdom of Heaven on earth. God exists in



The wise and the foolish virgins.

the Kingdom of Heaven. Why do we need True Parents? Because if we are to have the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, God's presence must be here, and that requires True Parents.

In the spirit world the main emphasis is unity. How can we unite the different races? Only through blood lineages. That's why True Parents exist, so that through them all people can be engrafted into God's lineage, physically becoming bonded through the blood lineage. That's the purpose of the Messiah. If you expect the Kingdom of Heaven on earth to exist, there has to be the presence of True Parents.

Ideal object position

In the eyes of God all of us have equal value. But you must realize that in order for ideal relationships to exist within our lives there has to be subject and object within your marriage, at your workplace, between brothers and sisters, and so on. As it says in I Cor. 15:41: "There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars; for star differs from star in glory."

The mission that has been given to you by True Father is very important. All of you first have the responsibility of understanding the Principle completely. To understand, you must put yourself in the ideal object's position. To experience the ideals of God you must put yourself in the right position. Nobody in this room is excluded from that responsibility, starting with me. I must learn to become an ideal object to my Father. That means I must possess within myself the unchanging, absolute and everlasting quality of love. I always have to check myself and clear out whatever blurs my path to become that object to my Father. When I put myself in those shoes, when I live it, then I will experience the ideals of God.

But living that ideal is difficult, I can tell you with certainty. I want to help Father. I feel what he feels. He has a physical body; it is limited. But there is so much to be done, and so little is being done. Somebody has to reflect his desires. Because I realize my Father's heart, I have to go out of my way to do these things. Without having a clear direction, your efforts are meaningless. In revolting against Satan, you must have a clear purpose; otherwise you are a rebel without a cause.

Why do I say all these things? I am stressing your responsibility. That is important. We are trying to relate to one another heart to heart. We have to be together through thick and thin. I certainly hope that in the future we can have more joyous times with Father. No matter what, we must cut through all the physical things and have dominion over them and understand the heart of Father.

In order to have this experience, we have a lot of work ahead of us. We have to be responsible. Let us do our best and perform our utmost, for the sake of Father, our Father. I will do my best for my Father, you must do the same for my Father, because he is your Father, too. Don't you like to be called brothers and sisters?

I hope you caught my heart today. Once you take it, you are bearing a responsibility. Please bring joy to our lives. I try to bring joy to your lives. The reason Father encourages you to experience hardship is because that is the only way you can understand the suffering of God. Without experiencing it, it's not yours completely. You must first understand the suffering heart of Heavenly Father to become worthy to receive His blessings. Please have a nice week and let's go bring victory!

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The End of the Cold War

also arranging for Chinese students to study abroad.

We are helping China through relief activities and by sending American coaches to help the development of sports in China. Also, we are giving Chinese scholars the opportunity to research Unification Thought and thereby support them in their efforts to overcome their ideological difficulties. China still stubbornly insists on communism.

I have long advocated the equal distribution of technology. Technology is a blessing from God meant for the benefit of all mankind. It is a great evil that the advanced countries monopolize technological power and put less developed countries at a disadvantage. This trend is a seed of division and disharmony threatening world peace. Therefore I have for a long time invested considerable resources in order to accumulate technological power for helping the world.

In 1976, at a big rally in Washington, DC I proclaimed that I would hold a big meeting in Moscow. Through international-class scholars, religious figures, top journalists and artists, the foundation for this is now being laid. At my invitation, one of the top editors of the *Novosti* News Agency, together with four other leading Soviet journalists, are currently in Korea to see this country's development for themselves. Next week they will go to Japan and I asked them to pass by North Korea. I asked them to do that so they could give a fresh impression of South Korea to the North Korean leaders and in that way prevent miscalculation by the Northern regime.

In December, journalists will go to America as my guests. At the beginning of this month the director of the world famous Kirov ballet visited Seoul and promised to assume concurrently the position as director of the Washington, DC Universal Ballet Academy that I have established.

Also there will be a seminar in Moscow jointly sponsored by the Russian Orthodox Church and the International Religious Foundation on "Church Unity." Twenty religious scholars will attend the conference.

In 10 years we will enter a new century. We have to put the 20th century, marred by division and confrontation, behind us and enter an era of harmony and understanding where high morals and values are respected. The era of domination by the West, Russia and America, is ending and the Age of Asia is dawning. Considering the important role of the Korean peninsula and Asia as a whole for the establishment of world peace, no world leader can easily ignore this area anymore but has to at least partially participate in the development in this area. With this kind of historical consciousness I have promoted plans for the Pacific era. Through the foundation laid in America, China and Russia, I am already preparing an East Asia summit conference.

Mankind is faced with the task of overcoming philosophical differences. On the basis of restored morality, he must realize the ideal of a worldwide family of love through international cooperation. All of us have to go beyond just thinking of profit and loss. With a recognition of international relations, we have to use the power of national unity to play the major role in bringing about the Asia-Pacific era. □

True Owners

President Won Pil Kim

At the annual general meeting of the Unification Church of Germany, President Kim spoke about the meaning of tribal messiahship. The meeting was held in Regelsmühle, Germany on September 24, 1989.

"You are convinced that witnessing means to go to a particular street next to the video center during a certain period of time, but this is not the right way of thinking. You need to meet the people where you live, your neighbors. Then you must find your own disciples and raise up a successor who can take over your mission."

Today, I originally desired to speak to the people who are not doing very well in their responsibility. But when I look around, I see many people who are doing well have gathered here. I had wanted to speak to the people who want to do well but have difficulties. So those of you are doing well, can go back home. Do you want to listen anyway, even though you already know what I'm going to say? (Yes.) All-right. Today you can stay.

Actually, for those who are doing well it would be more appropriate to go somewhere in nature to have some nice moments together by sharing testimonies and returning gratitude to True Parents. Don't you think that kind of meeting is necessary? We need to have meetings in which we can share our victorious testimonies on how we practice True Parents' tradition and directions.

If you can realize the Triple Up witnessing goal, then my presence in Europe will no longer be necessary. Our mission is to create a world where even the Messiah is not needed, because each one of us has become a messiah. God and True Parents are necessary, but the Messiah is only needed to save the people from the satanic world by bringing them into God's world. When everybody is restored, then the Messiah becomes the True Parents. On this foundation of making everyone into true parents, True Parents themselves will reach a new level—becoming the King of Kings.

As true children, just cutting our relationship with the satanic world and being engrafted to God's lineage is not enough. After receiving our new life, we need to help True Parents save the

people. Otherwise, the Messiah must do his job all alone. If that happens, how long will it take for him to restore all of mankind and how tired will he be? Father is getting old. That's why we must all become second messiahs and start saving other people. Imagine how quick the restoration work will be! Let's not make our True Parents suffer. Let's take up our responsibility.

Leader consciousness

At the CARP Convention, Hyo Jin Nim sang some songs. While singing, he shed tears. He expressed poignantly through his singing: "I love True Parents!" This is the heart of a True Child.

You are not members but leaders, each one of you. Those who are participating in this meeting are blessed and have already started family life. Until now, you have received so much guidance and words from God. You have had many experiences in life and are educated people. Now you are the ones

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I want you to understand this point very deeply. I am a member myself, but I'm also a leader. Members are those people who receive instructions from above. They are not doing what they initiate, but what they are asked to do. Their nature is to just wait for a direc-

tion and follow. When leaders say nothing, members do nothing.

On the other hand, the leader is in the position of guiding members. His position is to give, while the member's position is to receive. Leaders do things by themselves, under their personal responsibility.

I suppose you don't like to be told things by others, but desire to act by yourselves. You hate feeling pressured. Why do you feel like that? Because you put yourselves in a leader's position. Even when no one tells you what to do, you find direction by yourselves. Would you rather be a member or a leader? (A leader!) A leader's position is better, isn't it?

Many kinds of people are living in your village: a mayor, policemen, factory workers, shop owners, and so on. The mayor is the person who is in the position of a parent. Let's suppose True Parents announce they will come to your village. Probably none of these people will prepare to welcome them, because they don't know who Rev. Moon is. But if you were the mayor of that village, you would mobilize the entire village to welcome True Parents. You would organize the best house where True Parents could stay and True Parents would teach you how to make your village into God's village. You

would take Father's speech seriously and try to practice it right away.

The present mayor, upon hearing that True Parents are coming, would not only not prepare anything,

he might even persecute and reject them. From God's point of view, does He prefer to have that Cain-type person as the mayor of the village or you?

If this is what God, True Parents, the good spirit world and all brothers and sisters desire, the fact that you have been sent to your village means that you have already been spiritually as-

signed as the mayor. Everyone must look at their own situation. Even though we are getting older, God wants us to be leaders because we are children of God and have received the Blessing.

God desires you to be leaders both spiritually and physically. That's why I want you to realize that when you go somewhere and find a place to stay, God guided you there so you could find the place He had prepared. You are sent by God and True Parents. God, True Parents and your national leaders assigned you to be the messiah of your village.

Owners of the creation

In the original world there were no Cains or Abels, but only sons. Because of the fall, Satan invaded all levels of this world. How could Satan claim all these levels? Satan loved God selfishly, centered on himself. Therefore, he could not love man centered on God. Satan took the dominion away from Adam and Eve through his self-centered love. Lucifer did not hate God, but wanted the love of God centered on himself. He wanted to receive God's love and then pass it on to Adam and Eve. He didn't want to receive God's love through them. This was the starting point of the fall. Adam and Eve followed Lucifer, inherited this self-centered love from him and abandoned their proper position.

Originally, God created man as the owner of creation, but his right of dominion was taken away by Satan. Children are in the position of inheriting everything from their parents, but because of Adam and Eve's unity with self-centered love, their birthright was taken away by Satan. Restoring it cannot be done by inheritance or money, but only through true love.

What shall we do to restore God's birthright at every level? Sacrificial love is the standard Father established to lay a victorious foundation. Satan cannot sacrifice himself for the sake of another. That's why we are always asked to practice sacrificial love for the sake of others. Satan has made a nest within us, so when we practice sacrificial love he has to leave us. But when we are self-centered, Satan will automatically dominate us.



President Won Pil Kim

This world has been receiving self-centered love from Satan so if someone gives sacrificial love, everyone will automatically want to follow him. Everything in creation wants to receive higher love from God. Let's take the example of your village. When you practice sacri-

When you practice sacrificial love and serve the people more than the mayor, people will start to follow you because they want to receive a higher love.

ficial love and serve the people even more than the mayor, people will start to follow you because they want to receive a higher love. The mayor cannot help but cooperate with you.

If you were the mayor and visited each house in your village one by one to share God's love and words with them, they might not welcome you in the beginning because they don't know you. If your love is self-centered, once they reject you, you won't want to visit them anymore. But if you visit the people for their sake, even though you don't like being persecuted, you'll visit them again. Once you have won their trust, the next step is to discover what they need spiritually and physically. A "normal" mayor cannot do this for he does not know how to practice sacrificial

love.

You may think because you have many babies, you cannot visit people. But if you are really concerned about others, you will put your baby into the pram and then visit them. If you have love for the sake of others, you can do two or three things at the same time. When you think centered on yourself, you find many excuses; but if you have love for the sake of others, you will find a solution. For example, if you visit an old lady, you can ask her to take care of your baby, while you do something good for this old lady. In the evening, when your husband returns, together you can visit that lady, so that you can introduce your husband to her. What will this lady start to think about you? She will tell all her neighbors and relatives about you. If you start serving

that old lady as if she were your parent, she will eventually trust you. One by one, you must serve all your neighbors in this way.

This world is very self-centered. In order to trust, people need someone with whom they can have give and take. If you continually serve your village for one year, who do you think people will trust? In this situation, the Cain-type mayor will seek your help. Before helping him, you can educate him through the Divine Principle lectures. He will recognize

you, saying that you should be the mayor. This is the way to restore the birthright. On this foundation of unity between Cain and Abel, True Parents can come.

Opening Heaven's gate

Earlier, I explained that all of you have been assigned by God as the mayor of the place where you are living. You are not members, but clan messiahs. Therefore, when you start acting as your village's messiah, loving the people and sacrificing yourself for their sake, the gate to Heaven will open up on this foundation.

In the spirit world, you will be asked if you loved mankind as much as you loved God and True Parents. If you are living in a big city like Frankfurt, it may

be better for you to go to your hometown if you have a good foundation there, and do your work as a tribal messiah. That would be better than staying in a big city thinking: "I am just a member."

→ If you don't have any foundation with relatives in your hometown, then you can go to a city where you pioneered before and still have some good foundation. Wherever you go, you have to connect with your regional church center and give a report of your activities every week. If you don't report but do things by yourself, your line to connect with God and True Parents will be cut.

Representatives of True Parents

When the disciples of Jesus went witnessing there was a big difference when they just went by their own initiative or when they had been sent by God and the Messiah. When you go to your hometown, you will be asked: "Who sent you here?" When you are sent by the Messiah, you must give the people you visit the Messiah's words. From this viewpoint, when we look at ourselves who are we? We are sent by God, True Parents, our national leader and our church leader. We are not just individuals. To be sent by the national leader means to be sent by True Parents. If you go to your hometown by yourself, of your own decision, even though you witness a lot, you were not sent by God and True Parents. Likewise, when someone sent by the leader doesn't report to the leader he is not fulfilling his responsibility. As a consequence, he has the same position as the person who went of his own volition.

Please understand this point deeply: don't do things just by yourselves. When you are sent by God and True Parents, if someone accepts you he will receive the blessing from God and True Parents. If you are not connected with the Church, even though you find a spiritual child, he will not receive the blessing from God and True Parents because you cut yourself off from their lifeline and are not representing them. You have to connect these people to God and True Parents through your central figure.

If you officially go to your hometown and start working there, you will meet all kinds of people. After awhile, you can organize a meeting at your home which many people attend. You give reports of all these activities to

headquarters. When a 40-day blessed wives witnessing condition starts and you are already making so many efforts contacting all your relatives, friends and neighbors, do you think Headquarter's leadership will mobilize you for the witnessing condition? Would it be wise if you were taken from the good job you were doing in your town? Leaders, would you call this person for the 40-day witnessing condition, or would you let this person stay and continue her good job there? (Stay.)

Why do you think we have such conditions as a 40-day witnessing cam-

past was to make you a new person. Until you joined you were spiritually dead and how could a dead person save another dead person? First you had to gain new life, then you could return to save the dying people.

Now, I want to address an especially important topic. This has to do with those who were once active full-time members, but for one reason or another, had to leave their full-time missions to find an outside job. When such a decision was made, the Church should have assigned those couples to be home church leaders in some particular areas

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paign? It is because you are not making a foundation. In other words, you lost your pioneering spirit. When you were pioneering, you went alone to a place where you had never been. But you have lost such a spirit and that's why we have to organize witnessing conditions—to revive that spirit so you can carry it to your hometown and keep it high by continuously witnessing.

If you have such a foundation in your hometown, you needn't be mobilized. During the 40-day condition, you should live in the house of your associate members and do a 40-day pioneering condition in your own city. If you work in your own city, the foundation that you lay will remain. If you go somewhere else, you will have to start again when you return to your city.

When we joined the church, we left our home and cut connections with our former life. The purpose was not the separation itself, but to enable us to take God's position and become children of the True Parents. We had to inherit the heavenly tradition before we could return to our hometown and restore it to God. Originally, we had to first restore our Cain hometown or home church; but Father gave us the grace of going to our home and to our relatives now!

Hometown witnessing grace

The Kingdom of Heaven is a place you enter together with your spouse, parents and relatives. Please do not forget that the purpose of cutting from your

but was unable to do so. Although the Church never officially said anything, each person should have done home church in their respective areas as tribal messiahs.

There are some couples who live and work outside and still have a great desire to work for God's Will. When I see those couples, I feel so moved! Looking at them, I cannot be quiet. That's why I chose today's topic. From today, go and work in your hometown, become part of the hometown providence!

Consider yourselves pioneer center leaders and there is hope for Germany to be revived! If you all live in houses or apartments, but have no relationship with your neighbors, how can you do restoration work? In order to meet people you have to visit them. When you visit them, you must have a clear reason. This reason must always be for the sake of these people, not for yourselves.

Go to people's houses and introduce yourselves even simply as their neighbor. Through this, you can find the Abel-type people. When you go shopping, or are walking on the street, you meet many people. Don't ignore them, greet them. If you do this two or three times, they will naturally start to respond and greet you, even without speaking. On this foundation, some conversation may begin.

You should never forget that you've been sent by God as the messiah of your area. If you are "messiah-conscious," you will be motivated to pray for the

people of this area, since all these people are your spiritual children and will be your future relatives. All the material things which exist in your area want to belong to you because God assigned you to be the owner of this area.

You are the true owners

Your neighbors may be living in more luxurious homes than you, but those beautiful homes belong to the original or true owner of that area. Father came on earth as the true heavenly owner of the world, but in reality Satan took this position. How did Father consider this situation? He knew that when the original owner came, all things would want to go back to him. Knowing this, Father never felt jealous when he saw people owning big houses.

means to go to a particular street next to the video center during a certain period of time; but this is not the right way of thinking; you need to meet the people where you live. Then you must find your own disciples and raise up a successor who can take your mission over.

I want you to change your consciousness from that of a member to that of a leader. Also, I want you to feel you are in the owner position. Do not act like servants, only doing what you are told. If you have the owner-leader consciousness, you won't feel pressured if leaders ask you something. Just don't misunderstand: when I tell you to be leaders, I don't mean that you have no leaders above you. A good leader is a person who follows his own leader very well.

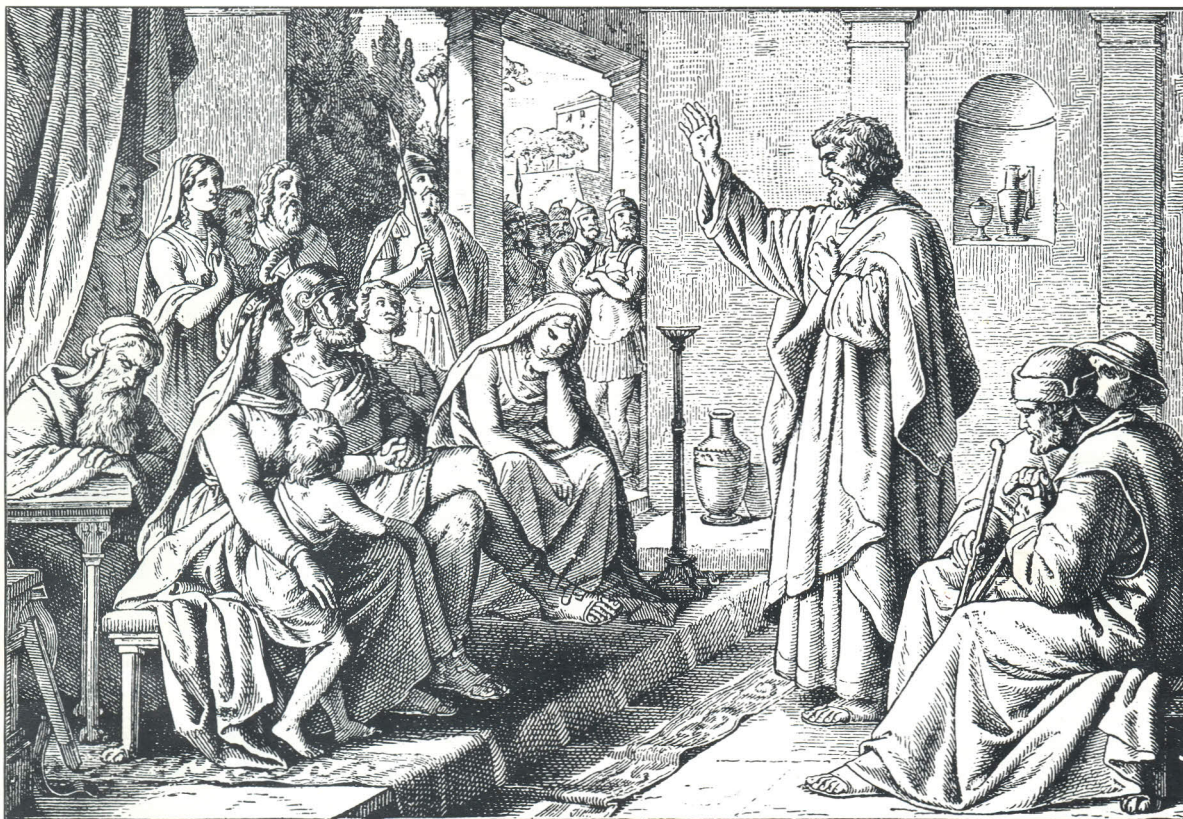
When you grow up, you begin to

parents have done for you. On this foundation, when your children grow up, they will return to you what they have received from you. Finally, at this point, you can say you became truly independent.

In the same way, you should not think, "The Parents' Age is finished, now we are in the Childrens' Age, so we have to take responsibility ourselves." This way of thinking is wrong. We've been receiving the heavenly tradition from True Parents, so we have to inherit it and return it to them. On this foundation, we must do for others what True Parents have done for us by putting what True Parents have shown us into practice. We must multiply what True Parents have done. This is a sign of real independence. When parents see

their children acting like this, they feel very satisfied.

In conclusion, when you try to build your leader consciousness, you must first unite with your own leader. You have to report to him always and receive advice. In my situation, I need to receive advice and guidance from True Parents, who are my leaders. The real meaning of being a true dominator is to first be someone who is dominated well. In other words, someone who can be dominated by God and True Parents can become a



Peter in the house of the centurion Cornelius.

Satan is like a housekeeper, taking care of the house on behalf of the owner. But when the original owner comes, the "Cain" owner must accept the true owner. If we feel miserable when we see big houses, it is because we have lost our owner-consciousness. We must understand that God has already designated us as the owners of everything; therefore, we must love things more than the "Cain" owner.

You are convinced that witnessing

make your own experiences. You might feel, "I don't need my parents anymore; I'll do things by myself." But this way of thinking is wrong. The real meaning of independence is to inherit everything from the parents and then to practice what has been learned from them. You received love and care from your parents, and now you must return love and care to them. This is the formation stage of independence. The second level is for you to do for other people what your

good dominator. You cannot simply go your own way. You have to always relate to your Abel figure. When you find it difficult to be understood by him, you can bring your case to your leader's Abel. This is the way Cain can go to True Parents—through Abel. That's why I ask you to report regularly and receive guidance and advice from your Abel figure. This principle is unchanging. □

Sûng-Hwa Ceremonies for

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Soon Ae Hong Halmonim achieved her Sûng-hwa at 9:53 p.m., November 3, as True Mother prayed for her. She was 75 years of age. She was posthumously awarded the title of "Daemo" or "Great Mother."

Sûng-hwa Ceremonies were held on November 7 from 10 a.m. at the Shinmun-ro official residence. Attending were Mother, Ye Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim, In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim, Hoon Sook Nim and several other True Children. Unification Church officials, leaders of organizations connected with the Unification Movement, Unification Church ministers from all of Korea and 1,500 Unification Church members were also present at the ceremony which was held as an official church function.

With Dr. Bo Hi Pak serving as Master of Ceremonies, the congregation began by singing *Song of the Garden* followed with a prayer offered by Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, president of the *Segye Times*. Mother, the True Children and representatives of the family then offered incense and flowers. Mrs. Won Pok Choi gave a brief history of Mrs. Hong's life.

In his eulogy, President Young Whi Kim said, "Mrs. Soon Ae Hong walked the way of complete dedication to the will of God throughout her life. But even more than that, she received the True Parents and attended them here on earth. She lived together with the True Parents and shared their joys and sorrows. She offered her life up so that there might be an absolute foundation of devotion on which the True Parents could fulfill their providential mission. She fought fierce spiritual battles in order to protect the True Family and our Church. Now she has victoriously achieved her Sûng-hwa; let us send her on her journey of joy in the spiritual world."

A farewell poem was offered by Mr. Kwang Yul Yoo, Chairman of the Church Historical Committee, and a farewell address was given by Dr. Bo Hi

Pak. Dr. Pak said: "During the early part of her life, Hong Halmonim immersed herself in sincere preparations for receiving the Lord. After joining the Unification Church, she attended Father and devoted all her efforts to raising her daughter as a daughter of heaven. She prayed with the determination that all the forces of darkness that would normally be directed against True Parents and their family be directed against her instead. From beginning to end, she lived a life of total devotion and sacrifice for Heaven and True Parents. Hers was a life that moved the heart of heaven."

Following Dr. Pak's address, Miss Mi Ran Kim sang Korean Holy Song number 37. Representative members of the congregation then offered incense and flowers, and everyone sang *Song of the Victors*. The ceremony ended with President Young Whi Kim giving the benediction.

The Ipjun Ceremony was held from 1:40 p.m. at the Paju Wonjôn. Attending were Father and Mother, Unification Church leaders and more than 1,200 church members. Reverend Keun Sik Song, director of the Seoul East Region, began the ceremonies by offering a prayer. Everyone sang a Holy Song while Mother and the True Children offered incense. Father then offered a prayer.

The Wonjôn Ceremony was then held with Rev. Keun Sik Song serving as the Master of Ceremonies. Rev. Su Won Chung offered a prayer and Rev. Yo Han Lee gave a sermon. Reverend Lee testified to Hong Halmonim, saying, "Following the fall of Adam and Eve, many women were called by God in order to further the Providence of Restoration, but none of them completely succeeded. In contrast, Hong Halmonim, after the liberation of Korea, went victoriously through the course of the Songju Kyo and the Pokjung Kyo (The Inside Belly Church) in order to receive the Lord."

Father and Mother then offered flowers. They were followed by the True Children and representative members of the congregation. This was followed by a moment of silent meditation for the purpose of saying a joyous farewell to Hong Halmonim and of making the determination to inherit her victorious course on earth. Then, at Mother's lead, everyone shouted: "Go in peace, Hong Halmonim!" Purification and the offering of earth was then performed by Father and Mother, Ye Jin Nim and Jin Whi Nim, In Jin Nim and Jin Sung Nim, and Hoon Sook Nim. President Young Whi Kim then led the congregation in three shouts of "Mansei."

Mother gave a testimony. She said, "I am very grateful to all of you for coming, not only from Korea but from around the world as well. Soon Ae Hong Halmonim lived a life that was only concerned with the will of God. She lived a life of total devotion for the purpose of meeting the Lord, and a life of wanting to give everything. I would like for all of you to try to achieve the same attitude toward God's will that Hong Halmonim demonstrated during her life. If you do that, then you will be able to live a beautiful life in His will."

Father spoke on the mission of women in history and explained how the Lord also needs the assistance of women: "Soon Ae Hong Halmonim walked the path of complete dedication to Heaven and the will. She bore every manner of cross in order that Mother could appear. She became a model of someone who adapts herself to God's will. She achieved Sûng-hwa after having fulfilled all her responsibility by means of a devotion that volunteered to bear all burdens herself. All of you should inherit her heart."

Father posthumously presented Soon Ae Hong Halmonim with a personal calligraphy message that reads: "Chung-shim Pong-shin" or "Loyalty of Mind, Dedication of Body". □

Soon Ae Hong Halmonim



Sŭng-hwa Ceremony for Hong Halmonim. From left to right: In Jin Nim, Ye Jin Nim, Mother, Jin Sung Nim and Hoon Sook Nim.



True Mother offers incense at the Ipjun Ceremony.

Grandmother Hong

Father's words explaining Mother's and Grandmother Hong's victorious courses, given during Mother's testimony on May 3, 1977, at East Garden.

Before the Heavenly Wedding in 1960, for more than 15 years I was alone, single-minded for the mission. Yet everyone who knew the Divine Principle knew that I would marry some day. That was apparent to everyone and each woman received in her own way a revelation that she could be a candidate to be the bride of heaven. God revealed this to them because in a certain respect everyone takes the bride's role to the Messiah. Therefore God can certainly say to anyone, "You shall be a candidate as the heavenly bride." But through the Divine Principle we can see that only one physical person will culminate that prophecy, and that is Mother.

This was the background of the Heavenly Wedding, and then all of a sudden I chose Mother, who was in Chunchôn at that time and who was relatively unknown, as the heavenly bride. You can imagine the shock wave that went through our church. In 1960 I was 40, a most significant providential age. In their own thinking many members concluded that the heavenly bride should be somewhere around 35, maybe 34, or even 30. As a result the people in that age group thought that they were the most blessed age group and that one of them would be chosen.

Since their hopes were so great and their expectations so high, when those hopes and expectations were denied their reaction was equally as deep. Their disappointments and disenchantments were great. This is the first time I have spoken of this.

Realizing this impossible and tense background, as soon as the Holy Wedding was conducted in 1960, I asked Mother's mother to confine herself; she was not to come to see her daughter too often, or if she did she should come secretly through the back door. That put Mother's mother in such a

miserable, cast-out position that nobody envied her role. Everyone had thought that becoming Mother's mother would be glorious, like becoming an empress' mother. But I silenced all those expectations and pushed her into a sacrificial role, not even letting her come to see her daughter freely.

Furthermore, in the first year I treated Mother almost like a servant instead of my wife. We were bride and bridegroom but that honeymoon period was nothing but an ordeal on Mother's part. She started out as a servant because I wanted her to start out from the very bottom.

The important internal meaning behind my actions in that period was as a test of faith for Grandmother and Mother. No matter what the circumstances, they should not complain or rebel against me. They had to accept and persevere. That was the real goal, what I really wanted. And they met that expectation.

It was the Cain and Abel situation all over again. In order to understand Cain's position you have to suffer for the sake of Cain or you have no way to become Abel. Grandmother and Mother were in the Abel position to all other people, but they had to be in a position to embrace all those who are despondent.

Through their victorious demonstration of faith, their untiring devotion and absolute dedication to me, Mother and Grandmother Hong were victorious. Therefore, after achieving this condition of universal victory, I have now decided to give Grandmother Hong glory as the mother of Mother. In her own lifetime she must receive the respect, admiration, and glory that are due her. If she died without receiving that glory, it would affect the coming generation of children. It is according to the Principle point of view that I am now treating her differently. □



Father sprinkles Holy Salt at the Wonjôn Ceremony.



Prayer by the congregation.

The Symbol of Great Motherhood

By Mrs. Won Pok Choi

The following article is a brief personal history of Soon Ae Hong Halmonim. It is accompanied by a special meditation given at her Sûng-hwa Ceremony in Korea.

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Hong Halmonim was born on February 22, 1914 (lunar), in the city of Jôngju, Pyông-anbuk-do, to her father, You-Il Hong, and mother, Won-Mo Cho. An only daughter, she had one younger brother, Mr. Soon Jung Hong.

As a child, she moved with her family to the city of Anju where she attended Anju Primary School, graduating as an honor student. While she was studying at Pyôngyang Bible School, she was led by her mother to join "Sông Ju Kyodan," a deeply spiritual group that inspired her to live a thoroughly dedicated life of faith.

In accordance with a revelation she received, Hong Halmonim married Mr. Seung-Oon Han, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Choon-Gil Han. From that time on, she strictly followed God's directions, abandoning everything worldly. She absorbed herself in a life of faith, thinking only of preparing to receive the Lord-to-come.

In the year 1942, she received the revelation that she would be given a beautiful daughter who would become the future bride to the Lord-to-come. She was told to raise this child in a heavenly way, almost ministering to her. Shortly after that, she became pregnant, giving birth to Hak-Ja Han, our True Mother, on January 6, 1943.

Led by God once again, Hong Halmonim fled to South Korea with her daughter, now eight years old, on January 14, 1951. No sooner had they crossed the Han River on their refugee flight than the bridge they used exploded, killing many people. Miraculously, they escaped death by a hair's breadth.

Once in South Korea, they moved about from place to place, solely in search of the Lord-to-come. In November, 1955, they were led by an elder, Mr. Suk Chun Jung, to the Holy Spirit Asso-

ciation for the Unification of World Christianity. Hong Halmonim, with her daughter, immediately joined for she found Father to be the Lord whom she had seen many times in her revelations.

In retrospect, she raised and educated her daughter from early childhood to live righteously, to love God, and to

In obedience to the heavenly summons, she closed her eyes in a quiet and peaceful sleep to pass into a new life of glory while True Mother kept watch over her, offering an ardent prayer of "Good-bye."

serve Him with heartistic ardor and awesome reverence. She poured her whole heart and soul into preparing her daughter in such a pious way so that she could be offered to the Lord as his most purely devoted bride.

At last the day of divine choice came. On March 16, 1960 (lunar), she dedicated her daughter to True Father as his eternal bride.

Since that day she has continued fighting a fierce spiritual battle against Satan. Both in Korea and in the United States, she devoted her life to prayer with single-minded concentration and extraordinary fervor in order to protect the True Parents and the Holy Family of three generations. It is as though her entire life was a chain of prayers, woven

together to form a beautiful tapestry. Moreover, it seemed recently that she was amid a series of desperate, life-or-death prayers for the safety and the welfare of the True Parents.

Even for one with her chronic infirmities, the moment of her Sûng-hwa came too early, occurring to our utter surprise at 9:53 p.m., November 3, 1989, at the age of

75. In obedience to the heavenly summons, she closed her eyes in a quiet and peaceful sleep to pass into a new life of glory while True Mother kept watch over her, offering an ardent prayer of "Good-bye." God be with you, Hong



Grandmother Hong's birthday celebration, March 22, 1976, at East Garden. From left to right: In Jin Nim, Mother, Ye Jin Nim, Grandmother Hong and Mrs. Won Pok Choi.

Halmonim!

The Meditation

Overwhelmed by sadness and unable to control our lamentations, we feel like calling your name again and again. Hong Halmonim, Soon Ae! You, the symbol of Great Motherhood; our eternal epitaph of love. Oh, our eternal love!

With no response to our call, you are walking toward a beautiful world of spirit beyond. At a brisk pace you go without even a hesitant look back. I feel I know the meaning of this; yes, it is because the summoning call from over there is so much stronger and louder than ours, drowning out our voices. More than that, you hate to look back because you dare not see the tears of your loved ones. "Welcome" is always more beautiful than "farewell."

"Our troubles and our trial here will only make us richer there, when we arrive at home..."

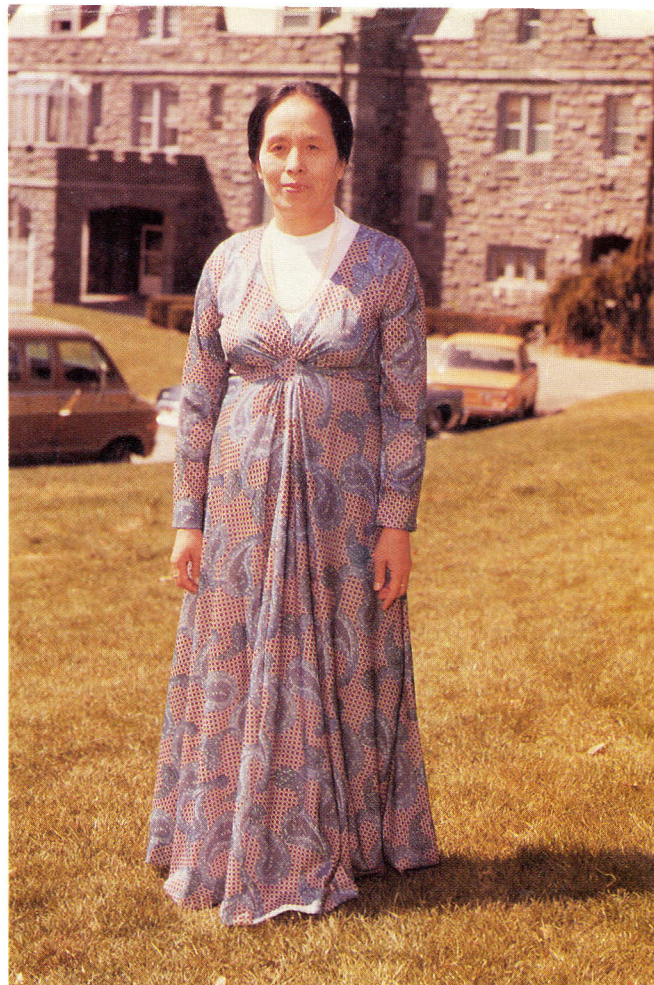
Isn't that the song that you loved to sing at the top of your voice? Right! The golden monument you built up with your own tears, sweat and blood is left with us here on earth, soaring up high and ever glittering. You remain here

and stay with us as our Great Monument, with all your merits and devotions beautifully inscribed.

So, go as you may with feather-light dancing steps; please go in peace and happiness with all the worries, regrets, sorrows and resentments eternally dissolved and nullified here. Now, farewell, . . . fare thee well!

May God bless you with everlasting happiness up there in your newly started course to the Eternity. May you feel at home and completely free.

Just one final thing: please do help us from a higher dimension to accelerate the day of True Parents' accession to the Divine Throne. Amen. □



Grandmother Hong poses in front of East Garden, April 10, 1977

Hong Halmonim's Resurrection Testimony

By Rev. Chong Young Ryu

Reverend Ryu served as the Regional Director of the Washington, DC Region until December 1989 and is now Regional Director of the Colorado Region. On Sunday, November 26, 1989, he gave the Washington, DC community this Hong Halmonim's ("Great Mother's") resurrection testimony. He and his wife are from the 72 Couples Blessing.

On November 3rd, the decision was announced that the Ministry of Education in Korea gave permission for our Song Hwa Theological Seminary to become a university. On the same day, I participated in the dedication ceremony of the main building.

After finishing the ceremony we returned to Seoul to have dinner with True Parents. During the dinner, Mother whispered several times in Father's ear and then left the room. I thought Mother had been whispering some tender loving words to Father.

After hearing all of our reports Father told us that Mother's mother would soon pass away so Mother had gone to see her. Father said we should all go

there.

Right after Mother arrived, Grandmother took two last breaths and passed away. Grandmother's life was filled with great fortune. By good grace True Mother could be with her at the end of her life. She died a very happy woman.

That night True Mother reminisced about how much Grandmother suffered through the years she raised her. Many times during Mother's testimony she had to wipe tears from her face. It was the first time I had ever seen True Mother express such sorrow.

While she spoke we could see Grandmother's peaceful face. We felt we could talk with her spirit. Then Father named Grandmother, "Great Mother."

On the same day the government

gave us permission for our Song Hwa Theological Seminary to become a university, Great Mother passed away.

On November 7, her Sung-hwa Ceremony was held. Beautiful bouquets of flowers from 70 different Church departments and businesses decorated the site. With Mother and True Children attending, we had a wonderful Sung-hwa Ceremony.

That night, I awoke around three or four o'clock in the morning to an unusual experience: My wife, Kang Joung Ja, was kicking and punching in her sleep. I could also hear her talking and sometimes screaming. It was a very strange sight to see.

"Darling, darling," I said, "What's the matter with you? Wake up!" She

awoke and then told me, "Oh, I had a strange dream: I was being pulled but I couldn't see who or what it was." I didn't ask her any further questions.

To my astonishment around the same time the next night, my wife was again screaming and fighting in her sleep. This time I left her alone. After about 15 minutes she awoke murmuring to herself. "Oh, strange, strange," she said again and again.

Great Mother appears

Then she told me she was going to the bathroom. When she still hadn't returned after 20 minutes, I began to worry. One Korean spiritual tale passed through my mind of how an evil spirit likes to come and disturb people in the bathroom. Just as I got up to check on her, she entered the room and said, "Darling, I just had a strange spiritual experience. After the Sûng-hwa Ceremony for Great Mother, I began to feel some spiritual tension. Then for the next two nights I had strange dreams. When I awoke I had to go to the bathroom. As I opened the door of the bathroom, Grandmother Hong appeared to me. I was frightened. I quickly went inside the bathroom, hoping that she would disappear. But she followed me and while standing in front of me said, 'Could you pray for True Parents, True Family and all of God's dispensation instead of me?' I answered, 'Yes, I will do it but I don't want to be a spiritualist.' Then Great Mother stood in front of me for a long time and asked me the same thing again. I really thought that she wanted to make me a spiritualist. 'Grandma, can you understand my heart not to be a spiritualist? Still I will pray for True Parents.' Then Great Mother asked me a third time and I answered, 'Yes I will do it! No question about it!' Great Mother told me that a great and important event will soon occur and then disappeared. After that, I wondered if True Parents were having a security problem or if they were in some other danger."

My wife explained to me that she had a spiritual experi-

ence similar to this a long time ago.

"One day, when I was a new member of the Church, I was on my way back home after hearing an inspiring Divine Principle lecture. Suddenly, there on the road, the spirit of Jesus Christ appeared to me. He had blood flowing from his palms and from his side. He asked me, 'Could you shoulder my cross, instead of me?' 'Oh no, I cannot shoulder your cross,' I denied. Again he asked and again I denied. Then he asked me a third time. 'Lord, if you really want me to, give me your cross and I will shoulder it.' Then his spirit disappeared."

After Great Mother's spirit disappeared my wife felt both astonished and

do not attend the Third Day Ceremony. So the night before, my wife thought this through with a humble heart and decided not to go. But after having her spiritual experience she changed her plans. So I took my wife to Great Mother's tomb for the Third Day Ceremony. When we arrived at the tomb someone told me that Father would be arriving soon. I was really surprised because he usually never participates in this kind of ceremony.

Father's prayer

Before the beginning of the ceremony Father prayed. I can recall four points from Father's prayer: 1) Through Great

Mother's passing, the gate between the spiritual and physical world has opened; 2) spiritual selves can now work directly in cooperation with people on earth; 3) the spiritual and physical world can become one now; 4) there will be

no more persecution and tribulation for the Unification Church—only good events and prosperity will come.

After the ceremony I sat down behind True Mother. Then I saw Father close his eyes for a minute or so. All of a sudden he pointed at my wife and said,

Through Great Mother's passing, the gate between the spiritual and physical world has opened and spiritual selves can now work directly in cooperation with people on earth.

enchanted. Then she explained that Great Mother told her that something important would happen. This was the morning of November 9, the day Great Mother's Third Day Ceremony (San Oh Ceremony) was to be held.

According to Korean custom women



Grandmother Hong always poured whole heart into the True Children—Sun Jin Nim's first birthday, July 30, 1977.

"Joung Ja, stand up. You should give your Blessing Engagement testimony." My wife and I were surprised. How could she give her engagement testimony in front of the tomb? My wife blushed and hesitated to stand up. Then Father told her, "This is a special day! Give your testimony and you will send Great Mother into the spiritual world with a joyful and happy mind." Before giving it, my wife first explained about her spiritual experience that morning with Great Mother.

After she had finished sharing this, Father said, "That was why I chose you to speak." My wife and all the old members were amazed at Father's spiritual sense. We hadn't told anyone about her experience. Then we realized it was Great Mother's ascending day. The Bible says that after the crucifixion, Jesus Christ stayed in Hell for three days. Where's Hell? Actually, it's here on earth. Jesus stayed on earth for three days before ascending. It's the same for everyone. First Great Mother would stay on earth for three days and then she should ascend to the spiritual world. Why did Grandmother Hong appear? She wanted to give a sign of the resurrection.

Mrs. Ryu's testimony

Then my wife gave a very interesting testimony about our engagement. There were five major points in the story. When Father asked her, "Would you accept a match with Mr. Ryu?" she wondered, for she had heard about me. Frankly speaking, at the time of the engagement I was an uneducated person. Actually, before joining the church I was a real country bumpkin. Also, as you know I am a pretty ugly man. In contrast, my wife is a well-educated lady from the lineage of a good family.

"When I first saw him," she explained, "I couldn't see his whole face, only his forehead and his big mouth." When she said this, Father, Mother and all the members laughed loudly.

Korea is divided up into regions. There is a long time feud between the Keung Sang Do and Chul La Do regions

that lay in the southeastern and southwestern part. People from Keung Sang Do don't want to marry with people from Chul La Do. "I belong to Chul La Do," she explained. "An ugly person is okay. But with all of my family and relatives opposed to the people of Chul La Do, that's too much!" So she thought, "You are the Messiah, no question about that. But even if you are the Messiah, you're asking too much of me!" Father, Mother and everyone laughed a lot. In that kind of atmosphere we felt that we were no longer at a tomb. My wife made it a laughing place. I've never seen Father laugh like he did that day.

She continued, "Next I want to tell you about the first time I received a let-

Great Mother will spearhead the opening of the iron fence at the 38th Parallel. Let's join our hearts and minds with hers.

ter from my husband. Maybe he is an educated person, I thought. But when I opened his letter I did not see Korean characters, I saw the track of an earthworm." Once again, Father, Mother and everyone laughed. We forgot all about

the tomb. We forgot all of the sadness; there was just a good feeling of laughter.

Then my wife gave another testimony. "Why did True Father give me this kind of small guy? Your height gives a very hard time to my high heel," she said. "Because of your height I cannot wear high heels lest I become taller than you." Everyone laughed. "So why did I agree with Father?" she

continued. "At that time Father also gave us his special word. He said, 'Externally you are not a good match but, if you accept my suggestion, you will have very wonderful children. For good children, you should agree with me.' So we agreed with Father and truly we

have had good fortune. I have eight children, four boys and four girls. And according to Father's blessing they are very smart, bright and healthy. That's enough! Since then we have fallen in deep and beautiful love."

Next, Father said, "Mr. Ryu, now you stand up. It's your turn to counter-attack your wife." Then I gave a strong counterattack; there was lots of laughter. And so, we had a wonderful testimonial time.

A heart of compassion

During our experience at the tomb, I thought back to the time when the True Parents' Blessing took place. After that time, Father had Grandmother Hong cooking in the kitchen. Great Mother was a good cook, but our church was so poor then that we could not afford to buy good food. In any case, she put her whole heart into the preparation of the meals. Most of us really appreciated her cooking.

Once while I was leading a state center, I was called to attend a meeting with Father in Seoul. It was also a poor time. When I arrived Great Mother greeted me with a warm handshake and encouraged me to continue working hard. She gave me some rice and other food. As I ate it, I still remember how much I felt her loving and compassionate heart.

One day, I brought a fish and some sugar given to me by a new member. I will never forget the joy I saw on Great Mother's face that day; she was very happy. During the three years Father had her working in the kitchen, Great Mother suffered a lot. But through it all she made a good indemnity condition for True Mother. Great Mother sacrificed all her life for True Mother.

After finishing at the Ceremony, we came back to our house. Before going to bed I put on the 11:00 news. It was very shocking news! It was unbelievable that East Germany had opened all her national borders and the Berlin Wall was down! Also East Germany lifted its travel restrictions so its citizens could come and go as they wished. Vertically Father prayed for this at the tomb that day.

Just three years ago, Hyo Jin Nim organized a demonstration at the Berlin Wall and prayed with the CARP members to destroy it. But who expected this kind of shocking news? No one in America expected it. No politician or journal-



Rev. Chong Young Ryu

ist expected it. The whole world was shocked. The remarkable thing is that it happened on the day of Great Mother's ascension. It was a truly substantial spiritual phenomena.

In the spiritual world as in the physical world, there are walls or barriers. Because of True Parents' prayer, the gate between the East and West could be opened. In True Parents there is no East and West, South and North. All this time I couldn't help wondering why Great Mother appeared to my wife, in particular, for there are Blessed families on higher levels. So why did she want to appear to my wife? I pondered about this point.

What was Grandmother's mission? She had a wonderful and unique mission to raise True Mother and offer her daughter to God. With all her heart she raised our Mother and offered her to True Father. It was the biggest and most wonderful mission on earth. Soon I would realize how Great Mother's mission was connected to my wife being chosen to have a spiritual encounter with her.

After staying in Korea for three weeks, I went to Japan. Before going, I never thought I would have a chance to give Great Mother's resurrection testimony there. Fortunately, I speak Japanese very well and was able to give her special testimony four times. In Japan we have a special televised system that goes to all of our church members. As I was giving the testimony, a video was made. I am sure it has been televised to all of our Japanese church by now.

Great Mother's mission

As you know Japan is providentially the Eve nation—the national Mother position. Great Mother finished her mission on earth to raise True Mother. From the spirit world she now wants to help raise the Eve nation. We have yet to restore one nation to God and Japan wants to help. Great Mother really wants Japan to do this. I realized this was the reason I was giving Great Mother's resurrection testimony in Japan and this was also why Great Mother appeared to my wife. My wife has great spiritual discipline and prays a lot. If you were to visit our house, you would see an accumulation of several hundred roots of prayer candles around the altar. Therefore, Great Mother appeared to my wife for two reasons: first, because of my wife's deep prayer life and second, so that I might testify in Japan.

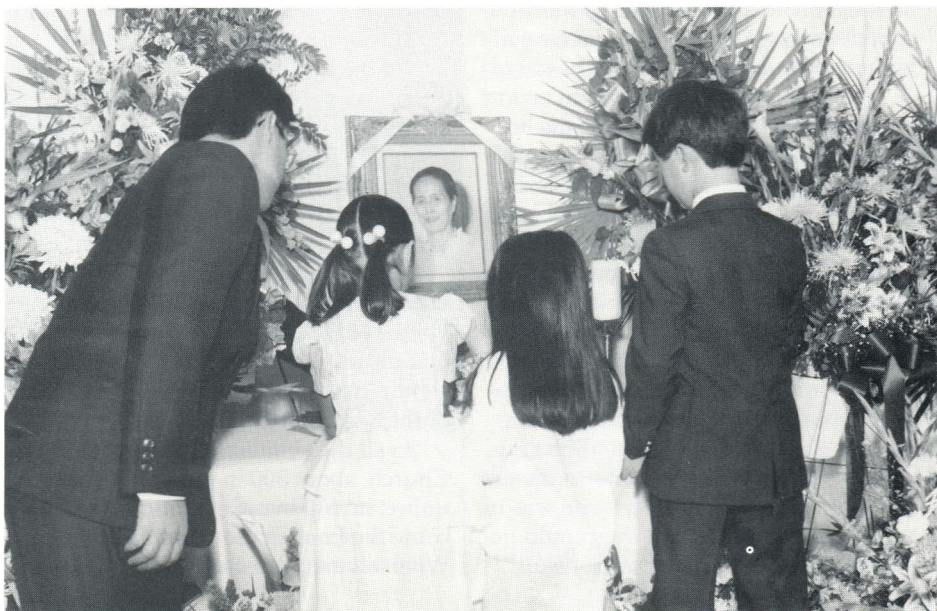
The next day I visited Father at the Do Wan Building in Seoul and asked him, "Father, I heard many testimonies of spiritual beings appearing in visions and dreams, but I never heard of one appearing to someone with their eyes open. It was very strange. How could this be?" Father answered, "If you have a very pure and honest heart, you can see a spiritual being with your eyes open. But if you have an impure heart and mind, you cannot open your spiritual eyes."

From the True Family, Great Mother is the first person to have gone into the spiritual world after having completed her life on earth. Now that she is there, all spiritual world really wants to help

the world have been: 1) Kim Il Sung's North Korea, 2) East Germany and 3) Czechoslovakia with its long-term communist dictator. Already, God has opened East Germany. Now God is opening Czechoslovakia. They've already begun to reform with more changes happening everyday.

Opening the 38th Parallel

The Communist world is opening up to the West. Through witnessing we can make a deep internal foundation and a great victory. No question about it. I am sure that just like East Germany and Czechoslovakia, North Korean cannot help but open the 38th Parallel. There will be no choice; North Korea cannot



The True Family offers incense at Hong Halmonim's Sûng-hwa Ceremony (Belvedere).

God's dispensation and follow us. Father said, "From now on only happy things will occur." We should have confidence. Who expected East Germany would suddenly open her national borders? Who expected the Berlin Wall to fall down? No one expected God's dispensation to take this abrupt turning point. The spiritual world really wants to help us because Father opened the gate.

Father told us, "God prepared everything in the world. But we need to make a better foundation to meet God's preparation." A few days later Father reminded us he declared the collapse of communism in 1983. Soon after, Gorbachev established the policy of glasnost and perestroika. Then all Eastern Europe began to democratize. The three most evil and severe Communist countries in

remain isolated from the world.

My brave brothers and sisters, we can break the 38th parallel and march through it into North Korea, to our True Parents' hometown. That is our ultimate, most precious goal and desire. We should have confidence once more. You should check your heart, your spirit, and your faith once more and go forward. Let's go to our True Parents' hometown!

To achieve this I am sure Great Mother will help us from the spiritual world. She will spearhead the opening of the iron fence at the 38th Parallel. Let's join our hearts and minds together with hers. Let's go hand in hand with Great Mother and gain the victory with her. May God bless you. In the name of True Parents, Amen. □

"Obedient Love"

Hong Halmonim gave her testimony at the Unification Church Headquarters in Tokyo, Japan on December 21, 1973.

My mother was an earnest Christian. When I was born, I was named "Soon-Ae" ("obedient love") by the minister of her church. My mother guided me to become a Christian and trained me for three years under the guidance of Rev. Young-Do Lee. After that period I moved to another church because I was no longer satisfied with our former church and needed a new church on a higher spiritual level.

Next, I met Mrs. Sung-So Kim ("Grandmother Kim") and became her disciple. For fifteen years I was taught by this elder woman who I think had the mission of John the Baptist. One day Grandmother Kim received a revelation and said to another elder woman whose nickname was "Kamsa Halmoni" ("Grandmother Thanks"), "The Heavenly Kingdom is going to be established in Korea. From your house there must appear a man and a woman to fulfill the mission of Joseph and Mary." She also said that her own brother was in the position of Joseph and that his wife was in the position of Mary. But they could not accomplish their mission. As a result,

the wife was taken into the spirit world, and the husband became miserable.

The mission of Pokjung Kyo

Next, God chose Mr. and Mrs. Il-Dug Lee, a couple who were the members of Pokjung Kyo (The Inside Belly Church), and gave them the mission of Joseph and Mary. They were supposed to clear up the resentments of Jesus.

Through revelation, Mr. and Mrs. Lee of the Inside Belly Church knew about Jesus' sorrowful heart. In order to resolve all this heart they prepared and offered all of the things that Jesus would have needed from the time of his birth to the time when he became 12 years old.

Then Mr. and Mrs. Lee received another revelation which said, "Now that you have cleared up the painful heart I had until I became 12 years old, you should make preparations for the Lord of the Second Advent."

So all the believers of the Inside Belly Church, about 300 in number, became united in making preparations to welcome the Lord of the Second Advent. When all the preparations had been

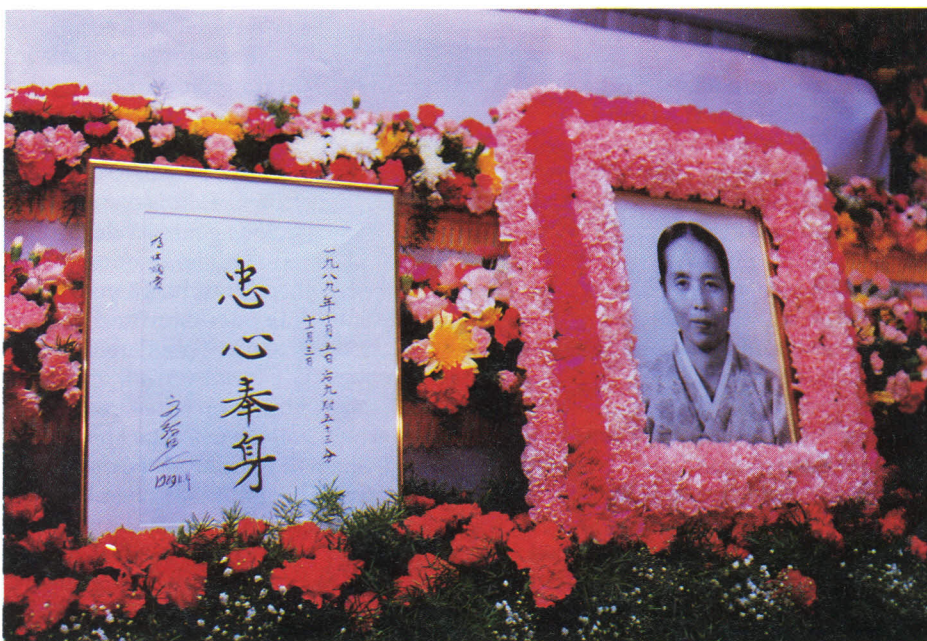
made, Father came to North Korea. I was waiting for the Lord of the Second Advent, too, with my three-year-old daughter (Mother).

The physical father of Mother

Mother was born in a village named Shinli of the Anju District in what is now North Korea at 4:30 a.m. on January 6 (by the lunar calendar), 1943, when I was 30 years old. Her physical father had been a disciple of Rev. Young-Do Lee when he received a revelation which said, "Marry a daughter of a man named Yoo-Il Hong. Her baby, if it is a boy, will become the king of the universe. If it is a girl, she will become the queen of the universe." I met him at the end of February, and became pregnant at the end of March. In my family lineage, there were seven generations which performed meritorious deeds. Three generations of the seven had only one daughter. I had a younger brother, but he was studying in Japan, and it was not certain whether he would ever come back to his house. So, my parents wanted Mr. Han (Mother's father) to be adopted into my family. But, as he was very independent-minded, he rejected the offer and left me. It was when I was seven months pregnant. He did not come back to me even after the baby was born because my parents did not want to give up the baby to him.

Satan comes

In Korea it is the custom that women who have just finished delivery drink seaweed soup. When I was drinking it, Satan came to me and said, "If you leave this baby girl as she is, the world will become terrible in the future. So, you must kill her now." I embraced the baby, saying, "How can I kill my daughter?" At that moment my physical mother came to me and asked what was happening. I told her that Satan had come and ordered me to kill the baby. One week after the incident, when I was wondering why Satan wanted to take my daughter's life, Grandmother Sung-So Kim appeared to



Father's calligraphy reads, "Loyalty of Mind, Dedication of Body."

me from the spirit world and said, "Soon-Ae, this baby is the daughter of the Lord. You must raise her as if you were her nurse."

Exodus to the South

When Mother was six years old, she and I were arrested by the communist regime in North Korea. We had to stay in a prison for 11 days. In those days, I received through revelation that the

that we had come from the North. They welcomed us warmly, saying, "You must have had many difficulties in coming with such a cute child." They gave us money to travel to Seoul, the capital of South Korea.

Everything guided by God

Although we had many difficulties on our way to the South, God protected and guided us all the time. Knowing

rean War broke out. We had to escape to the southern part of the country. Families of soldiers were allowed to get on special trains ahead of others. As soon as our train left Seoul and crossed the Han River, the railway bridge over the river was destroyed. We went to Taegu and stayed there until Mother became a fourth grader.

Going to Jeju Island

Since I had received the revelation that "This child is the Lord's daughter," I made efforts to raise her to be pure and not tainted with sin. The older she grew, the more beautiful she became. She did so well at school and was so popular that she was always the target of attention. I knew boys would try to tempt her, so I let her quit school when she was a fifth grader. I took her to Jeju Island, where we lived a life of prayer, and ate only vegetables.

As I had received revelations that the Heavenly Kingdom on Earth would be realized in Korea and that the Messiah would come to Korea, I raised Mother in such a way that she could meet the Messiah. In other words, I took a child of a playful age to an isolated island and gave her spiritual training. After a while, I was told by revelation to take her to Chunchôn, where my brother was living. We stayed at his house. Mother went to elementary school in this city and eventually graduated from it.

Joining the Unification Church

Soon after we came out of Jeju Island, I met the Unification Church. When I read the Divine Principle, I found many similarities to what I had learned

through the Inside Belly Church. Therefore, I thought the author of this book must be an extraordinary man. I went to Elder Deong, the physical brother of "Grandmoth-

er Thanks," for consultation. He said, "The Unification Church teaches the same things as what I was taught by the Inside Belly Church. The central figure of the Unification Church is a young man. He is handsome and often sings songs."

I said to him, "Is he not the man who is to come?" Shortly after that, I became



Father offers a prayer at East Garden.

Lord of the Second Advent was in the South. I keenly felt that I would have to go to find the Messiah. My physical father told his wife and me to escape to the South. Mother was a very pretty girl with a fine physique. Her manner of speaking was also very good. She spoke very carefully so that no one could accuse her. So, even the communist government officials were kind to her and sold her apples and other goods although there were not kind enough to sell anything to us adults.

My physical mother, I and my daughter (Mother) escaped from the residential area at midnight, and walked to the boundary between North and South Korea. When we were crossing the line, Mother asked me, "Do we have to sing the songs praising Kim-Il Sung anymore? Can I sing the songs of South Korea?" When I said, "Yes, you can," she started singing. While we were walking on the boundary area, the soldiers of the South started shooting. But when they heard the songs by Mother, they stopped. We told them

that the Lord of the Second Advent lived in the south, we often offered three bows on the way south even on roads.

We came to Seoul for the first time in our lives. Fortunately, my younger brother was staying there as a soldier.

I received revelations day after day. Although it had been announced that Father's engagement ceremony would take place on March 1, no one except me knew who the bride would be.

Wondering how we could meet him, I offered prayer as soon as we arrived at the city. Then a friend of my younger brother happened to pass by on the street, and we were able to see my brother.

We stayed with my brother in Seoul. Mother began to go to an elementary school. After a while, however, the Ko-

a member of the Unification Church.

Before I joined the Unification Church and met Father, I had a dream. In the dream I saw a river streaming from the East. I saw white sand in the stream. A tortoise shell boat came out of the water. On hearing the noise of the boat, a golden dragon jumped out of the water and came to me. Surprised, I woke up. I did not know at that time that the golden dragon symbolized the Messiah.

Being informed through dreams

As soon as I joined the Unification Church, I thought that I had to live a life of service. Since I had learned the importance of dedication while I was a member of the Inside Belly Church, I decided to dedicate myself to the Unification Church. I asked my younger brother to take care of my physical mother and my daughter.

thought that since God had lost women due to the fall, He had been looking for women for 6,000 years. I also saw Mother, my daughter, walking directly to Father. While she was walking to his seat, lightning flashed with thunder in all directions in the sky and then gathered at one point. Tens of thousands of people were watching the scene enviously. Seeing the vision, I wondered what it meant. I had no idea that my daughter would become Father's wife.

For a long time, Mother had been raised for the purpose of meeting the Messiah. Therefore, even though she was clever, she was used to being absolutely obedient.

The mother of Sung Jin Nim tried to keep Father housebound, thus hindering Father in fulfilling his mission. Later, she divorced herself from Father. Father, who could not help but promote the Providence, had to look for his

er were inspired and said that the bride of Rev. Moon had appeared.

It was announced that Father had decided to have the engagement ceremony on March 1, 1960. The day was coming near at hand, but there was no announcement as to who would be the bride. Both God and Father must have been impatient for the ceremony had to be held by all means to promote the Providence.

In those days, I had another dream. A phoenix descended from the heavens. Another phoenix ascended from the earth. They came together in the sky. The eyes of the heavenly phoenix looked very much like those of Father.

One day when I was observing the pledge service after taking a cold bath in the early morning, I saw a vision in which I was told that the heavenly phoenix symbolized Father and the earthly phoenix symbolized Mother. I was very inspired and danced around, shouting, "Heavenly Father, we are no longer orphans. Our True Parents have come, haven't they? We have become True Parents' children, haven't we?" From that time on, I no longer had the feeling that Mother was my physical daughter.

Since then, I received revelations day after day. Although it had been announced that Father's engagement ceremony would take place on March 1, no one except me knew who the bride would be. So, I bowed in the direction of Mother who was staying in a high school dormitory. I bowed towards Father as well.

Mother looked childish while she was 16 years old. But when she became 17, she looked more mature. Whenever she came to the Church, the atmosphere became very bright. Father seemed to be staring at her steadily. His eyes fixed on her even though many other people were there. Another 17-year-old girl would have felt embarrassed if someone looked at her in that way, but Mother remained calm and fearless.

One day Father said to me, "Bring your daughter immediately to me!" Then, Father met with Mother face to face. At the meeting, Father investigated the internal quality of Mother. He asked her many questions for nine hours. Watching Mother answering the questions boldly, I was surprised at her inner fortitude. Finally, Father said to her, "From now on, you shall have a good tutor." He told me to go out, and called in Mrs. Won-Pok Choi.



Grandmother Hong cuts her birthday cake on April 10, 1977.

In the Unification Church, I lived a life of attendance for eight months, starting with serving as a cook. I attended Father with such a dedicated heart that I got ill and had to be hospitalized. While I was in the hospital, Mr. Si-Jong Kim had a dream in which Father, wearing a crown and golden robe, bowed in front of me. I had a dream, too. In my dream, all of the women of the Unification Church wearing white robes were entering Father's room with a pink flower in each hand. When I looked back, I saw women who were not church members, also standing in line with pink flowers. At that time, I

spouse again.

It was when Mother was a 14-year-old junior high student that she met Father for the first time. I took her to Father, saying, "I will let you meet the Lord of the Second Advent." When Mother saw Father, she bowed deeply. Father said to me, "You have such a pretty daughter, don't you? Does she do well at school?" Since that time, Mother had no chance to see Father until she became 17 years old.

True Parents

When she reached the age of 17 in 1960, many people gifted with spiritual pow-

For one month until March 1, Mother lived a life of attendance to Mrs. Choi. When other members saw Mrs. Choi and a young woman eating the food which had come from Father's table, they said to one another, "Who is that girl?" Some people with deep faith thought she must be a woman of great significance.

At last, the engagement ceremony took place on March 1, 1960. The wedding ceremony was held twice on March 16: once at noon and once at night. At the wedding ceremony, Holy Salt was used for the first time. Because True Parents had come into being on earth, we can consecrate all things with Holy Salt.

Then I went through a three-year period of indemnity. It was a period of trial for me. The daughter had become the Mother. The mother had become the daughter. Whenever I became arrogant, I was struck by Heaven. Father also gave me tests. Even when I greeted him, he would not say a word to me nor would he even look at me. It seemed to me that all of the members of the Unification Church treated me in the same way. I became ill. I had stomach pains

as if I had cancer. Satan tested me in that way. I had to spend this three-year period eating nothing but a cup of rice soup a day.

In the past I had experienced a period of suffering in the course of my life of faith in search of the Messiah, and I was determined to endure this period by not becoming arrogant, but by being grateful for these suffering trials.

Seven-year course of suffering

I do not think it is possible for anybody but those sent by Heaven to change their position from that of an 18-year-old girl to that of Mother.

The seven-year course after the wedding was indeed a period of indescribable difficulty. But Mother persevered all the difficulties in silence. She achieved victory, giving birth to children one by one. Until In Jin Nim was born in 1965, I always had the same dream. It was a dream in which Mother with her hair loosened came to me saying, "I am very tired. Let me rest by your side."

It was only after Heung Jin Nim was born in 1966 that Mother allowed herself to be relaxed in the Church. Before that, she could not be relaxed because of

too many hardships.

When the seven-year course was over, Father proclaimed God's Day on January 1, 1968. On that day, Father blessed Mother, crying in his prayer, "Heavenly Father, please look at your victorious daughter."

The purpose of the 6,000 year course of restoration was to look for one victorious Eve as well as Adam. No matter how great Father may be, he cannot become truly successful without finding a victorious woman. Unless Father found such a victorious Mother before he became 60 years old, he would have been a total failure.

Looking back, I had been following a lonely path in order to give birth to Mother and raise her. When the seven-year course was over, I was told to live a life of attendance to Mother and her children. But I did not do exactly as I was told because I did not have confidence in myself. I did not obey the heavenly laws. As a result, I had to have even more difficulties. Many times I was nearly killed. I was ill most of the time. I have realized how much heavy indemnity we must pay if we disobey heavenly laws. □

S U N G - H W A A D D R E S S

Hong Halmonim Was The "Good Earth"

by Rev. Joong Hyun Pak

Belvedere, November 6, 1989

Luke 8:8: "And some seed fell into good soil and grew, and yielded a hundredfold."

In Korea, Father gave the title "Great Mother" to Hong Halmonim. The symbol for 'mother' is 'earth'. Our Hong Halmonim was just like the good earth. Who are the True Parents? They are the first true seeds sent by God. Hong Halmonim offered True Mother for the sake of history as that seed. She was dedicated to supporting and protecting the True Parents and True Family just like good earth.

In Luke 8:15, Jesus explains about the good earth: "And as for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bring forth fruit with patience." Hong Halmonim lived up to

these words.

After True Parents' Holy Wedding in 1960, the first sev-

en-year course was Mother's challenge and her way to victory. During that seven years, I saw that Hong Halmonim had such a humble attitude and meek heart. She was never proud. She visited Chungpadong Headquarters for seven years to attend service there. She always loved and prayed for the brothers and sisters who were pioneering at that time.

When True Parents had to move to the worldwide level and come to America, she came with them. She prayed for brothers and sisters all over the world, and also for the staff at East Garden and Belvedere. She would pray for them one by one, by name and mission. Hong

Halmonim really respected American brothers and sisters. She supported the leadership, for her prayer was always for the unity of the leaders with True Parents. When Hong Halmonim returned to Korea, I remember the scene at the terminal of True Parents' separation from Hong Halmonim. As she was boarding, she walked backwards so she could see True Parents. At every step she would bow, until she couldn't see them anymore. Her position was as Father's mother-in-law, but she was humble, obedient and respectful to True Parents.

I visited Korea several times and had the chance to meet Hong Halmonim many times. Whenever she appeared in front of True Parents, the first thing she would do is "Aboji Mansei."

Like the good earth, our Hong Hal-

monim had a good personality, a good spirit, and good life. God used this foundation as a nurturing field to enable True Mother to appear in front of human history. All of us have to prepare this kind of good earth for God to use.

If the good earth receives a seed, the seed must then grow and develop deep roots. Hong Halmonim was deeply connected to the spiritual world through her prayer life. She received so much guidance and many revelations from the spirit world. She led a life of deep prayer and meditation and dedicated herself to awaiting the Second Advent, just like the parable Jesus taught about the five wise virgins preparing their lanterns. Even when she lay down to sleep, she never slept on her back. She slept on her side with her hands in a prayer position, so that at any time in the night she could awake and pray. This kind of deep prayer life also became the foundation for True Mother's appearance on the earth.

If the seed grows, the earth has the responsibility to support the new growth and supply many vital elements to nourish the plant. Hong Halmonim's whole life was dedicated to seeing True Mother grow up in a God-centered way, studying and connecting to God.

Hong Halmonim fulfilled the role of protector. When True Mother was seven

or eight years old, the Korean War broke out. At that time, Hong Halmonim escaped with our True Mother from North Korea down to South Korea. It was God's protection, based on Hong Halmonim's fulfilling her portion of responsibility of protecting True Mother. The Korean War was so terrible. People were hungry, homeless, without jobs, barely escaping with their lives. Everyone became refugees. People had no way to survive. You can imagine how Hong Halmonim struggled, one weak

She led a life of faith in which she asked God everything and received answers from Him directly.

woman, all alone, to survive and take care of True Mother, still educating her and guiding her. But she fulfilled her responsibility towards True Mother.

In November of 1955, she joined Unification Church. In Pyung Yang, she had twice seen Father in a vision from God. When she finally met him in person, can you imagine how tearfully joyful and grateful she was! From that time, she led a life of faith in which she asked God everything and received answers from him directly. She continued to educate True Mother to live an honest, sincere life of faith and to have a

heart of longing towards Heaven. She understood True Mother's position towards Father, and on March 16, 1960 (lunar calendar), she offered True Mother in the Holy Wedding. Before the Holy Wedding, Hong Halmonim was True Mother's mother. But after, everything was turned upside down. She became the daughter of True Mother.

Through her foundation of faith and substance, Hong Halmonim was able to support True Mother so that True Mother could bring 30 years of victory.

From now on, we should really follow Hong Halmonim's tradition of faith and dedication. She really showed us an example of a good personality, a good heart, and the way to have a successful family and tribe. She dedicated

herself to the success of the world mission. We have to become the "good earth" like Hong Halmonim. We have to dedicate our lives for God, True Parents, True Family, and the second generation.

In Korea, Father wrote in special calligraphy, "She dedicated her whole life to the heart of loyalty." On this historical day, let us rededicate ourselves to saving America and the world and to bring the victory to God and True Parents in the way Hong Halmonim has showed us through her life. □

Everything with Prayer

by Miho Panzer

Testimony and prayer offered on the occasion of Hong Halmonim's ascension.

I offer a deep prayer for the ascension of our beloved Mrs. Hong. Recalling her greatness I would like to express my feelings toward her to the best of my knowledge.

To begin with, she was a prayerful person. She was always praying from early morning until late at night. She was a person who loved our True Parents and the True Children more deeply than anyone else. She prayed for each one of our members around the clock.

In her room she kept a prayer candle burning at all times. She sat upright and prayed tearfully in front of it. And besides her formal prayer time, she did

everything with prayer. She prayed even when she was walking. I could always hear the whispering voice of her prayer. I can clearly recall Hong Halmonim going to the Holy Ground to pray deeply.

She woke up earlier than anyone else in the morning, dressed and then started the day by bowing three times in front of True Parents' room and then each of the True Children's rooms. Also, before she retired to her room at night she again bowed in the same manner in front of each room. She was second to none in loving the True Family. She constantly prayed for the sake of their

safety.

Furthermore, I recall her being not only a faithful person but also a woman of love. I had an unforgettable personal experience with her. One day I showed a little fatigue. She sensed it and called me to her room right away and gave me a whole piece of honey ginseng saying, "Miho, eat this and keep your body healthy to serve the True Parents. After eating it, please have a little rest here." Truly she was a lovely person. How deep her heart was!

Whenever the the True Parents took a trip, she prayed for their safety and well-being until they came back home.

And she was always purifying East Garden by scattering pinches of Holy Salt and praying. She sang holy songs at all times.

She prayed deeply for each one of the True Children. She prayed for brothers and sisters who were having difficulties on the front line. She prayed for each leader and each member of the East Garden staff, mentioning their names one by one.

Whenever she had time, she came down to the kitchen and checked the taste and nutrition of the food the True Parents were going to eat. She was worried about them, particularly about their health. Around the time she first arrived in East Garden she made kimchi by herself and served it to the True Parents. Thus the True Parents could taste the same kimchi in East Garden as they had in Korea.

In the early summer of 1979, she went back to Korea. At that time the True Parents themselves went to the airport to see her off. How carefully and painstakingly she attended the True Family, praying day in and day out. She was a person who set an example of what faith should be for each one of our members. She did so by practicing her faith with few words.

I had several opportunities to meet her in Korea. Every morning she paid a



Seated on the lawn at East Garden, from left to right: Mrs. Haruko Kanari, Soon Ae Hong Halmonim, Lady Doctor Kim and Mrs. David Kim.

members' level and helped their green and immature faith grow up. She took kind care of us as if she were our real grandmother. And she always walked the path of a pioneer.

Since she joined the church in 1955, she put herself in the front line to fight for our cause more earnestly than anyone else. And on November 3, 1989, at the age of 75, she was finally called by our Heavenly Father and went to the place where our elder brother Heung Jin Nim resides.

When the Sûng-hwa Ceremony was held in Belvedere at 8 a.m. on November 6, 1989, at exactly the same time as in Korea, I had the opportunity to attend the ceremony along with other members.

I wondered how much she wanted to

see the Kingdom of Heaven on Earth with her own eyes. I deeply repented. If we had dedicated ourselves more to the accomplishment of God's will with much deeper faith, God's Providence could have progressed much more rapidly and the Kingdom of Heaven could have been already realized upon this earth. Now that the world has been changing dramatically and all people are looking for freedom, I wish that Hong Halmonim could have seen the

Kingdom of Heaven on Earth while she was still here.

I deeply repent, but at the same time I feel deeply grateful to her. Upon the victory of her strong faith, True Mother could be sent to this earth and the True Family could win the victory. And the harvest time has come.

The Prayer

Thank you so much, Hong Halmonim. Through the Sûng-hwa Ceremony you ascended into Heaven in the midst of True Parents, True Children and all our members watching you, accompanied by our deep love and holy songs. And since you reached Heaven, you again started leading a prayerful life, did you not? You will start the path of a pioneer more determinedly than ever, will you not?

We should feel the presence of Hong Halmonim more closely than ever, and with the help of her deep prayer, dedicate ourselves more to our cause and completely unite with the heart of the True Parents and the True Children. In this manner, God's Providence can be accomplished as soon as possible.

I express my gratitude for this opportunity to be able to make a redetermination together with all our members. And also for being able to share my testimony of our beloved Hong Halmonim with all our members, I am grateful from the bottom of my heart. □

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visit to the True Parents' home and lovingly waited for the True Parents to come out of their room. At breakfast time, she deeply bowed three times in front of the True Parents and, representing all brothers and sisters, gave three cheers saying, "Abonim, Omonim, Man-sei!" She started each day in that manner.

She was a humble person. The house she lived in was also a very simple one. She came down to each one of our

"Creating Religious History"

CWR Conferences in Spain and the Soviet Union

Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak and Dr. Frank Kaufmann traveled to the Soviet Union to attend the Council of the World's Religions conference on "The Trinitarian Basis of Christian Unity" held in Moscow from October 28—November 1, 1989.

In addition, Dr. Kaufmann attended a CWR-sponsored conference in Toledo, Spain on "Influences in the Reconfiguration of Modern Judaism," also held in November. Dr. Kaufmann's article is taken from a testimony he gave recently to the brothers and sisters of the International Religious Foundation (IRF), edited for Today's World.

by Dr. Frank Kaufmann

The events which I have experienced recently are monumental in many ways. I will report them in reverse order since the more exciting tales come from Moscow. The more recent of the two conferences occurred in Toledo, Spain, November 9-13, 1989, with the theme, "Influences in the Reconfiguration of Modern Judaism." Toledo is a fascinating city, the site of significant events in the histories of Judaism, Christianity, and Islam. Toledo has seen some of the most profound and intimate cooperation among these religions, as well as being the site of the Spanish Inquisition, a holocaust in its own day.

CWR Jewish conferences have always been a special challenge due to the persecution of the Unification Movement by certain influential North American Jews. It has required great blessings to gradually erode the persistent effects of this opposition. These blessings continued at the fifth CWR Jewish

conference. The 1988 conference marked our first clear breakthrough. The participants then were important, well-known representatives of worldwide Judaism. This trend continued, and even improved, this year. Participants at the Toledo conference included four or five people who are coming to occupy a position of definitive authority in Jewish scholarship, the "next generation." The elder generation of Jewish scholars were writing when the Holocaust occurred. (Gershom Sholem, Franz Rosenzweig, and Martin Buber are well known examples.) Following them came scholars from among victims, survivors and contemporaries of the Holocaust (like Rubenstein, Fackenheim, Idel, and Schatz Uffenheimer). The emerging leadership consists of scholars who know of the Holocaust mostly from their parents and elders. These are the people who will guide Jewish thought for the next forty years or so. Such important

scholars were with us this year.

Change of heart

First-time participants inevitably come with a great deal of suspicion, and this year was certainly no exception. Opening remarks were challenging, and at times even confrontational. For much of the conference they would not even talk to the Unificationists there! Fortunately, the humility and sacrifice of the Unification staff members, Jane Sharpe and

"I look forward to the possibility of welcoming the Unification Church to work in Russian society."

John Lowry, and the unconditional generosity built into these conferences moved our guests tremendously. They arrived with suspicion, sure they would find the hidden, Unificationist agenda. But when the ugly, ulterior motive never arrived, the participants started to feel guilty for having acted so suspiciously toward their hosts. This change transformed itself into a repentance of a sort. CWR conferences always have a session for Rev. Kwak's address. It is also the session for questions about the sponsorship and the Unification Church. At this time the true concerns emerge. Father's motivation is usually the bottom line of concern. We do our best to answer, and the participants who know us longer also help to allay the initial doubts and suspicions. Since our actions are true and sincere, this eventually causes the participants to have a change of heart. It is almost for-



Russian and Western theologians exchange viewpoints at the Danislovski Monastery in Moscow.

tunate that they arrive with such negative attitudes, for then any change of heart is more radical. The no-strings sponsorship never seems quite comprehensible to the participants, but our agenda is really quite simple. It is, in fact, what every religious person should do: serve God and others unconditionally.

For days, these participants avoided the Unificationists, not talking to them. Suddenly, as it seems okay to do so, the Unificationists are put on overtime. At dinner, our plates would remain untouched as explanations for every detail about the Unification Church were sought. Every table is animated with summaries of the Divine Principle, the

cow these days is exciting. History unfolds before your eyes, and the population is alive. Everyone you meet is excited and full of opinions. Each one is a self-ordained political analyst, wanting to share the "real" situation with you. Developments happen too fast to catch the full significance and import. I believe that both Rev. Kwak's and the conference's presence there at this incredible time was indeed a part of this great moment in history. 1988 marked the Millennial celebration of Christianity in Russia. Seven days prior to the conference, the 400th Anniversary of the establishment of the Russian Orthodox Patriarchy was celebrated. Also, 14 days prior to our arrival the patriarch who

lived during the October Revolution and at the time of Father's birth was canonized a saint. As with the New Era's "Religion in China" Conference, the miracle of the timing cannot be ignored.

The conference was special for several reasons. Though the Soviet Union and South Korea do not

have diplomatic relations, Rev. Kwak was able to be there due to a personal invitation from the Russian Orthodox Church. They were the co-sponsors of this conference, and they sent letters of official invitation to each of the guests to guarantee that they could enter the country. Such letters are as good as visas!

Conference participants were selected on the basis of their reputation as Trinitarian theologians. Due to our fascinating venue, we could attract Western scholars of an extremely high caliber. These prominent European and American Christians also had powerful experiences at the conference, and recognized the quality and goodness of the Unification contribution to the world of religion. Twelve Russian Orthodox participants were also in attendance.

Among them was the Archbishop of Armenia and a Bishop who was the individual responsible for having opened up avenues of communication between

the Russian Orthodox Church and the Roman Catholic Church, and also for having involved the Russian Orthodox Church with the World Council of Churches. I am sure that the transforming experience of these important figures will make our future relations with the World Council of Churches less rocky than it has been in the past.

Many of our CWR friends and associates have said it will take at least 15 years to break down worldwide negativity to the Unification Church. To the external eye that seems reasonable. But God needs only a few seconds when the conditions are right, and this seemed to be happening at this conference.

A step of affirmation

Rev. Kwak accomplished a great deal during his stay. He met people in virtually every sphere of influence in the Soviet Union, including a private audience with the head of the Department of External Affairs of the Orthodox Church, the Metropolitan. The meeting, arranged for the final day, was quite beautiful.

Rev. Kwak congratulated the Metropolitan on the emergence of religious freedom in Russia, and offered to be helpful in concrete ways, including computer training and other forms of education. The Metropolitan seemed moved and grateful. Together they looked through the book of Father's worldwide activities that was published for the Olympics. The Metropolitan was particularly surprised to find that it was printed in Russian. Discussions also included the possibility of holding the 1993 Assembly of World Religions in Moscow. Finally he attempted to close the meeting with the encouraging words, "We look forward to ongoing relations with your foundation and with your founder," a big step of affirmation from the Metropolitan. But Rev. Kwak was under Father's very difficult direction to seek Russian Orthodox support for the operation of the Unification Church within the Soviet Union. Defying the Metropolitan's attempt to close, he sat back down. "Given the fact that there is religious freedom in Russia," he said, "would the Russian Orthodox Church support the legalization of the Unification Church in the Soviet Union?" The Metropolitan, realizing he was facing an extremely poignant moment, leaned back in his chair and began to speak. He said, "Now, both in East and West, political leaders recognize the need for religion to save their societies from social



Banquet at the home of Metropolitan Philaret.

Blessing, fundraising stories and other aspects of our life and beliefs. The experiences of these leaders will ultimately lead to cooperation and mutual respect between Jews and Unification members.

Although these developments are especially interesting to us, we must remember that the conferences have their own integrity and vital function in the religious world. The conversations are intense, committed and crucial to the health and development of the religions represented by those gathered. It would be most helpful for *Today's World* readers to learn of the content of these important gatherings, which may be gained through reading the conference reports that appear in the IRF Newsletter.

The Moscow conference

The Moscow CWR conference was held from October 28-November 1, 1989, in the Danislovski Monastery in Moscow, with the theme, "The Trinitarian Basis of Christian Unity." Just to be in Mos-

disintegration and moral decline. When politicians talk to religious leaders, they are very serious. At such times, it is the responsibility of the established, historical religions to protect the society and believers from misinterpretations of the religious experience. The world is full of sects and cults. But it has always been the responsibility of the Russian Orthodox Church to cooperate with and support all true religions. So I look forward to the possibility of welcoming the Unification Church to work in the Russian society." Rev. Kwak then thanked him and we left.

To Christian unity

That same evening the conference ended, and to celebrate, the Metropolitan invited all the participants to his house. He has a beautiful dacha on the outskirts of Moscow. We arrived and were welcomed first to the reception room. All acted prim and proper. We sat amidst the splendor of priceless icons, being served with Russian crystal. But the Metropolitan seemed very relaxed and cordial as he received reports from the conference. Finally he commented, "Well, good, I am glad you call your work a success. I have also received reports from my people which confirm what you've said."

We were then led to the dining room. Only three people were given specific seats of honor: Dr. Francis Clark across from him, the Archbishop of Armenia to his right, and myself on his left. There were incredibly important religious leaders there, and I was forced to think back on Father's promises that soon we would be sitting at heads of tables with world leaders.

As the meal commenced, the Metropolitan proposed a toast to Christian unity: "I shall go alphabetically so as not to forget or offend anyone," and then he began. We toasted to the Anglicans, the Baptists, and to the Roman Catholics. His toast to the Catholics lasted several minutes. He went into the long history of difficulty between the Orthodox and the Roman Catholic Churches. After the Lutherans, Dr. Clark said, "And so we have come to O. Let us recognize the graciousness of the Orthodox hosts who have sponsored us," and all glasses were raised. The

toasts seemed finished; all the Christian denominations had been named, but everyone knew that there had been an important omission. I had been given this seat of honor but was ignored in the toast. The Metropolitan's direct assistant read the situation and with social grace and acuity said, "Oh, to our organizers, how could we forget them? Let

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us toast to our organizers and their brilliant organizational work." Everyone toasted enthusiastically to the organizers, I am sure, with some relief and gratitude to the wise Bishop. I then gave a response toast, as had a representative of each denomination when they were toasted. I drew upon Father's spirit, truth and love. My toast reflected Father's endless love for Christianity. Sur-

gin to spread. Dr. Francis Clark, our long time friend, took the floor and began a small speech: "Your eminence, I would like to point out that the alphabet has not been completed. As a Catholic, I do not share the theological views of the Unification Church, but I have worked with them for many years, and would like to testify to Rev. Moon and

his followers." Before he could finish completing his toast to the Unificationists, others around the table interrupted to add their own words of encouragement about the Unification Church. So we were

then toasted, and the Metropolitan ended the meeting right there, asking his Archbishop to close with prayer.

Just a few hours earlier, in his meeting with Rev. Kwak, the Metropolitan pledged his support if he discovered us to be a true religion. Now from around the table was a clamor of voices of Christian theological experts insisting that "the Unification Church is good, real, and true."

The story ends here, with one fascinating fact to add: when we returned to our hotel rooms that evening we discovered that Russian television was showing a special TV documentary on Rev. Moon and the Unification Church. It included interviews with Father, Rev. Kwak and Dr. Bo Hi Pak. It was a completely positive program about Father and the Unification Church. So my private hope and prayer was that after the Metropolitan waved good-bye to his friends at the door, he turned on the television to sit and relax for a

while before going to sleep, only to see us again, this time on Russian television.

Again, as with the Jewish conference, I encourage the *Today's World* readership to avoid the mistaken belief that these conferences are merely to promote the Unification Church. They are the sincere gift of Father to each religion, and it is the sincere offering of these wonderful hosts and participants to dedicate themselves to the vitality and ultimate unity of their treasured religious communities. □



Metropolitan Philaret and Rev. Kwak look at Father's worldwide activities book.

prising things then began to occur. The Baptist became inspired and stood up to speak for a second time. He first spoke about the Orthodox/Baptist relationship in Russia, a complicated history as the Baptist Church was underground during communist rule at a time when many Orthodox leaders were actually Communist Party members. Then he pointed to me and added, "And to this young man, who knows when to stay silent, but when he speaks, speaks directly to the heart with words of truth." This public praise caused courage to be-

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The voice of Reverend Moon is heeded by thousands of followers of the Unification Church in many countries of the world, the church founded by him in 1954. His religious quests have helped these people in their search for the meaning of life in a world torn by the sharpest moral contradictions. Many of the ideas of Reverend Moon are far from the views which are widely disseminated in our society. At the same time, his profound interest in the human being, to whom he attributes the highest priority of spirituality, leads his ideas, in their own way, to have much in common with the concept of "new thinking."

Q: Your daughter-in-law Hoon Sook (Julia) Moon is a ballerina, and she will soon appear on the stage of the Kirov Theater in Leningrad. Does this testify to your personal interest in cultural collaboration between South Korea and the Soviet Union?

A: I am very happy that Hoon Sook will dance on the stage of the Kirov Theater. I know very well the high artistic traditions which have long characterized Russian ballet, and the Kirov and Bolshoi companies in particular. Hoon Sook has a tremendous talent, and she has worked very hard to develop her skills. She has long dreamt of performing in the Soviet Union, and this is her first opportunity. But this landmark in the artistic career of my daughter-in-law is also, at the same time, an important moment in the development of my personal contact with the Soviet Union.

I have long been interested in the arts. Several years ago I founded the Universal Ballet Company, which now has its own school in Washington, D.C. This project was the culmination of a series of other cultural undertakings which I have been developing over the past twenty years. About ten years ago I became involved with the New York City Symphony Orchestra, and I took part in the founding of the international choir, New Hope Singers, as well as several other musical groups, orchestras, and ensembles.

Over two decades ago, I had the idea to acquaint other parts of the world with the culture of Korea. At that time I created the Little Angels, the Korean children's dance ensemble, which has since performed in over 60 nations around the world, with over 300 television appearances. This troupe was made up of children because I felt that children, more than anyone else, represent peace. Before children, even the most cynical people throw down their usual masks and become capable of feeling the purity and love which all human beings seek.

I am always inspired by true talent and artistic genius. This might help you to understand my tremendous respect

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for the Kirov Ballet of Leningrad. This theater is a living embodiment of Russian tradition. It has inherited the classical repertoire and has had the most profound influence on the art of ballet throughout the world.

In my opinion, the Kirov Ballet is especially fortunate to have Oleg Vinogradov as its artistic director. I have great respect for him and for his talent. I am even hoping that he will be able to di-

rect our own program, which would allow us to master the traditions of the Kirov Theater. This type of artistic exchange between the United States and the Soviet Union would realistically advance the objectives of glasnost and perestroika. The Soviet Union, the United States, and the whole world will benefit.

Q: Overall, the level of tension between nations in the world is declining. We are witnessing countries, which only a few years ago saw each other as enemies, now beginning to work toward cooperation. The world needs such cooperation to solve the burning issues of the day—environmental, social, and most importantly, the problem of world peace. How do you regard these changes?

A: I wholeheartedly welcome the lessening of tension among the nations of the world. The goal of my life's efforts has been to foster an environment conducive to true and lasting peace on earth. And I am not alone in this endeavor. All people are seeking peace. So we might ask, "Why has peace not come?" It is easy to say "peace" but achieving it is tremendously arduous.

In my opinion, if we have not achieved peace, it is because people forget its most fundamental aspect. Before

we talk about peace among nations, we must settle our peace with God. Man is created to develop himself during his physical existence as a God-like individual. Tragically, without having achieved this goal, it has been impossible to have peace with God and with other people.

With our selfishness, we block our own development and the development of other people and nations. The greatest barrier to peace in our world today is greed and selfishness in the human heart. Individual greed opens the way to national greed. This leads to divisiveness and conflict among people and nations. Tragically, this has caused so much bloodshed and needless human suffering. Millions have senselessly

perished.

Certainly economic and social problems are important to resolve. However, to find a lasting solution to these problems, we must first address this issue of human greed and selfishness. Otherwise, even though we make changes in systems, the individuals who guide such systems will also be tempted to use them for their own personal ends.

What our world most needs today is, therefore, a spiritual revolution. Then we can successfully solve our economic and social problems. If each individual

his efforts will come from every corner of the world.

Also I believe that the Soviet Union must make efforts in two other areas. One of these is religious freedom. I congratulate President Gorbachev because I know very well of the significant progress that has already been made in this area.

Secondly, I would encourage the efforts you are making in business and commerce to develop a wider-based individual incentive system. When people are stimulated, they are inclined to

work hard and produce more. This is the secret of the success of the free enterprise systems.

Once again, I would like to say that I really appreciate the courage and ideas of President Gorbachev. I am willing to support his program in any way that I can so that it can succeed. The Soviet Union must succeed in this effort. It is a mandate of history.

Q: Reverend Moon, you are known not only as a spiritual leader, but also as a most successful businessman. What are the most important projects which you are working on in the world today?

A: As I have already said, my lifetime desire is to achieve world peace. As you may know, in 1981, in Seoul, at the 10th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, where prominent scientists gathered together from over 100 nations of the world, I announced my plans for an International Peace Highway. When this massive project is completed, it will be possible to drive by automobile with one's family from Tokyo to London.

In my opinion, the International Peace Highway will help to unite people into one human family. And surely modern technology almost obliges us to live as one family if we are to survive. Already work on the undersea tunnel which will connect the Korean peninsula with Japan has substantially moved forward. We have completed the planning stage and initial excavation has already started.

A couple of years ago, I conveyed this idea to officials of the Peoples' Republic of China. They expressed posi-

tive interest in the project and are conducting a feasibility study. Of course this project will eventually have to involve the Soviet Union because of its key geographical position in both Europe and Asia. I hope that I can establish contact with representatives of your government.

At the present time, I am also helping to create an automobile production city in Southern China in order to enhance the People's Republic of China's export opportunities. It is an exciting challenge to help to create an exportable car for Mainland China, and it will happen in the not too distant future. The modernization of China will help to assure the well-being of over one billion people. This is crucial for future world peace.

There are three primary enemies of humankind: hunger, disease and human ignorance. The nations of the world need to pool their strengths to conquer these enemies. These problems are particularly severe in Africa, Central and South America.

This is why the future industrial development of the resources of the Pacific Ocean is so important. I have founded businesses which perform every aspect of the fishing industry, from the design and construction of large fishing vessels, to the catching of fish, to the construction of fish farms. In the future the sea will provide nutrition and livelihood for many of the world's peoples. Its mastery is a reliable means to end world hunger.

Q: I understand that you have declined to give any interviews since the early 1970s. And yet you are now giving an interview to, of all people, a journalist from the USSR! Some people in my country think of you as an enemy of the Soviet Union. What is your true relationship to my Motherland and its people?

A: Yes, I am granting this interview only because the Russian people are dear to me and the development of the Soviet Union in its current period occupies a special place in my heart. I believe that the outcome of the Soviet Union's current program of restructuring will determine the future course of history.

But now about myself. I will be frank and honest with you when I say that I am not at all an enemy of the USSR. Furthermore, I am not anyone's enemy. Take, for example, my experience in



Soviet journalist Vladimir Iordanski

and each nation can recognize the value of a fraternal spirit of cooperation, they are then prepared to address, as you said, "the burning issues of the day," including the pursuit of world peace.

Q: The Soviet Union is launching the concept of "new thinking" about international cooperation. In our opinion, the world is facing such critical issues that the nations of the world must set aside personal interests and develop cooperation. What do you think about this concept?

A: First of all, I would like to congratulate President Gorbachev for his sincere and determined effort to launch glasnost and perestroika. President Gorbachev is a man of great courage and conviction.

I know very well that his great political reforms, based on "new thinking," have had enormous influence on international relations. Undoubtedly, the Soviet Union still has many economic difficulties. But I am rather optimistically regarding the future of the Soviet Union. As more people appreciate President Gorbachev's sincere desire to bring about real change, greater support for

America. I could hate America because I was very much mistreated there and was even forced to serve a prison term on dubious charges. And yet I tell you frankly that I am not an enemy of the American people or of the American government.

For me, the word "hatred" is a foreign word. As a religious leader, I believe that it is my duty to love all my fellow men. When I look at a person, I always ask myself, "What is it that God loves in this person?" Remarkably, God always shows me something that moves me in every human being that I encounter.

I cannot conceal from you that for forty years I have been opposed to Marxism. It is not because I hate Karl Marx. Karl Marx was right to decry human suffering and exploitation, but at the same time, Marxism asserts that there is no God, whereas my vivid spiritual experience has shown me that God exists, and that there is nothing more important than finding and knowing His heart.

The Russian people are dear to me because they have always been a great people in history, called to be a bridge between European and Asian culture.

I also want the people of the Soviet Union to know that I wish President Gorbachev success in his historical undertakings. I predict that through his efforts in favor of true democratization and true religious freedom, the Soviet Union will be able not only to keep up with the West but to overtake it.

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The Soviet interview with Father was reprinted in major U.S. newspapers.

corruption in the political leadership—just to name a few. President Bush literally declared war on drugs because millions of young Americans have been victimized. This is probably the greatest war the United States has ever waged.

All of these problems stem from the fact that there is something seriously lacking in American life. If you will, it really boils down to a spiritual problem. In my opinion, both East and West must undergo tremendous spiritual changes.

I want to assure the people of the Soviet Union that Reverend Moon is your friend. My movement in 130 countries is your friend as well. Our globe today is like a boat sailing on a stormy ocean. If the boat weathers the storm, we will all be saved, and clearly we must save ourselves.

To do that, we must learn to live together in brotherhood as part of one common family. Then we will not only

survive but prosper. My sincere desire is that God bless your country, and bless the future of your great people. I sincerely hope that one day soon I will have the chance to visit your beautiful homeland.

Probably each reader of this interview would agree with one thing, and disagree with another. But it appears that the words of Reverend Moon eloquently attest to the fact that the conception of "new thinking" opens up before us new horizons of cooperation for mankind. This is becoming possible both as a result of the change in our society and as a result of the perceptions of our country in circles which not too long ago were extremely far from us. We will hope that these possibilities will be successfully realized.

V. Iordanski, Seoul-Moscow

WMA Fact-finding Tour to Eastern Europe/USSR Witnesses Transformation in Progress

by John W. Robbins

As communist bloc nations undergo rapid and amazing transformations, stimulated by Gorbachev's glasnost, we in the West are astonished and excited. To understand the mood of the people and try to gain a reasonable assessment of the

changes, the World Media Association led a fact-finding tour on November 1-16 to Hungary, Poland, Lithuania and Moscow. As WMA Projects Director, I headed the group of media professionals.

The 28 delegates gathered in New

York's JFK International Airport to launch a two-week tour of one of the hottest spots on the globe today. The first stop was beautiful Helsinki, Finland where the group was briefed by Dr. Alpo Rusi, Counselor of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs and Kaj Barlund, Minister

of the Environment, on issues crucial to understanding the economic and political future of Europe. After a lovely reception hosted by the Finnish Foreign Ministry, participants relaxed in Helsinki to prepare for the long trip ahead.

Flying to the city of Budapest, WMA met with Deputy Prime Minister, Peter Medgyessy, a young politician of a new breed in Hungary who at this time is politically unaligned. We closed our first day in Hungary with a visit to the U.S. Embassy to receive a background briefing. The capital of Hungary, which is divided by one of Europe's most majestic rivers, the Danube, is fascinating. The twin cities of Buda and Pest, which

now serves under the new Solidarity government as a member of Parliament. We could not visit Poland without visiting the birthplace of Frederic Chopin, a short excursion outside of the city.

Gdansk is a charming ancient city in the north of Poland, on the Baltic Sea. We journeyed there for a day to meet with Lech Kaczynski, Deputy of Solidarity. We also dialogued with Father Henryk Jankowski, the head priest of St. Brygida's Church, which provides the spiritual strength for Lech Walesa and the Solidarity movement. Father Jankowski shared with the delegation how the mission of the Polish Catholic Church was reconciliation and its role

was not to be involved in demonstrations or other social causes. By focusing on its spiritual essence, the church in Poland has been able to provide strong family values through the difficult years and bring the Polish people together.

The strength of the human spirit was vividly shown to us time and again, through Andrzej Drawicz, the new Head of Polish TV and Radio, Minister Jacek Kuron of Labor and Social Affairs

and Minister Aleksander Paszynski of Construction and Housing. All of these men are members of the new Solidarity government. Two of the ministers have spent time in prison for their political beliefs, but now they are turning their energy toward building a more prosperous nation. All three know the road is difficult, but they recognize there is no other choice but to go forward.

In Poland we also met with the president of PWSA and the editorial staff of *Gazette Wyborcza*, the independent newspaper that grew out of Solidarity.

All the meetings provided the delegation with a sense of the dramatic changes taking place in the communist world. It was thrilling to be in that part of the world as the Berlin Wall gave way to the forces of history willed by God.

We took a bus journey from Warsaw into the USSR, arriving in Lithuania to get a taste of the nationalist fervor brewing in that Baltic state. During our one-day stay in the Lithuanian capital of Vilnius, we met with the First Secretary of the Lithuanian Communist Party, now

being pressured by Moscow not to pursue an independent course. We were able to feel the pulse of Lithuania through Father Vaclovas Aliusis, editor of *Catholic World*, the first religious publication printed in Lithuania under glasnost, Vitas Tomkus, the young editor of *Respublika*, who at 31 is leading press reforms in his country, and Domas Shniukas, head of the Lithuanian Journalists Union.

Soviet strains

We flew Aeroflot to our final city, Moscow, where we met embattled Vladislav Starkov, Editor-in Chief of *Argumenty i Fakti* (*Argument and Fact*), the most popular weekly publication in the USSR which recently printed a poll of citizens on the popularity of current Soviet political figures. Starkov was fired by the Politburo shortly after our return but is refusing to resign. Then, Sergei Stankevich, a young Deputy in the Supreme Soviet discussed with the delegation how he almost succeeded in forcing onto the legislative agenda a bill to abolish the famous Article Six of the Soviet Constitution which gives the Communist Party a monopoly of power.

A trip to Gostelradio provided Western journalists with an opportunity to meet with leaders of the dynamic future of Russian broadcasting. Among other staff members, we met with the anchorman of the most popular TV show in the Soviet Union, called "Point of View." Our final two days we visited Vitaly Ignatenko, editor of the *New Times* (which recently printed an article about Father), Vitaly Korotich, editor of the leading *Ogonyok* magazine, young democratic and religious activists, the U.S. Ambassador Jack Matlock and a researcher at the Institute of World Systems of Socialism.

To close out the tour the group of journalists and opinion leaders gathered together to share insights and relax.

As we bid farewell to Moscow I was grateful to Father for providing the vision and leadership which is now bringing about the unity of the entire world. Throughout the trip I could see the hand of God moving and His love penetrating into a darkened world trying to break out of spiritual ignorance. Each fact-finding trip WMA has taken to the communist world has been a condition for God to move and shake the foundation of that atheistic society. We are now seeing the results of our Father's prayers and work. □



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were combined over 100 years ago, are famous the world over for being the cultural and historic center of Hungary.

To explore the new political landscape, we met with members of the newly formed opposition parties in Hungary, one of which was Rev. Roszik Gabor, a Christian Evangelist who is the first member of the Hungarian Parliament to win a seat through free election.

Strength of the spirit

After six visits to the Soviet Union I am no expert on communism or Marxist-Leninism, however, I saw very little evidence that Hungary is a communist state or wants to remain with that system. The Hungarian people are energetic and hopeful of ridding themselves of the recent past. This was made very evident by the Secretary of the MSP Party (the former communist party turned socialist) Feno Kovacs, who explained to the delegation that Hungary no longer wants a single ruling party.

Our next tour stop was Warsaw, Poland. There we met with Janusz Onysiewicz, the Solidarity spokesman, who

Boston University CARP Campus Victories

The following report was compiled by Boston CARP members Masayuki Shimizu, Paul T. Musembwa, Catherine Kohn, and Boston CARP Special District Leader Tony Devine.

Boston CARP and another student club on campus co-sponsored a forum on November 7, 1989. The forum was the second in an ongoing series under the theme, "Current Trends in Higher Education." It was entitled "Straight Shooting—Hit or Miss?" The focus of discussion was Boston University President Dr. John Silber's new book, *Straight Shooting*. The forum was a success, but the period leading to it was full of intense experiences and battles.

Boston University is quickly gaining respect among the nation's institutions of higher education under the guidance of its president, Dr. John Silber. When he took over as president of BU in 1970, Dr. Silber had to run a school that was called "the Berkeley of the East" because of its extreme liberal views. BU was considered the back-drop for students who applied to other institutions in Boston and failed to get in. High quality students were the exception rather than the rule. In the 19 years that he has been here, he has transformed the school into a highly respected university. He had Presidents George Bush and Francois Mitterand attend the commencement exercises in May 1989, where they were both awarded honorary degrees. He also awarded an honorary degree to King Hussein of Jordan.

Even with this kind of reputation, Dr. Silber is still under fire from many students and faculty (mainly of liberal persuasion). He is constantly dealing with issues where he is accused of discriminating against homosexuals, women, and so on. He is a very strong man and has made his views on morality very clear. To date he has refused to include the phrase "BU will not discriminate against sexual orientation" in the university's nondiscrimination policy. Even Boston city councillors persecute him.

BU's housing policy

In September 1988, Dr. Silber announced a proposed housing policy that would limit students to having no guests after 11 p.m. and only a specified number of overnight guests a semester with the consent of both roommates and residential assistants. This policy was suggested after some students moved out of the dormitories because they could not deal with their roommates having boyfriends or girlfriends stay over for days and engaging in sex. Dr. Silber said he intended the policy to take effect in September 1989 after students had time to debate it

dents admitted to us that their sexual life was what they were most concerned about losing, not study time. The issue received national attention and was even the topic of discussion on TV shows, including the *Phil Donahue Show*, which was in fact taped at BU in front of a capacity crowd. The policy went into effect but the dust over it has still not settled. Numerous negative articles have been appearing in the Boston University daily newspaper, the *Daily Free Press*.

The book *Straight Shooting*

It was under this atmosphere that Dr. Silber wrote his new book. In the book he talks about America's problems and how to solve them. The content is very much in line with Unificationism. Dr. Silber claims that America's problems are a result of moral decline and lack of values.

From the moment the book hit the stands, it was vehemently attacked. The BU newspaper wrote an uninspiring review with the intent to quell any enthusiasm to read the book. The *Boston Globe*, Boston's largest daily and always a critic of Dr. Silber, also did not have anything positive to say. However, even with all the negative press the book had

After a fierce battle, they agreed to publicly recant their attack on Father. This has now set a precedent at BU that irresponsible actions or remarks toward Father will not be tolerated.

and suggest any modifications they thought suitable. Students complained bitterly under the pretext that they had to study late with friends. In reality, when we did surveys on campus, stu-



Dean Johnson speaking at the CARP Forum.

received, it became a best-seller in Boston.

Students did not read the book as a tactic to subtly attack President Silber. One CARP member, Paul Musembwa, went out to buy the book early in the semester. A reporter from the *Daily Free Press*, asked him if he was willing to be photographed looking through it. Students had refused to be photographed reading the book. Two days later, Paul's picture appeared on the cover of the newspaper. This was an interesting twist because as it would later turn out, CARP organized the only event on campus that addressed the book's content.

Dr. Silber signed copies of his book on September 21, 1989. BU CARP asked Dr. Silber to sign a copy as follows: To the President of National CARP, Dr. Joon Ho Seuk, (signed) John Silber. Boston CARP presented this book to Dr. Seuk when he last visited us in October. It is significant that Dr. Silber presented this book because Dr. Seuk met him at the World Media Conference in 1987.

We had our first forum in the series under the title, "The Creation of the Balanced Individual," during the spring semester of 1989. It was a successful event. We decided then that we would try to organize one forum every semester to create continuity.

ple. This is what Dr. Silber's book is in reality: parts of Divine Principle from the viewpoint of a brilliant, responsible and moral educator.

Preparing for the forum

We then proceeded to rally support from other student clubs. Our goal in holding these events is not just to have a good show on the actual day, but to develop relationships with other students and professors with whom we can work in the future. While trying to find support from other clubs, we had to deal with another issue.

The student government of the College of Liberal Arts organized an event under the title: "Dangerous Religious Practices and the Occult." The student government is extremely liberal. The officers are negative toward us and other religious groups. They made a poster, an outrageous one, that directly ridiculed Father. We went to the Dean of the Chapel, Dean Robert Thornburg, and asked him if he was aware of the poster. He said he did not see the poster before it was put up and also disliked the use of the word occult. The Dean, who also is the head of Religious Life at BU, was scheduled to speak at the event. In the past few years, CARP members developed a good relationship

with him to the point where he considers us part of the BU community. He even defended us when we established Unification Campus Fellowship at BU. So when we told him that we intended to challenge the CLA Forum, he told us to go right ahead. That evening, we attended the program. At the beginning of his talk, the Dean asked the two officials of CLA forum (seated beside him) to recant the use of the word occult

and their reference to the Unification movement. After the event we went up to the office of the CLA forum and asked them why they printed such a poster. We told them quite frankly that while we were willing to forgive them for their irresponsible behavior, we were furious about the false negative perception they were giving other stu-

dents. After a fierce battle, they agreed to publicly recant their attack on Father. This has now set a precedent at BU that irresponsible actions or remarks toward Father will not be tolerated. Because this episode made it difficult for us to request funding from them, we approached other clubs. We eventually were given support by the School of Education Undergraduate Student Government.

At our first forum we had a panel of good professors. This time we decided to reach higher than before and get deans to speak. We approached a number of deans and got confirmation from the Dean of the School of Education, Dr. Peter R. Greer. Dr. Greer is a national figure. He has an amazing record that includes two years as Deputy Undersecretary to the former Secretary of Students, Norman W. Johnson. He too has a fine record of service to this country.

We also had to find a good student speaker to give a student perspective. After searching among most student leaders without success, we finally came into contact with Brian DeSpain. He is the president of a conservative student club on campus, Students for Common Sense, and one of the most active members of BU's College Republicans.

The third speaker was Professor Kevin Ryan, one of the most respected professors of education in the country today. Dr. Ryan is familiar with the Unification Movement. He is a close friend of Lawrence Tribe, the attorney that defended Father during the tax trial. Earlier this month, Dr. Ryan was named the 1990 recipient of the United Methodist University Scholar/Teacher of the Year Award, recently presented to him by President Silber.

The final days

The intensity was far from over. On November 3, while we were putting up posters for the forum, we saw an advertisement that said that President Silber was going to be speaking on the same day we had our forum, in the same building, and in the room right underneath the one we were using! We were in shock. Whenever the president speaks, he gathers capacity crowds. He has to speak in a room that holds at least 500 people! Masayuki, the BU CARP leader, went into action. We printed thousands of leaflets and unlike the usual routine of passing them out on the street, we went to the Residence



Campus ministry coordinator speaks with BU Professor Kohn and daughter Catherine Kohn.

We chose the topic, "Straight Shooting—Hit or Miss?" as the title for our second forum. We wanted to give students and faculty a chance to discuss the book because it has a strong Principled point of view. In this way, we can let people see Father's vision by pointing out that responsible people in society are just restating parts of the Princi-

Life Office and asked for permission to put them into mailboxes of all students living on campus. We were given permission. We put a leaflet into practically every student mailbox on campus. Masayuki took a letter, inviting professors and their students, to every professor in the School of Education. We also placed advertisements in the *Daily Free Press* for the three days leading up to the forum.

For Boston University, the forum was well attended. Sixty people came when usually a program of this type at BU would attract from 10 to 15 people. The audience included professors and administrators. The students who came were of high calibre and demonstrated a sincere desire to learn how to become people of value.

to make an impact on these statistics."

A lack of values and role models for the students accounts for a "callousness that is creeping into our lives," Dean Greer said. "Teachers themselves don't know enough about values. Values are supposed to guide our lives."

Professor Kevin Ryan said that the college experience should not be totally academic: "Part of an education is that you're trying to make yourself a moral being. That is a part of education I don't feel we've highlighted enough. I think a person becomes a good person by contributing."

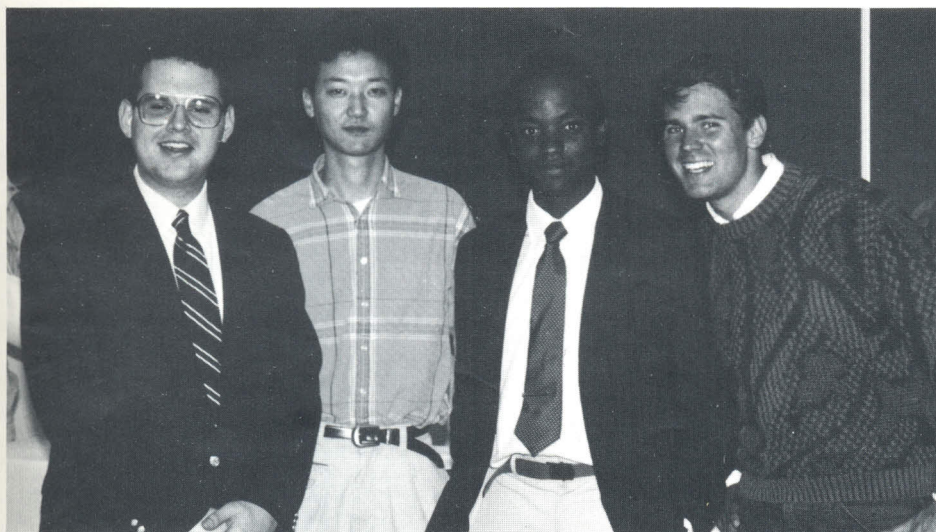
The student representative, Brian DeSpain, said that after reading Dr. Silber's book, he realized that the quality of education is the main problem in America. "The system of education is a

Dr. Silber's talk was addressing the new housing policy and was the first speech he gave since the policy went into effect, we expected that his speech would be the focus of the newspaper that day. However, CARP was given the lead article, which was completely positive and accurate, while Dr. Silber's talk got a small column without even a picture. This is the first time that CARP has received coverage in the *Free Press* in four years. The paper clearly reported that the panel strongly stressed values and character. This reporting is unlike the *Daily Free Press*. The article symbolizes the real victory of the forum. Three CARP members could positively influence the whole campus. The *Daily Free Press* is the third largest Boston daily newspaper, and the largest campus newspaper in the county. Everyone on campus, faculty and students alike, will read the article and realize that CARP is serving the campus, has high moral and ethical goals, and is determined to educate the campus by uniting responsible people at events such as this one.

We plan to hold an event with even greater impact on the campus next semester. We will invite Dr. Silber to defend his book in a forum again under the series, "Current Trends in Higher Education." The advantage of a series is that people become accustomed to it and naturally desire to see the next event. It also gives CARP visibility in terms of programs on campus. An event from a series easily utilizes the success of previous events. We will gain more respect for CARP if we continue building semester after semester. We want to influence the University in a Principled way with Father's vision.

Using this victory, we can more easily approach the faculty. We have already made a good list of high-ranking faculty that are willing to speak at our programs anytime. They know we are Unification Church members and admire our enthusiasm in organizing mature, enriching events on campus.

Even though we have achieved a victory that will work very well for CARP in the long run, our determination is still to triple our membership. BU CARP's newest member, Catherine Kohn, actually joined during the last forum. We believe we can bring victory on our campus by influencing the campus community through these activities and in restoring new members. We are determined to do so for True Parents. □



From left to right: student speaker Brian DeSpain, Masa Shimizu, Paul Musembwa and Sean Fenton.

The speakers came on time to give their presentations. We were moved by their attitude because often professors will be asked to speak and they will do it out of obligation and not concern. They will come to an event and give a hastily prepared piece. Our speakers totally invested themselves in our program.

This was the first event on campus concerning the book. The content was discussed without defamation of the author whatsoever. The whole panel courageously defended the moral and ethical content of the book.

Dean Johnson spoke about the high American dropout rate, noting that about one million students drop out of high school every year. "As Dr. Silver said in his book, getting in early at the lower grades is where it has to be done

mess, frankly."

The most exciting part of the evening was the discussion following the presentations. The speakers and the audience had a serious discussion on the system of education in the United States and the necessity for ethics and values. It was really give and take based on the Principle.

Professor Kohn, the father of Boston University CARP's newest member, Catherine Kohn, also came to the forum. This was a very good opportunity to show a parent what we are doing substantially on campus. Reporters from the *Daily Free Press* covered the forum.

Exciting acknowledgment

We were surprised when the CARP event received the lead article in the *Daily Free Press* the next day. Because

**"Soon Ae Hong Halmonim
walked the path of complete
dedication to Heaven and the
Will. She bore every manner of
cross in order that Mother could
appear. She became a model of
someone who adapts herself to
God's Will. She fulfilled all of
her responsibility by means of a
devotion that volunteered to bear
all burdens herself. All of you
should inherit her heart."**

*Rev. Sun Myung Moon
November 7, 1989*