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ICF Summer Seminars, 1983

This issue of the *ICF Report* is devoted to the Summer Seminars, an activity of the International Cultural Foundation. These introductory seminars on the Unification movement are designed to discuss the world-view and activities of the movement and its founder, Reverend Sun Myung Moon, in an objective and academic manner. The purpose of the seminars is to present this world-view as a basis for sincere dialogue and exchange among academics and professionals interested in promoting high moral standards and religious values in all aspects of society.

The introductory seminar program was developed in 1978 at the request of past participants of the International Conferences on the Unity of the Sciences, many of whom had expressed an interest in learning more about the sponsorship of ICF. Since then, participation has increased to comprise a much wider range of interested academics and professionals, including those who have not yet attended any ICF program.

Over the past six years, 1,500 participants have attended 20 introductory seminars. The seminars have been held in 15 culturally rich countries located on five continents, providing participants with the additional experience of world fellowship beyond cultural and national



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Participants from Europe, the Middle East and Africa enjoy a tour of the Roman Coliseum during the International Cultural Foundation Summer Seminar in Pomezia, Italy.

boundaries. This summer, seminars were held in Bangkok, Thailand; Nassau, Bahamas; and Pomezia, Italy.

The core of each summer seminar is a series of 12 lectures, presented over a five-day period, on the *Divine Principle*, the religious teachings of Reverend Moon, and related theological and philosophical topics. (See box for full description) The lecturers are Unification Church members, either Ph.D. students or church leaders. Informal discussion groups provide an opportunity for the exchange of ideas and questions about the lectures. The groups also make it

possible to understand the more personal side of living the Unification teaching as well. Some of the topics brought up for discussion were: the role of diversity within the Unification Church, a comparison of the theory of evolution with the Divine Principle, and the nature of prophecy.

An overview of the worldwide Unification movement, in which its many diverse activities are detailed, is a part of each seminar. Specifically highlighted are Reverend Moon's activities in the areas of spiritual education, world relief, creating alternative newspapers, the perform-

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ing arts, and many conferences and publications made available through the International Cultural Foundation and the International Religious Foundation. In addition there are special sessions and movies about the life-style of the members, on marriage and the family, and on

religious liberty. There is also time for relaxing in the comfort of the hotel or for informal touring with members and participants. Unification members Julia Ward and Rachel Huntington directed this summer's seminars, with Jim Baughman coordinating the many activities.

Participation in the Summer Seminar implies neither acceptance nor endorsement of the tenets and activities of the Unification Church. University professors

or research and education professionals who might be interested in attending a Summer Seminar are invited to write the ICF office in New York, filling in the enclosed recommendation form. Please help us increase participation in our summer seminars by recommending friends or colleagues whom you think might be interested in them. You may also recommend yourself if you have not yet participated by returning the enclosed recommendation form to the ICF office.

Seminar Lecturers

Seminar participants often ask about the background and interests of the Church lecturers. Here is a description of the backgrounds of this year's Summer Seminar lecturing staff and their respective topics:

Bangkok

Tony Guerra, doctoral student in New Testament studies, Harvard Divinity School, Massachusetts. (Creation; The Human Fall) William McClellan, doctoral student in philosophical and theological anthropology, Claremont Graduate School, California. (Unification Thought) Andrew Wilson, doctoral student in Near Eastern Languages and civilization, Harvard University Graduate School, Massachusetts. (Principle and History of Restoration; Parallels of History) James Baughman, doctoral student in religion and society, Drew University Graduate School, New Jersey. (Mission of the Messiah; Critique of Marxism) Richard Wojcik, executive director, 12th International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences, ICF. (Special Topics

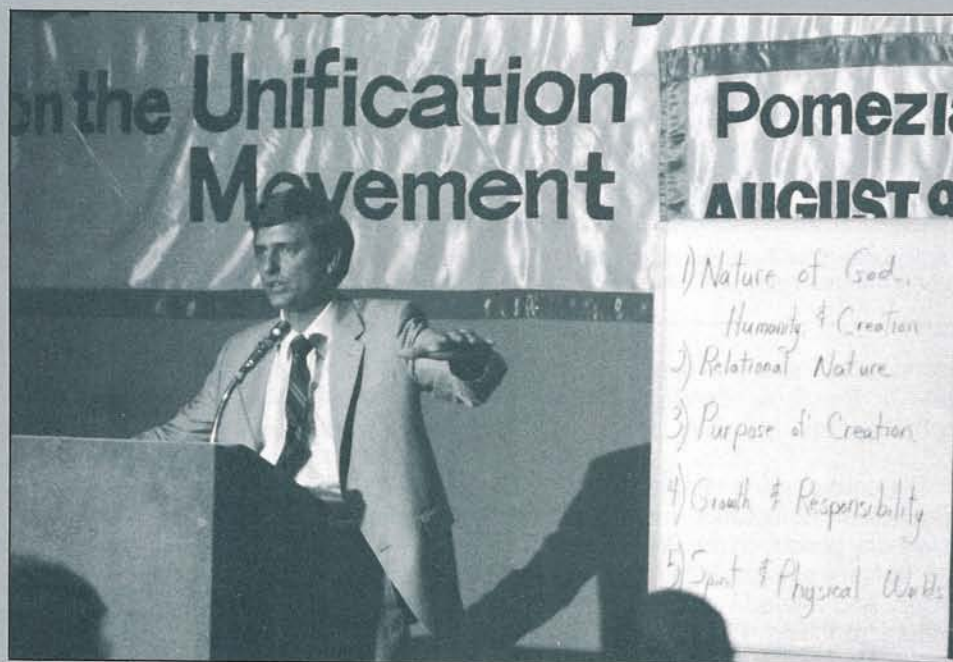
in Theology) Neil Albert Salonen, president, ICF. (Second Advent; Consummation of Human History)

Nassau

Tom McDevitt, pastor, Unification Church of Washington, D.C. (Creation; Special Topics in Theology) Lloyd Eby, Doctoral student in philosophy, Fordham University, New York. (Unification Thought; Critique of Marxism) James Baughman (The Human Fall) James Flemming, doctoral student in history of science and religion, Princeton University, New Jersey. (Principle and History of Restoration) Thomas Walsh, doctoral student in religious ethics, Vanderbilt University Graduate School, Tennessee. (Mission of the Messiah) Neil Albert Salonen (Parallels of History; Second Advent; Consummation of Human History)

Pomezia

Gordon Anderson, doctoral student in philosophy of religion, Claremont Graduate School, California. (Restoration; Parallels of History) Dagfin Aslid, doctoral student in philosophy of religion, Claremont Graduate School, California. (Special Topics in Theology) James Baughman (Creation) Lloyd Eby (Unification Thought; Critique of Marxism) Tony Guerra (The Human Fall; Mission of the Messiah) Neil Albert Salonen (Second Advent; Consummation of Human History)



James Baughman, graduate student in religion and society at Drew University, delivers a lecture on the Principle and History of Restoration at the Nassau Summer Seminar. Lectures include out-

lines of various chapters from the *Divine Principle*, selected topics from *Unification Thought*, and an overview of the *Critique and Counterproposal to Marxist-Leninist Communism*. Among the topics from the

Principle are a presentation and discussion of the Unification views on God, the creation and the principles which govern the universe. Also discussed is the nature of sin and evil as originating in the human Fall. Other topics include a study of history from the point of view of God's attempts to return human beings and the creation back to its original purpose. This historical treatment of the restorative process includes a discussion of the Life and Mission of Jesus, interpretations of Old and New Testament stories, and a unique description of the consummation of human history and the Second Coming.

The lectures on *Unification Thought* include topics dealing with ontology, epistemology, the study of ethics and values, and theories of art and education. The *Critique and Counterproposal to Marxism* includes a discussion of the fallacies in Marx's theories of surplus value, social change, and history, while at the same time presenting alternative points of view which are more inclusive and comprehensive based upon the *Divine Principle*.

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Rome

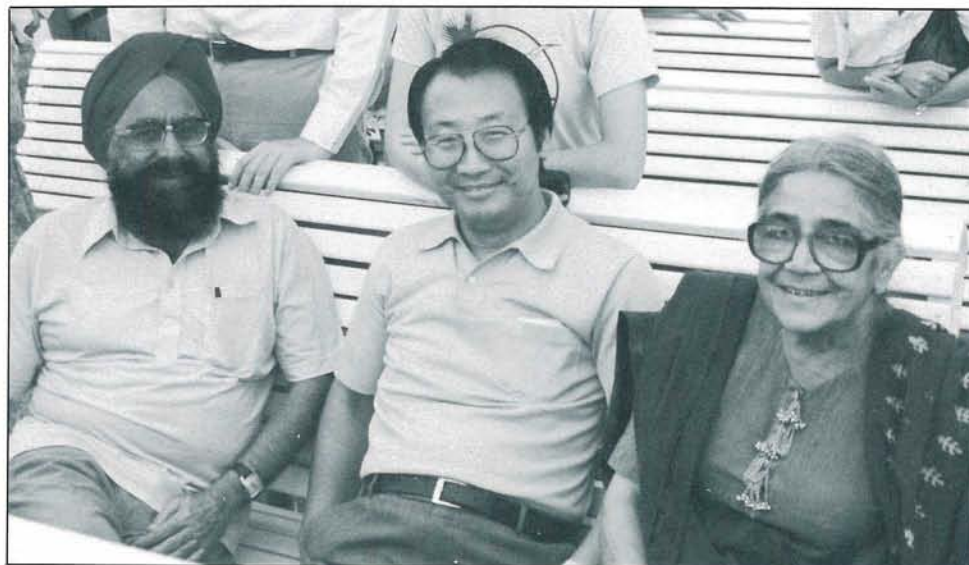
The Hotel Selene in the town of Pomezia, Italy (about a half-hour from Rome), was the locale for the third and final summer seminar. Since August is vacation month for Italians, the 79 participants had the hotel mostly to themselves. Seminar guests came from 35 countries encompassing Europe, the Middle East, the Arabian Peninsula, Africa, and the United States. Acting as host was Mr. Michael Leone, secretary-general of ICF. Los Internacionales, a dancing troupe from Guyana comprised of members of the Unification Church, performed for the seminar one evening. Their repertoire included traditional Caribbean Calypsos, folk dances and songs from around the world, and a ballad depicting mankind's struggle for freedom.



Walter Gottesman, North African Regional Director for ICF, speaks to the participants of the Pomezia Seminar. (top)
Entertainment at the Pomezia Seminar was provided by the South American dancing troupe, Los Internacionales. (above)
An informal outing is enjoyed by ICF chairman Rev. Kwak and other Bangkok participants. (below)

Bangkok

On July 6 through 12, 130 participants from 15 countries met at the SIAM Intercontinental Hotel in Bangkok, Thailand. Among the countries represented were Bangladesh, India, Japan, Malaysia, Hong Kong, Republic of China, Mauritius, Indonesia, Australia, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Korea, and the Philippines. In addition to the Divine Principle lectures, Rob Kittel, missionary to Pakistan, gave a talk on the Islamic perspective of the Divine Principle. Adherents of the Buddhist tradition were invited to a meeting to discuss how best to relate the Divine Principle to Buddhism. Several participants volunteered to write articles comparing the two religious traditions. During the seminar, members of the Philippine delegation, together with Mr. Neil Salonen, president of ICF, and Jack Hart, missionary to Thailand, visited with Mr. Preeda Pathasathabutr, Minister of University Affairs; Mr. Prapass Limpabandhu, Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister; and Mr. Pairojana Chayaporn, Deputy Commerce Minister. In between lectures, participants visited the Grand Palace, the Golden Buddha, and several of the other 800 Buddhist temples, or wats. The seminar closed with a boat trip in the "Orchid Queen" on the Chao Phya River. Mr. Neil Albert Salonen, president of ICF, was host for the Bangkok seminar.



Participants' Comments

"... The seminar in the Bahamas was another step in a very positive development, with some new outstanding features. The quality of lectures is steadily improving, although some are still only mediocre and justly criticized by most participants."

"A very significant improvement was the introduction of small discussion groups meeting daily after the lecture; [they] helped to create an exceptionally good atmosphere for exchange of ideas and deeper appreciation of the nature and motivation of the Unification movement. Many of the participants, even those critical and sceptical in the beginning, have changed their attitudes... and are now very positive and looking for future collaboration. The interaction between scientific, philosophical, and religious aspects of human culture are unparalleled by anything that we are aware of. This kind of critical exchange of ideas can hardly be seen nowadays in any other established scientific, religious, or political community."

"The presentations are consistent and systematic, tying up some loose ends in the Christian traditional interpretations."

"The Divine Principle breaks away from the orthodox. It captivated my imagi-

nation as something new and worthy of exploration."

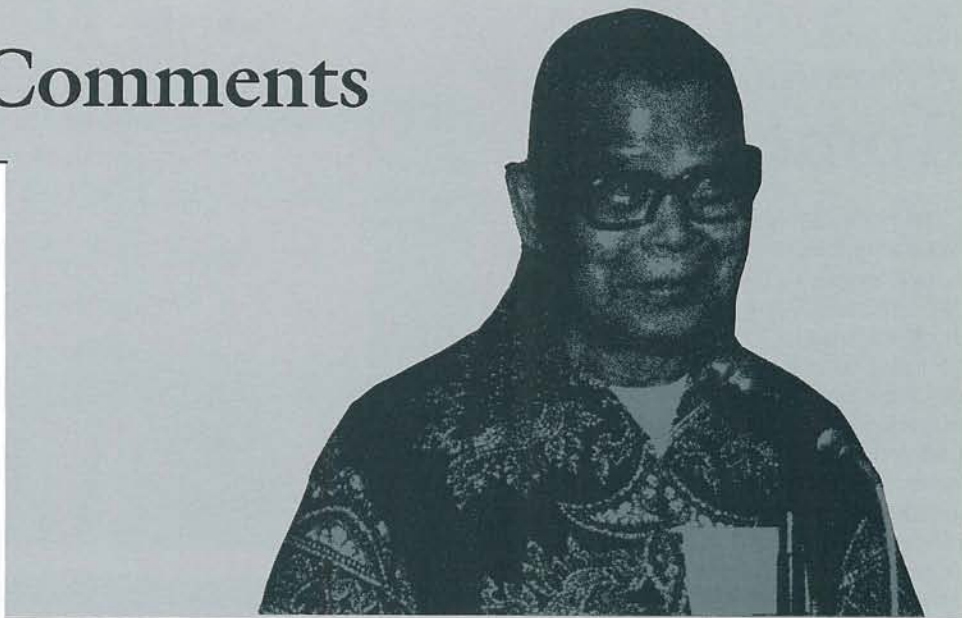
"I was surprised to discover that there existed such a movement whose ideas I had shared tremendously in my teaching approach to my students of the philosophy of religion. Dialogue rather than indoctrination is the greatest strength of the International Cultural Foundation."

"The discussions proved to be invaluable supplements to the lectures... I definitely would be interested in attending future seminars. This first seminar

has given me much food for thought. I would like to read the books I am taking home and would really look forward to another seminar."

"I found the thoroughness of scope, the opportunity for dialogue, the action approach on a wide scale to be new and surprising aspects of the Unification Movement."

"I am interested by the evolutionary (that is, the evolving) aspect of the movement. This gives me the sense that I am somewhat privileged to witness the formation of a new sociological, spiritual, and ethical phenomenon."



Participants at the Summer Seminars have many opportunities to get to know each other at meals, in informal discussions, and while touring. At left are Dr. and Mrs. Sotiris Agapiditis from Greece, in attendance at the Pomezia Seminar.



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RECOMMENDATION FORM FOR INTRODUCTORY SEMINAR ON UNIFICATION MOVEMENT

I. INFORMATION ABOUT PERSON BEING RECOMMENDED

Name (Print): _____
First Name Middle Initial or Name Family Name

Position: _____ Mailing Address: _____

Affiliation: _____

Office Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Academic Credentials (degrees, publications, special honors, or reasons why you think he/she should be considered for participation):

II. PERSON MAKING RECOMMENDATION

Name: _____
First Name Middle Initial or Name Family Name

How do you know this person? _____

☐ In order for us to invite a person to any seminar, we must first receive his/her curriculum vitae. Would you like to ask the person being recommended to submit his/her vitae to the ICF office?

☐ Would you like ICF to send a letter to the individual requesting that he/she submit his/her vitae?

Global Vision Leads ICF Founder

At each seminar, Reverend Chung Hwan Kwak, acting chairman of the International Cultural Foundation, presented a personal testimony to the ideals of Unificationism and the mission of Reverend Moon. An excerpt from Reverend Kwak's speech at one of the seminars is presented here:

"I have known Reverend Moon for over 25 years. I can say without reservation that, despite the many types of things he does, the most important aspect of his life is his deep spiritual connection to God. His first priority in life is being a minister of God to the world. Everything he does pivots around this central calling.

"As natural scientists, social scientists, and professionals who deal primarily with matters of material and human concern, you may find it difficult to conceive how one might take into account the presence of God and the spirit world when considering the affairs of this world. In fact, some of you may want to discount these ideas as not having any substantial reality at all.

"It is true, however, that if God is as Reverend Moon suggests, then we have certainly disregarded God as a viable part of human social theory and political-economic organization. Nevertheless, while many of you are strong believers in your own religions, you know how difficult it is to involve matters of spirit in dealing with the world. One of the central purposes of the International Cultural Foundation is to seek out, through research and dialogue, ways in which the values of religion, knowledge of science,



Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak speaking about ICF Founder Rev. Moon at the Nassau Seminar.

and the beauty of culture can be incorporated into a single mutually-supportive world view. If a serious attempt is made to do this, then the truth about God and God's involvement in human affairs will emerge.

"People hold various opinions about Reverend Moon, many of which are based upon misinformation and distortion of facts about the Unification movement and activities. The public ridicule by the media and other groups has not

hindered him, because he sincerely believes he is doing the work of God and that God is assisting his work.

"The members of the Unification Church strive to have deep faith and to work hard for the sake of God and all peoples of the world. For this dedication, many people believe they are brainwashed or under some form of mind control. It is not popular to be committed to giving one's life sacrificially for the sake of a God whom no one can see and for a global population which appears too large to be influenced. Nevertheless, their serious commitment to reviving a wholesome model of marriage and family in the world and their desire to help initiate inter-religious dialogue is evidence that they are not swayed from the goal of solving these problems.

"On behalf of Reverend Moon, I hope that you will take up this vision and task as your own and move among your own circles to encourage a stronger moral foundation, a more concerted ecumenical effort, a revival of religious values, and a more outspoken defense of God against atheistic Communism.

"As many of you are scholars and educators, you are in a great position to do this. I cannot believe that when you teach young people, you are merely interested in transmitting knowledge. You want to help build and shape the characters of your students. In this sense, you want to teach 'life' and not mere 'knowledge.' Reverend Moon thinks the same way."



ICF President Neil Salonien (second from right) leads a panel discussion at the Bangkok Seminar. Other panelists are (from left to right): Richard Wojcik, Andrew Wilson, and James Baughman.

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SUMMER SEMINAR, NASSAU



Staff members and lecturers entertaining at the Nassau Seminar: (from left to right) Rachel Huntington, Tom McDevitt, Julia Ward, Tom Walsh, and James Baughman.

Forty-four participants from eight countries including Jamaica, Trinidad, Barbados, Colombia, Guyana, Bahamas, Canada, and the United States met from July 18 through 24 at Nassau's Balmoral Beach Hotel. Besides the regular lecture program, Julia Ward shared her experiences with the engagement and Blessing ceremonies during a session on "Lifestyle and Marriage." Hugh Spurgin fielded questions on family life within the Unification Church. Dr. Osborne Scott, Baptist minister and professor at City University of New York (CUNY), presented an introduction to ICARRI, the International Coalition Against Racial and Religious Intolerance. Hugh Spurgin, secretary-general of the Professors' World Peace Academy, hosted the Nassau seminar.

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