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MASTER'S ARRIVAL ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT

"My Dear Lord Is Come"

My dear lord is come, My dear Lord is come.

Sun rising nation of the East, Land of blessing and love.

All nations to rule over, All people to give bless.

From the throne of GOD My dear Lord is come.

All people, all nations, accept the Lord, Lets sing

and give thanks.

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Amen.

Master's Arrival on the American Continent, (first 3 day report)

At 5:45 A.M., February 12, 1965, Master arrived at the San Francisco International Airport, and was greeted by many members of the United Faith.

In the clear sky He has arrived in the clouds.

February 12:

Families from the two missions in Portland and Washington, D.C., had already arrived in the San Francisco area. From Portland there were Messrs. David S.C. Kim, John Schmidli and David L. Bridges who had driven seven hundred miles from Portland, arriving at 9:30 P.M. February 11. Mr. Bo-Hi Pak, accompanied by Miss Alexa Altomare and Mr. Joon Koo Rhee had arrived approximately one hour earlier. All three families met that evening at the Oakland center and talked until 2:00 A.M. The atmosphere was charged with a mixture of happiness, excitement, and tension due to the nearness of Master's arrival. It was at the Oakland center that Master and Mrs. Choi and the three missionaries stayed, while others were allocated to other centers in the area.

All the families rose at 3:30 A.M. to prepare for Master's arrival at 6:00 A.M. By 5:30 A.M. everybody had arrived at the San Francisco Airport, - nearly twenty-five people, representing the three missions and all the local San Francisco centers. Many cameras were ready for the historical Coming. The sky was unusually clear. The Japanese Airlines plane arrived at 5:45 A.M., fifteen minutes early. Master, the first of all the passengers to leave the plane, was greeted with great enthusiasm generated by the longing everyone had for His Coming. One spiritually gifted woman

among the people waiting for Master's arrival, Mrs. Peter Robinson, proposed that there be one minute of silent prayer before His appearance. So the group gathered into a circle and everyone prayed, presenting a scene not commonly found in an American airport. Master and Mrs. Choi were greeted first by Miss Kim, then by Mr. Kim and Mr. Pak. After this, two American women, representing the entire United Faith, presented flowers to Master. Master then passed along a reception line and greeted each person individually.

The photographers did not miss Master's glorious appearance. Every move He made was photographed. All of the other passengers of the airplane had to wait until our Master had left the plane and passed along the reception line.

A short time was spent at the waiting room of the airport, and then Master got into the 1965 Plymouth station wagon especially prepared for Him by the San Francisco center and driven exclusively by our beloved brother George Norton. Mrs. Choi and the three missionaries then joined Him and they were driven to the Oakland center, Master's quarters. Others followed in their own cars. Even though Master had spent a busy fifteen days in Japan, He showed no sign of being tired. Continually, He conversed with everyone around Him and everybody was thrilled with his energetic, religious and loving attitude. He came in order to consummate God's restoration providence. He has come with the clouds in a clear blue sky. It should be especially noted that February 12, the day of His arrival, is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln who freed the slaves. But Master is the liberator of all humankind. Spiritually gifted people and others as well know this. Also, the twenty-second of February is the birthday of America's first president. Thus, His arrival in February is significant in two ways.

At about 7 :00 A.M. Master arrived at the Oakland center and, after breakfast, had an informal gathering with the families and made His first prayer in America. Some of the people had to go to work at 8:30 that morning. The rest were free until evening. For the first time since He left Korea, our Master had a chance to relax and sleep.

That evening, Mr. Jim Fleming, chairman of the San Francisco association, presided at the welcome meeting. In his welcoming remarks he mentioned that several weeks ago the spirit world had revealed that our Master would arrive on the twelfth of February. Mr. Fleming also mentioned the lightening which had been observed flashing from the east to the west at our Master's arrival. Finally, he related that some Indians, who are spiritually gifted, had received that the person who brings our church's symbol (the one that is on the church's flag) is the messiah.

Mr. Fleming, representing the San Francisco family, called Master the Universal Sun-Sang-Nim, and our beloved Sun-Sang-Nim, and thus he used the the Korean language. Also, one of the old members called Him Abujee which means Father. Thus, he also used the Korean word. Thus there is no difference between the Korean and American families in this United Faith in their hearts and love toward their Master. Doris Walder sang the welcoming solo "How Great Thou Art." After that, representatives from the other two missions presented their welcoming greetings: Mr. David L. Bridges representing the Portland group and Miss Alexa Altomare, representing the Washington, D.C. group.

After a prayer by Mr. Peter Robinson of the San Francisco family, Master delivered His first sermon, titled, "The True Man", and Miss Young Oon Kim interpreted. Due to the depth of His teaching, the new terminology, and the new concepts, there was great difficulty in interpreting, and at first there seemed to be incomplete communication between Miss Kim and Master. But with the help of the other two Korean missionaries His thoughts were safely delivered. Here we can see the effects of the confusion of man's language which came from the fall of man. This kind of problem will probably continue to exist. However, the American families, using their hearts and spiritual gifts, understood the main concepts of His sermon. After Master's sermon, He prayed for all the family and together we read our pledge in English. After that we had a free fellowship hour with Him, talking, singing and giving testimonies - Just as the Korean families do. For instance, Master sang "Arirang Hill" and we joined with Him in singing the refrain. A harmonious atmosphere between Master and the American families was created. He said that He revised the verses so that He sang "I Have Passed Arirang Hill" instead of the original "I Will go Beyond Arirang Hill (to see lover)". He sang three songs and then each member of the American family was requested to sing. So the American Saints of the United Faith in the San Francisco Bay area kept Master until midnight. Thus the first day of His historical visit ended in this harmonious fellowship.

February 13:

Master and the American families visited the botanical garden, museum, aquarium and zoo in San Francisco, and then dined with the family at a restaurant. After eating, He visited the San Francisco Church where He answered the family's questions and attended a Korean dinner prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Peter Robinson. After dinner, He returned to the Oakland center.

That evening, at a meeting, He spoke to Americans on the subject "Blessings Come Through Suffering". Approximately forty-five people attended the meeting which was presided over by Gordon Ross. Missionary Bo-Hi Pak translated His sermon. Communication between Master and the American family was excellent. Near the end of the meeting, Missionary David Kim sang "Amazing Grace" and "My Dear Lord is Come" in both English and Korean. The whole congregation accepted his offer to sing together and we enjoyed the united singing of the Korean and American families. After the meeting, we watched a demonstration of Karate by Joon Koo Rhee. Everybody was inspired and enjoyed the demonstration very much. Mr. Rhee will open the National Karate Championship Tournament in honor of Master in Washington, D.C. this April.

February 14:

At 5:00 A.M. Master received the three missionaries, Young Oon Kim, David Kim and Bo-Hi Pak in His room in heavenly robes. Afterward, a missionary conference was held to discuss:

1. Uniformity of the Principles in English
2. Unification of the three groups in San Francisco, Portland and Washington, D.C.
3. David Kim's permanent visa
4. Itinerary for Master's trip in America

These were discussed freely and conclusions were quickly reached. At 1:00 P.M. a meeting was held in which the church flag was presented to the San Francisco group. Master Himself briefly explained the symbol on the flag, the red mark, the white background and the gold fringe. After this, reports of the three missionary groups were presented and then Master gave presents to all the members of the San Francisco group: neckties for the men, evening bags for the women, and a white handkerchief with the Korean headquarters seal and Master's fingerprint, for everybody.

According to the decision made by the missionary conference, Master will go from San Francisco to Los Angeles and then through various states of the deep south, visiting local centers, and finally arrive at Washington, D.C. before the tenth of April. His schedule from east to west will be made later.

The party traveling with Him will be composed of Mrs. Choi, Young Oon Kim, one driver and one camera man. George Norton is privileged to be His driver and Gordon Ross will relieve him. The trip will end in the northwest after visiting Seattle and Portland. Then He will fly to Europe to start His European tour.

After three days' stay, at 6:00 P.M., David Kim and John Schmidli and David Bridges of the Portland group drove north by Volkswagen after bowing in the Korean way and bid farewell to our Master and sang "My Our Lord is Come" outside the Oakland church. Shortly afterwards, Mr. Pak and his group flew to Washington, D.C.

This covers the first three days of Master's historical visit during which the main activities and ceremonies were completed.

"Song of the Garden"

My Lord has come to the garden so fair, filled with the balm of His presence,

white lilies grow and flourish, white lilies grow and flourish,

Holy shower of grace and spirit, are poured upon the earth,

He has brought the dead to life. He has brought the dead to life.

On the land that is so dry and sterile, so fresh fountains of water He lay,

Making it fertile soil, making it fertile soil.

My loving Lord has beat the foes, so to make earth garden of flowers.

One world is born of His love. One world is born of His love.

My dear folks are abiding in the Lord. Hark to the message, good and true,

Let us follow the Lord. Let us follow the Lord of Love.

Pain and trial here we suffer. Will turn eternal blessing.

When we go our home our home, When we go our home our home.

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