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Josette Shiner: Woman on the Move



On February 23, Josette Shiner, WFWP vice president and managing editor of the Washington Times, was interviewed by Brett Moss at an evening program held in Barrytown, New York. The following are excerpts from this interview.

Brett: How did you enter the field of journalism, and what obstacles did you face?

Josette: I was attending the University of Colorado and like many college students in the early 1970's and maybe today, I didn't know quite what I wanted to do with my life. One summer at home in New Jersey I was working in a restaurant where a beautiful Chinese family was working in the kitchen. The father was a Ph.D., but they were illegal immigrants. Every night the restaurant management would lock them in the attic, and this shocked me.

Being very naive and very idealistic at the time, I called the national editor of the *New York Times* and told him I was going to do an investigative story about the situation of illegal immigrants. Of course, they asked, "Who are you?" I explained that I was a college student and I would do the story for them. "You are not going to do a story for us," they said.

This rather rude awakening indicated that I needed some credentials in life to be

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Le Ly Hayslip: Child of War, Woman of Peace

Le Ly Hayslip was recently honored by WFWP at an awards dinner in Texas. Later, Nora Spurgin and Mrs. Hayslip met in New York, where they discussed their organizations and explored the potential for collaborative efforts.

Le Ly Hayslip was born and raised in a peasant family in the countryside of Vietnam. She has been living in California for over twenty years. As a survivor of the war, poverty, torture and rape which were often a part of a young girl's life in war-torn Vietnam, she has determined that she cannot "live the good life" while those in her

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able to accomplish what I wanted to do. But I never really thought of the media even though I liked to write, liked politics and grew up in a political family. However, on the plane going back to school I sat next to a *New York Times* reporter who spent the next four hours convincing me that journalism was where I wanted to head. It was an epiphany experience, and I changed my major to journalism. This was at the time of Watergate, and the journalism school had twice as many people as it could hold. Addressing an overflow crowd of new candidates, the dean asked, "How many of you can type?" and about half of us raised our hand. "The rest of you get out of here," he said. "I never want to see you."

I was also at that time searching spiritually and joined the Unification Church. I was very interested in doing missionary work in Africa and was convinced that I would never do anything like journalism because it did not seem like a place, if you were idealistic, that you would want to put your energies. About a year after that, Rev. Moon decided to start a newspaper in America and I was asked whether I wanted to join the staff. That was 1976 and the rest is history.

Brett: How can the media be more responsible in being a positive influence in our culture today?

Josette: That is a very difficult question. At the *Washington Times* we have a commitment to try and portray what is right and solutions to problems. It is very easy every day to have negative stories of murders, crime and violence. How do you counter that? A while ago, we ran a series of stories called "Fighting Back" that featured people in the community who had found solutions to crime and who were effective in fighting it. We try to do these kinds of things, but then Tonya Harding comes along and it is all everyone wants to read about, it seems.

We blame the media for printing the negative, but it is hard for a newspaper. For example, if the *Washington Times* decides we are not going to print such negativity, our readers would feel, "Where is the news on Tonya Harding? I'm seeing it on TV. I want it in my newspaper. I want to be able to keep up."

We try to have at least one front page human interest story that tells something about families, the way we live, or someone who has accomplished something, just so there is a reminder that it isn't all bad news. I just want to tell you to keep singing out here because your influence is needed in America. Keep dreaming and hoping and pushing for the kinds of ideals that you have, because once a leader gets to Washington, it is very hard. It is really a battle ground.

Brett: How can we utilize the media to help bring about positive change in our culture?

Josette: If I ever get time in my life I should probably write a book about this. People see wonderful things happening in families or communities, but I can't tell you how rare it is for a newspaper to get a call saying there is something really good happening. You presume that a newspaper knows everything, but to know things you have to hear from the people that are there. If I ever left the media, I would be a real good letter writer. I'd get to know everyone at the local newspaper, radio or television station.

Often the editor of a paper will get hundreds of calls a day, but a reporter who you feel is a really beautiful writer never gets the calls. Take note of those reporters' names and send them a note that you loved the way they wrote that story, and if you see something good you'll call because you like the kind of work they are doing. Develop this kind of relationship. The media have a big responsibility, but they don't have any time. Whenever I talk, I encourage people to let the media know the good things that are happening, because the people with money for press releases are usually promoting their own causes and not what is really happening on a human level.

Brett: I'd like to talk about Washington, where you spend most of your time. First of all, President and Mrs. Clinton: how would you rate them?

Josette: You are trying to turn me into a professor. I've got to give them a grade now. I've covered every president since Carter and have seen them very, very closely. In 1977, I went to Washington and soon after that started covering the White House. You really do get to know a lot about the personality of the president.

It has been a very, very difficult first year for President Clinton. For us in the media it has been a rocky first year trying to get to know the Clintons. They were not accessible to the media much at all. There were a lot of rumors about them and not a very clear picture of who they were. There weren't a lot of people who knew them.

The *Washington Times* has probably been the leading paper covering the Whitewater scandal. We didn't break the Whitewater story. The *New York Times* did. But we have been doing some of the most significant reporting on it.

Brett: What do you think will become of Whitewater?

Josette: The *New York Times* broke

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An attentive audience listens to Josette's account of her adventures in journalism.

a story in April of 1992 about this real estate development and some loans that had been gotten from a failed savings and loan association. The day after that story broke the Clinton press people threatened to sue the *Times* for libel. This squashed the story, and it disappeared for a number of months. If you now look back, the original *New York Times* story was 100 percent correct.

There are many who say that the media failed to do their job at the time, and that it would have affected the outcome of the campaign. Since then, we have had a death in the White House of

someone very closely linked to Whitewater and Madison. There are a lot of questions surrounding his death, and the *Washington Times* has broken well over 100 stories in this area, including a number of significant ones.

Where will it lead? If you look at the boards of directors of these companies

and the hundreds of thousands of dollars of loans that people were able to get and defaulted on—and consider that most of these people are in Washington now in key positions in the Justice Department and the White House—there is no doubt that it is a significant investigative story. What could be the worst that would come out of it is unclear, but the media are

interested because the White House seems so intent on not allowing access to any of the records.

I don't think the story will go away. Will it lead to significant problems for the

president, we don't know. There are any number of people in the White House and very high level Justice Department positions who are being investigated for their roles.

Brett: How would you rate President and Mrs. Clinton as role models for our children, the young people of America?

If I ever left the media, I would be a real good letter writer. I would get to know everyone at the local newspaper, radio or television station.

Josette: This is definitely a different administration than we've had in the past. The *Washington Times* has a conservative outlook, and we cover stories that the *Washington Post* might not cover.

We got a story on the wires a couple of months ago about the Clinton AIDS czar, who had said in a speech that the problem in America is that it's too Victorian a society and that we have to teach teenagers about sex and homosexual sex earlier. Then we won't have the problems that we have. We thought that this was a significant story, that people would be interested to know that this was her strategy to deal with teen pregnancy and AIDS. We put it on the front page. The *Washington Post* didn't have a word about the speech, but it was our judgment that this was the kind of thing people are interested in, that they want to know what the administration is doing in the area of values policy.

By about noon, the White House had 2000 calls on the story, and people were demanding her resignation. Officials there were shocked, because this was just a small story. They put out a statement that the *Washington Times* had mis-characterized Miss Gebbie's remarks and that she was really pro-abstinence. Now if there is any way to get a fight going with a newspaper, it is to challenge their integrity in reporting what happened.

We called the Associated Press reporter just to make sure that he had not mis-characterized her. He had the tape of the event. As a matter of fact, she had said a lot more. I called up David Gergen, who is the senior policy advisor at the White House. I knew him from when he used to be with Bush. I said to him that this was outrageous, and we stood by our story. He put me in touch with their communications director, who said, "She couldn't have said that." I said, "Well, she did." He said that what she really "meant" was something different, but I said that it was not our business to be interpreting her; we were just reporting it.

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International WFWP Created

There are WFWP organizations established in nearly every country. The organizations in countries such as Japan, Korea, the Philippines, Germany, France, England and Italy are quite substantial, creating many programs and providing humanitarian services such as educational opportunities, relief work, and medical services. Countries in Africa have been quite active, and on our side of the hemisphere, Mexico, Brazil, and other South American countries report numerous activities.

It is impossible to mention every country's activities here. However, until now these organizations have not had an international WFWP organization to unite them. Our very name suggests worldwide concern. From our inception, our founder, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, has

envisioned women united worldwide as a powerful force for peace, an instrument through which to provide solutions for world hunger, and a vehicle to educate families in more productive and enhanced family living.

We are happy to inform our members that we are in the process of registering the Statement of Purpose clause for the incorporation of Women's Federation for World Peace International, with its current headquarters in New York.

The following women will serve as international officers:

President:

Gil Ja Sa Eu (Korea)

Vice Presidents:

Han Young Moon (Korea)

Motoko Sugiyama (Japan)

Nora Spurgin (USA)

Gisela Winkler (Germany)

The following twelve nations are the founding nation members:

Korea	Japan
United States	Germany
France	Italy
Great Britain	Canada
China	Russia
Brazil	Australia

Other nations will join. The international organization will have national organizations, not individuals, as members. The establishment of this organization should be most helpful in international communications, cultural exchanges, and distribution of relief services.

Our founder, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon, is, of course, providing leadership and is most interested in the cultivation of our international work as Women's Federation for World Peace. ❀

WFWP International Statement of Purpose Clause

A. To unite women in the cause of promoting world peace through an understanding of other cultures, international dialogue and exchange of ideas and materials.

B. To recognize the true value of women of all nations and races and provide opportunities for women to take leadership in society; to reject practices in which women are oppressed and discriminated against.

C. To participate in worldwide humanitarian activities, facilitated by a network of national WFWP organizations which aid in the identification of needs and the distribution of resources. To promote worldwide interest in the protection of our environment.

D. To provide international conferences and symposia as the foundation for building moral families,

societies and nations; and to focus the natural nurturing and healing interests of the international community of women on peaceful solutions to our world problems. To strengthen the sanctity of marriage, education of families in parenting skills, and help re-direct youth to more constructive and healthier lives.

E. To serve as an international voice whenever necessary to achieve conflict resolution through dialogue and reconciliation, sympathy and compassion, rather than by violence.

F. To do any other act or thing incidental to or connected with the foregoing purposes or in advancement thereof, but not for the pecuniary profit or financial gain of its members, directors or officers, except as permitted under Article 5 of the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law.

Convenor of NGO Forum Selected

The following information is based on a feature article written by Estrella Maniquis for Depthnews.

“A politician who is making a difference for women” is how Thai political figure Supatra Masdit has been described. Now she can make that difference on a global scale.

Supatra, a *khunyng* (title of exaltation) who prefers to be called by her first name, has been elected convenor of the NGO (non-governmental organizations) Forum, a global women’s meeting which will take place alongside the United Nations’ Fourth World Conference on Women to be held next year in Beijing, China.

She came to New York to accept the post and to meet with U.N. Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali. Supatra will see to it that women’s groups will have an opportunity to contribute to the Forum. If they are unable to attend, they will at least have the opportunity to share their stories and strategies.

She is also expected to strengthen the NGO voice at the U.N. meeting, where a very important document, the Platform of Action, will be adopted. The Platform will serve as a blueprint for governments seeking to advance the status of women from 1995 onwards.

Asked what she thinks are qualifications for the job, she replied: “Being willing to work for free and able to talk others into giving money.” (She does not receive a salary as convenor.)

The convenor for the NGO Forum needs to have the stature to be taken seriously. Overall, she has to have the ability to get people of diverse backgrounds and

opinions to work together for common goals.

Supatra’s track record leaves no doubt about her qualifications. She ran for Thai Parliament five times in the past fourteen years and won by a landslide each time. She became Thailand’s first elected full cabinet minister in 1989.

As a member of parliament, Supatra also served as secretary and spokesperson of the House Committee on Social Welfare and Labor, spokesperson of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and chairperson of the House Committee on Ways and Means. She was a member of the Inter-Parliamentary Union.

Supatra does not go after political power for its own sake, but as something important to the advancement of women and society. “If women do not become political, things will not change,” she said, adding that “politics should be in the blood of women.”

In 1992, Supatra dropped out of Thai politics to take up studies in state management and policy at Harvard University. With other women of like mind and will, Supatra has helped set up the Centre for Asia-Pacific Women in Politics, a leadership training institution to develop in women the skills to get elected into office, as well as to govern, make policies, build coalitions and maintain a political base.

She explains her bias for women: “Female politicians contribute significantly to the social and humane side of state policy. Men are inclined to think in macro terms and view issues such as security or economic growth in the super-

structural sense, forgetting their impact on people’s lives.”

As a cabinet official in Thailand, Supatra set up a permanent National Commission on Women’s Affairs, which aims to empower women and make them equal contributors to national development. She instituted Family Day as an annual public holiday and promoted better services for the disabled.



Supatra Masdit

One of Supatra’s assets is her “non-threatening” personality, far removed from the stereotyped image of feminists as being pushy and strident. This dispels the impression that women with a cause are hard to work with.

For now Supatra will have to focus on overseeing preparations for the NGO Forum. In Beijing in 1995, she will chair the opening and closing sessions of the Forum as well as address the opening session of the U.N. Conference. Not the least of her tasks will be leading the fundraising needed for all these events, including the Beijing gathering.

Supatra has definite ideas for the job which, she confesses, she had not expected to be holding in the first place. Foremost is “to get women’s groups to tell us what they need, and to let them know what we can do for them.”

At the November preparatory meeting in Manila, she will suggest one way for NGOs with sectoral concerns, such as the environment, to make an impact. “They should get together, agree on what they want, and present these to the U.N. Conference as a single voice,” said Supatra. “I will see to it that things will continue to happen even after 1995.” ❀

Visit to Chernobyl Victims

by Nancy Neal-Oldenettel

Having been to Belarus four times since 1991, I knew when I went that life in the former Soviet Union is very difficult. I wanted to find out what life is really like for the average person. After three months of living just as they do I have come away deeply moved and changed by the courage and humor which sustains so many people in the face of very unstable and difficult times. The people are still very proud, and to see the collapse of their way of life and the evaporation of their savings is painful beyond words.

I visited eleven-year-old Vasya Kolokolov and his family. Their cottage has no plumbing. They live on the vegetables from the still-contaminated soil of their back yard. They, like so many others, have no choice. There are no fresh vegetables or fruit they can afford to buy. I learned that his family had moved near the Chernobyl reactor the day before it exploded. Vasya, along with many other children, played outside in the sandbox the week following the disaster, as it was an unusually warm spring for such a northerly climate. Afterwards he began to show symptoms of heart failure.

The doctors are still afraid to report anything related to the Chernobyl explosion. They fear repercussions, as the political trend continues to support the old guard. Vasya will be coming to the U.S. for a new diagnosis, along with a group of children from Belarus.

Inflation has eaten away the value of the Belarus ruble. The woman whom I lived with is a professor. She makes about \$20 per month. However, because the economy is so bad, for the past three months her university has been able to pay her only half that amount. She supports two boys as a single mother, yet she still took me into her typical "no bedroom" apartment and treated me as part of the family. We ate a lot of potatoes. I traded dollars into rubles and slipped

some into her money box. The doctors I met made about the same salary.

I made contacts with orphanages, hospitals and village priests, who know the circumstances of each family. In this way we will ensure that the humanitarian aid which we are preparing will be delivered to meet specific needs. I witnessed so much waste of the huge amount of aid being processed through government agencies, both ours and theirs. I met local WFWP members in the capital and was impressed by their desire to serve in a concrete way. Some Japanese WFWP members will come to do social work.

Life as a Bridge between Japan and America

by Mamiko Rattley

Yukiko Irwin, a seventh-generation descendant of Benjamin Franklin, gave a talk on May 14 in Manhattan on "Life as a bridge between Japan and America." With the first Japanese-American couple in history as her grandparents, Ms. Irwin had a unique, exciting life. Not only because of her special life and work, but also because of her prestigious lineage, she is listed in the Social Register, which lists famous families in America.

At the meeting, Yoko Kobayashi, the president of the Japanese WFWP, introduced WFWP activities and welcomed Ms. Irwin. There were more than a hundred guests in the conference room of the Japanese-American Association Building.

People always ask for vitamins and aspirin. This will be one of the first things we will focus on sending. We are preparing a container load of supplies. If you are interested in having a vitamin drive or helping to sponsor a child coming to the U.S. for health treatments, you may contact me at (206) 946-9241. ☸

Editor's Note: Nancy Oldenettel, WFWP officer from Seattle, Washington, has just returned from a trip to Minsk, where she arranged for thirty children from the Chernobyl area to spend time in America, giving the children an opportunity to live in a non-contaminated environment in order to improve their health. Nancy recruited Seattle churches and families to offer their homes and contribute the \$750 per child to cover transportation costs.



Left to right: Tamie Wilanchik, Mamiko Rattley, Yukiko Irwin, Yoko Kobayashi, Yasuko Tahahushi, Noriko Hamagishi

Ms. Irwin shared her life experiences, which at times were difficult because of her mixed ancestry. However, she persevered because she realized that everyone has a God-given responsibility. When we do our best to fulfill this responsibility, we can be content and happy. She sees her responsibility in life as being a bridge between Japan and America. Instead of feeling sorry about her mixed ancestry, she learned to see the goodness of both America and Japan, in herself as well as in others. Everyone was moved by the depth and warmth of the talk. Ms. Irwin closed her speech by encouraging everyone to become a true human being, exemplifying love and care for others, beyond nationality and social status. ☸

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motherland continue to suffer. Therefore, in 1988 she founded the East Meets West Foundation, which is devoted to improving the health and well-being of the Vietnamese people.

This energetic woman whose formal education ended with the third grade is also the author of two best-selling autobiographical books: *When Heaven and Earth Changed Places* and *Child of War, Woman of Peace*. These two books provided the story that Oliver Stone brought to the big screen in the epic film, *Heaven and Earth*. It was her story, and Le Ly worked side by side with Oliver Stone to keep it authentic. She even acted in several cameo roles throughout the film.



Le Ly Hayslip

enough to eat and only half of them finishing primary school.

When Le Ly visited her home after seventeen years in America, her compassionate heart was stirred to action, and she returned to found the East Meets West Foundation. Still working from her kitchen table, she fundraises, speaks, travels and guides the humanitarian programs she has put into action.

The foundation's programs include **Peace Village**, a medical center which offers free primary health care services to over a hundred patients a day; the **Mobile Medical Outreach Program**, which brings mobile health units to remote areas of Vietnam; the **Facial Reconstruction Project**, which provides facial prosthetic replacements for disabled persons and trains Vietnamese technicians to produce the devices; the **Compassion School**, which offers educational services to poor children who are otherwise unable to attend school; and the **Village of Hope**, which provides care, shelter and education for a hundred orphaned and abandoned children.

A new program has also been established to provide small loans ranging

from ten to a hundred dollars for families to gain an economic start. They repay their loans by passing the money on to another needy family after two years. These loans are used to buy chickens, ducks, pigs, or a cow. The families can raise the animals to sell and use the manure to grow vegetables.

This is a practical woman with a foundation which is working and expanding. World peace will certainly come closer through the vision of people like Le Ly Hayslip.

If local WFWP chapters would like to promote this cause, I would make the following suggestions:

1. Show the video *Heaven and Earth* to a group of women. The video is a new release and worth seeing. Talk about the projects (national headquarters can provide information) and encourage women to send donations of \$10 or more to be given to a family as a loan. A donation of \$100 a year can provide an education for one child.

2. If you live in the San Francisco area, meet Mrs. Hayslip and offer to volunteer your services to the organization. ❀

For more information contact the East Meets West Foundation, P.O. Box 77247, 460 Brannan Street, San Francisco, CA 94107. Telephone: (415) 896-6632, FAX: (415) 543-9147.

On an economic level, the recent lifting of the embargo has encouraged many businesses to invest in the economy of the cities of Vietnam, providing employment, money, and with it education. However, as in many poverty-ridden countries, there is enormous discrepancy between the cities and the countryside.

Vietnam is the third poorest country in the world, with many children lacking

Vietnam is among the poorest nations in the world.

Only half of Vietnam's children have enough to eat by world standards, and only half finish primary school.

There is only one doctor for every 3000 people.

A baby born in Vietnam has five times as many chances of dying before his first birthday than a baby born in America.



Le Ly Hayslip, founder of the East Meets West Foundation, receives a WFWP award from WFWP Texas.

Pictured with Mrs. Hayslip are WFWP state officers Vera Tsumagari and Gillian Corcoran.

Youth Federation for World Peace Launched in D.C.

The Youth Federation for World Peace (YFWP), a worldwide educational and service organization, was inaugurated in Washington, D.C. on July 26. The meeting was the result of a decision by 170 delegates from twenty countries who gathered at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China in June for the Second International Collegiate Seminar for World Peace.

YFWP provides a forum for the discussion of youth-related issues and a practical agenda for youth development, including scholarship programs, values education, leadership training, and conflict resolution.

One program will merge existing university facilities with telecommunication technology to create an ambitious educational project that will allow students anywhere in the world, from any social or income class, to receive accredited academic instruction. YFWP will emphasize love of God, the world and the nation and will work to help young people contribute to society. Membership will be open to individuals from 18 to 48 years old. The YFWP will be headquartered in Washington, D.C., and will have branch organizations in 164 countries.

At the Inaugural Ceremony, the Rev. Sun Myung Moon announced, "My wife and I are founding a new organization based on a Godly perspective." He referred to the numerous organizations he has been instrumental in founding in an effort to realize world peace. (See box.)

"Today," Rev. Moon continued, "we are founding the Youth Federation for World Peace so that the youth of the world can participate as the spearhead in

the saving of humanity. I will dedicate all my resources to educational programs designed to inspire young people to love God, to love their families and countries, and to live by the highest moral standards."

Plans are being made to combine the academic resources of the Professors World Peace Academy with sophisticated telecommunications technology, in order to provide advanced educational opportunities for young people around the world.

Rev. Moon urged the Youth Federation in each of the 164 member countries to accept the task of "creating scholarship and educational programs

Associations Collaborating to Achieve World Peace

The Federation for World Peace
The Women's Federation for World Peace
The Collegiate Association for the Research of Principles
The Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace
The Summit Council for World Peace
The International Conference on the Unity of the Sciences
The Journalists Association for World Peace
The Professors World Peace Academy
Youth Federation for World Peace

designed to reverse the spiritual and moral decline of our youth."

Maureen Reagan, former representative to the U.N. Commission on Women, introduced the Co-Founder and Co-Chairperson of the Youth Federation for World Peace, Mrs. Hak Ja Han Moon (also founder of WFWP). In her address to the delegates at the Inaugural Ceremony, Mrs. Moon referred to statistics indicating that 60 percent of high school students have abused drugs, 40 percent of fourteen-year-old girls will become pregnant before age nineteen, and 30 percent of all children are born to

single-parent homes. HIV infection is on the rise, and the suicide rate among young people has increased 300 percent over the past three decades.

"The United States is not the only country plagued by the problems that are destroying our youth," Mrs. Moon continued. "Countries all over the world have their share of this global problem. How wonderful it would be if we could simply wish our problems away! But the issues before us are going to need much more than just good intentions. The world needs a new generation of leaders who understand the source of the problem and provide a comprehensive solution based upon a Godly perspective."

Mrs. Moon spoke of the need to reclaim the ideal of the family: "My husband and I believe that women must take the leading role. We founded the

Women's Federation for World Peace in 1992 to inspire women all around the world to take responsibility for their families, communities and nations. Working in parallel with the Federation for World Peace, the Women's Federation has been working to educate men and women in the areas of politics, religion, arts and science to become role models as loving husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, and community leaders."

The Youth Federation for World Peace will complement WFWP, by educating young men and women on the importance of a God-centered family.

"Armed with hope and love, I pray that the delegates of the YFWP gathered here today can become the beacon of light shining the way into the next millennium," Mrs. Moon concluded.

Let us, as WFWP members, give our prayerful support to this newly-created organization. ❀

Youth Federation for World Peace Statement of Purpose

1. To work toward realizing world peace and unity, based upon true love and Godism, to work to assure the prosperity and happiness of all humanity.

2. To overcome the barriers which oppress and isolate humanity, and develop a new cultural movement of heart and mind, centered on God's love, to prepare for the 21st century.

3. To rebuild society's moral fabric and re-establish the centrality of the family through creating a true family movement having an ethical system rooted in true love, which can encourage international marriage to create unity within the human family.

4. To promote efforts to resolve the historic conflicts of nationality, race and religion with the understanding that all human beings have equal value and should not be subjected to discrimination or bias.

5. To develop a movement striving to realize an ideal society of co-existence, co-prosperity and common cause which will promote democracy in all nations, as well as economic fairness and the unity of humanity centered on God's true love.

6. To encourage advanced countries to feel a sense of common responsibility to promote the development and prosperity of underdeveloped nations and assume a leading role in creating a true global community for the future, where advanced countries assist rather than exploit underdeveloped ones.

7. To establish ties with, and lend support to, organizations worldwide which can identify with the guiding principles of the Youth Federation for World Peace.

8. To build a concrete foundation for world peace and unity by developing and organizing service and exchange programs and cooperative projects with young people and students.

9. To develop programs to train young people to assume world-level leadership roles in the future through working together with educational institutions such as middle schools, high schools and universities.

10. To develop various other types of programs and projects to accomplish the goals of the Youth Federation for World Peace.

Georgia WFWP "TAPS" into the Atlanta Project

by Lili Kato

On Saturday, April 30, the Women's Federation for World Peace of Georgia participated in the Atlanta Project's TAP into PEACE campaign. The Atlanta Project was created in October 1991 by former U.S. President Jimmy Carter as a way to help Atlanta's communities gain access to the resources they need to solve pressing problems. This was an excellent opportunity for members of WFWP to meet people who have been doing community work in this city.

This program mobilized volunteers to go door to door in the city's clusters

(or neighborhoods) and ask the residents to sign a peace pledge promising that they will make peace their way of life. We were able to meet the cluster coordinator and the assistant cluster coordinator, who were quite impressed with our enthusiasm and our ideas about women's role in world peace.

During this event WFWP members were interviewed for live news coverage on local television. We were able to express the essence of WFWP and why we were participating in the Atlanta Project's campaign.

Donna Mason and Joanne Hardarson, the regional WFWP president and vice president respectively, attended a press conference for Jimmy Carter and his wife, Rosalyn. There were many representatives from different organization at the event. Donna and Joanne were wearing their WFWP badges to make our organization known.

We now have some solid contacts with TAP. These women are very serious about improving the quality of life for their children, their families, and their communities. They have a newsletter that reaches many people in the city of Atlanta, and they have extended an invitation to WFWP to use it for advertising our events and projects.

During this one day, we opened a big door for our WFWP work. 🌸

Parents' Prayer Calls Families Together

San Francisco Area

We sent 120 letters explaining about Parents' Prayer and the need for supporting parenting to churches, newspaper and radio stations. It was such a wonderful way to connect with groups around an issue close to all of our hearts. Some people heard the prayer being read on radio stations.

Seattle, Washington

The Greater Good Foundation circulates a monthly newsletter in which they print a prayer. The organization is interdenominational and has designated its theme for this year to be a year of prayer for children—a year to pray for the world's children. WFWP member Anne Primous submitted information about parenting and the Parents' Prayer, which was included in the last WFWP newsletter. Last month someone from the Greater Good Foundation called the national WFWP office asking permission to print the prayer as their prayer for the month. It was such a joy to share this inspirational prayer with them.

On July 28, the Seattle WFWP held a Parents Picnic with a banner honoring the day. Families from around the area attended, enjoying the fellowship and showing their support for the family and parenting.

Reading, Pennsylvania

In honor of parenting, families gathered together in Reading, Pennsylvania for a prayer ceremony at one family's home. Several of us launched plans for the gathering during one of our weekly group meetings, where women of different faiths come together to discuss topics on spiritual growth.

We have the blessing of having our WFWP president, Nora Spurgin, as a

local resident, and she led the prayer ceremony for us. After singing some very beautiful songs, we recited together the Parents' Prayer. Each couple then said the names of their children, and together everyone prayed and asked them to be blessed, guided and protected. At the end, each parent shared something special about their experience as parents.

It was a time of great inspiration for everyone, leading to new friendships, a deeper awareness of the value of our role as parents, as well as making plans for a future public lecture about parenting skills, and a request for monthly meetings.

- Claire Hinkle

New Orleans, Louisiana

WFWP in New Orleans hosted a celebration of parenting for a group of about

twenty people. Astrid Devlin, president of WFWP in New Orleans, gave a welcome address, followed by the Parents' Prayer led by Mr. Bruno Borer.

Pat Burke, Sr., former commander of the American Legion and member of the State Executive Committee of the Democratic Party, spoke about his efforts in Congress in support of issues on families and parenting.

A most inspirational speech on the theme of understanding this as a special time in history and the need for family values and good parenting was given by Rev. Mildred Roussell. Music was provided by Mihoko Monestere and Wendell Miller.

To conclude the day, everyone watched the video, "Power of Parents to Change Lives." After the closing prayer by Bishop Amy Green, participants lingered over food and the fellowship. No one wanted to end the day.

- Astrid Devlin

Aid for Rwanda Collected

In New York City, the International Relief Friendship Foundation and WFWP have united efforts to serve as a drop point for international aid going to Rwanda. Food items such as powdered milk, rice and beans as well as blankets, tents and cold medicine are of particular need and are being collected and sent to Rwanda.

Also, the International Relief Friendship Foundation has provided 1500 pounds of concentrated fish protein powder for transport and distribution to refugee camps in Burundi and Rwanda. This valuable source of protein is being supplied through the Christian Disaster Response in Florida.

The fish powder was developed by International Seafoods of Alaska for the

purpose of alleviating world hunger. WFWP is seeking a way to use our international network for distribution of this high-protein powder.

At this point, we would encourage local WFWP chapters to do a charity drive for Rwanda, collecting monies which would enable us to provide more fish protein and help pay for transportation.

More information about this project is available from the Women's Federation for World Peace headquarters. Monetary contributions may be sent in care of:

WFWP
4 West 43rd Street
New York, NY 10036. ☘

Montessori in the Home:

15 Minutes a Day with Your Child

by Shirley Miho

On June 28, Joy Hardinge and Shirley Miho under the sponsorship of WFWP Manhattan, organized an evening program entitled "Montessori in the Home: 15 Minutes a Day with Your Child." Lila Francisco, Daniela Wetherall, and Shirley Miho—the joint chairwomen of WFWP Manhattan—collaborated to create the successful program, along with Tom Miho and Yolanda Paliqaby from Manhattan Center Studios.

Joy Hardinge, who trained with Dr. Maria Montessori in Madras, India from 1942-42, emphasized children's need for love, care and respect, speaking of the need to let children experience the world around them and to trust them in their efforts for growth. She and Shirley Miho, a trained Montessori professional and consultant, addressed some of the needs of parents and caregivers in their work of engaging the small child.

Focusing on children between the ages of three and six, and using the Montessori principles of learning and education as a foundation, they sought to prompt a renewed interest in the world of the child and to give the interested adults present some practical tools for creating an atmosphere that is appealing to children and conducive to their needs.

Although they concentrated on only one area of the Montessori environment, the area of practical life or the refinement of activities of everyday living as it is called, they reminded parents that this area is the foundation for all other areas in the Montessori room.

Joy and Shirley explained that Dr. Montessori believed that dramatic changes could take place in children as a

result of their whole personality being engaged in work, a process she called "normalization"—the normal state for a child—in harmony and full joy. In fact, in 1907, when the Italian doctor began her work, those who observed the effect her environment had on the children in her care spoke of "converted children" and the "discovery of the human soul." They were amazed by the results.

The speakers also emphasized the importance of the heart and attitude towards the children—and not the materials—as the real essence of the Montessori method; hence the importance of the adult being able to be sensitive to the needs of the child and the conscious effort required not to become an obstacle to children and their learning. It was noted that if we interfere too much, creativity is extinguished; on the other hand, if we are not involved enough, the child cannot act meaningfully. We need to be masters of observation, observing the child and based on that observation, to prepare an environment which meets the needs of each child. From a Montessori point of view, we control the environment, not the child. The child is given the fullest freedom, respect and responsibility within the prepared environment.

Ultimately, the activities give the child an approach to life and work which are appropriate and worthy of his attention. Through such work, ownership is established and the child comes to realize his place in the world and take responsibility for it. He learns to take dominion.

Dr. Montessori taught that before anyone can assume responsibility, "he must be convinced that he is master of his own actions and have confidence in them." How can a child obey another's will when he has difficulty obeying his own?

In asking us to "follow the child," Dr. Montessori understood the Divine

potential of the child and the importance of unlocking that potential for themselves, their families, their societies, nations and ultimately, the world. In teaching us to step back and observe, she gave us a key. The fruit speaks for itself. The Montessori method works!

The presentations gave an interesting glimpse of the work of a pioneer in the world of the child. Dr. Montessori, the first female doctor in Italy, was not an educator but a scientist—a keen observer of life. Her simple heart towards children as individuals and children in society unlocked the secrets of childhood and helped us all to become aware of our divine potential. For this she deserves our eternal respect and gratitude.

Dr. Montessori's work merits a closer look. To get a first-hand experience, you may want to visit a reputable Montessori school and environment (accredited by the American Montessori Society or the Association Montessori International).✿

For information on the Montessori Method and teacher training programs, contact Shirley Miho, 481 - 8th Avenue, Box G2, New York, NY 10001, or call (212) 714-2109. A fifteen-minute videotape containing highlights of the program is available from Shirley for \$12.

Seminars in the San Francisco Area

Four seminars are held monthly in Northern California centering on the following topics:

1. Spiritual and emotional healing
2. Natural healing
3. Outreach
4. Parenting

These ongoing programs provide an opportunity to invite friends and interested acquaintances on topics of great interest to WFWP members.✿

Woman on the Move, cont. from p. 3

The Associated Press was about to put out a statement saying that they stood by their quotes. At that point I did a NEXUS computer search cross-referencing "AIDS Czar Gebbie" and "abstinence," calling up everything that she has said on the subject that has been published anywhere in the past five years. We got a talk she gave in Dallas two weeks earlier, where she said that to teach abstinence is criminal and that it is destroying our children.

Shortly thereafter I got a call from Dee Dee Myers, the press secretary at the White House. She said, "Josette, this is just outrageous. You've mis-characterized Miss Gebbie. She's really pro-abstinence."

I said, "Dee Dee, you may have a problem with what she said, and you may wish her to recant it, but she is not pro-abstinence. That's a fact, not a debate." I reported, "We've done a NEXUS search." She said, "Oh, s---, what did she say?" I said, "You should know this before you call me, but she said that to teach abstinence is criminal." She said, "I'll call you back."

Later she called back and said, "What she really means is that kids grow up and when they get to be like thirteen

they start having urges and, you know, they shouldn't go and have sex, but we've got to explain to them that it is not a good thing and it is not a bad thing and...." I said, "Dee Dee, get a hold of yourself." She said, "It's not abstinence and it is not anti-abstinence." I said, "Listen, this is not my problem. You retract the statement that we mis-characterized her; that is all we want." About twenty minutes later, the wires carried a retraction from the White House.

So we ended this day-long thing.

I use this only as an example, because we cover these issues with this administration. Joycelyn Elders says, "We should legalize drugs." Then the White House says, "No, we don't stand by this." The next week she says it again.

On values issues, they are really all over the map. Covering them is an adventure, because we never know where they are going to come out. Why do we see that kind of thing happening? I haven't seen anything like it before in Washington. In part it is an inexperienced staff. They are not aware of what everyone is doing all of the time. There is no clear policy focus. In part, it's also because values issues are a battleground. 🌸

[To be continued]

WFWP Statement of Beliefs

1. We believe that both men and women are created in the image of God, and are equal in value and should be given opportunities to contribute their unique qualities and perspectives to leadership in the larger society.

2. We believe in the sanctity of marriage and that the nuclear family should be held as the ideal norm for a healthy society.

3. We hold that chastity before marriage and fidelity in marriage are desirable goals and will help re-direct our youth to more constructive and healthier lives.

4. We believe that self-centeredness is the root of many personal and societal problems; correction of these problems will begin with teaching true love and the value of living for others.

5. We believe that through educating families in true parenting skills, they can be enabled to practice true love within the home and on every other level of society.

6. We believe that women of all nations are entitled to recognition of their true value. We support women's desires to take leadership in society and reject practices in which women are oppressed or discriminated against.

7. We believe that women can transcend religious traditions and doctrines and racial and national barriers to join together with men in facilitating global peace.

8. We believe that conflict resolution should be achieved whenever possible through dialogue and reconciliation, empathy and compassion, repentance and forgiveness, rather than by violence.

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Father Instructs Leaders at August 1 Conference

by Nora Spurgin

One of the questions many WFWP members ask is: "What is the relationship between WFWP and the work with youth?" My response is that we have a three-pronged approach:

1. We combine the forces of the church and CARP in order to witness and teach youth.

2. We reach out to women through door-to-door canvassing and weekly or monthly women's meetings. Our goal is to bring women to WFWP and ultimately to prepare them for the blessing.

3. We reach out to VIP women through yearly or twice-yearly projects or symposia, which will keep WFWP alive as an organization apart from a solely witnessing approach. These programs may address social issues. On a national level, plans are being made to have a symposium in Washington, DC, on the fall on the theme, "Should the Traditional Family Be Saved?"

The following two sections of the outline of instructions, given by True Father to leaders on August 1, contain Father's references to WFWP. I have decided to include these instructions in the "Sisters' Section" so that all women may read and contemplate them:

The Completed Testament Era is a great transitional period during which the providence moves into the second generation era.

A. The Second Generation now arrives at the time to establish the founding spirit of a nation. This is what the Israelites lacked.

B. It is a time for university activities, which, if successful, will lead to activities in high schools and middle schools.

C. It is time to formalize the system of mother-son coordination (i.e., coordination between the WFWP and universities.)

D. It is time to make all families into ideal families, transcending national boundaries.

E. It is time to make the transition into heaven on earth and in heaven, to create heaven, and to fulfill the Family Pledge.

F. It is time to realize that "I" am the representative of True Parents and God, and to take responsibility as a central figure.

The age of responsibility for the Women's Federation for World Peace

A. Women are to attend True Father and, in the position of bride on the level of the family (Adam's Age), nation (Jesus' Age) and world (Age of the Second Coming), unite the children of these three Ages and, for the perfection of the Heavenly Kingdom on earth, set the example as responsible teachers.

B. Women, from the position of representing ideal families, are to bring about the miracle of recreation

for the purpose of restoring ideal husbands through True Parents. Then by re-organizing the family into an ideal family, women are to create a wide road from the family to heaven.

C. Women are the example of the unification of mind and body, the unification of husband and wife, and the unification of children. Women should accomplish these important responsibilities on earth.

D. Women act in the place of God during the providence of restoration.

E. Women, upon the age of world liberation, connect with the Inter-Religious Federation for World Peace and the Federation for World Peace, and further connect with the Collegiate Association for the Research of Principle and the Youth Federation for World Peace, and create a religious United Nations, a United Nations of nations, a United Nations of women, and a United Nations of youth. Then, unified families, unified nations and a peaceful unified world will connect the kingdom of heaven on earth with the kingdom of heaven in heaven.

F. We should establish United Nations-style universities for education which includes True Parents' thought.

G. Educate 3,200 women from twelve countries representing the world, and send them throughout the world to re-educate the diplomats of the world and create a unified world.

H. Since women are the center of true love on the earth, they must educate the children by their own example, and, by uniting with their husbands, become the model and example to the children, so that the children will become exemplary couples and parents in the future.

I. Women should be the central figures to attend their husbands, who are the kings of their families, and become the teachers of true love by rearing children to be future kings.

J. Women must demonstrate how to harmonize horizontally while having God and True Parents in the vertical position.

K. Women are the center of the children's praise of true love, the center of the husband's true love, and the center of the true love of God on earth.

L. Peace and happiness stem from women.

M. Heaven on earth, which is the age of peace and unification, is the age of the praise of women.

N. Since women represent the earth, they should be proud of having generous minds and above all should possess an accommodating attitude. ❀

Campus Witnessing in the New York Area

by Yasuko Takahashi

In mid April, Rev. Joong Hyun Pak gathered the Japanese WFWP regional chair leaders and asked us to hold a two-day workshop on May 28 and 29 to culminate the 100-campus speaking tour throughout America this spring.

For most colleges and universities, summer vacation starts around May 15. There was only one month left to witness on campus. We felt a little pressured.

Nevertheless, one sister from the Harlem area set a condition to witness until May 15 around the Columbia University CARP center every week day, along with another Japanese sister and one Korean sister. She has six children. Her husband supported her totally during this time, even making

a witnessing questionnaire for her to use.

WFWP members in Westchester witnessed around Lehman University in the Bronx, since there was no church center nearby.

We were a little anxious, since we had not witnessed for many years. We did not know what young people today are thinking. However, with the help of the Bronx church leader, we set up a table on campus, every Monday and Wednesday until May 18.

During this time of campus witnessing each of us came to realize that students eighteen to twenty years old don't know about Rev. Moon and the Unification Church. They are open-minded about us.

The first two weeks were a challenge, but by the third week we had brought some guests, and more WFWP members had joined us. We felt that the good spirit world was helping us.

One student came just from receiving a leaflet. Another had gone to a twenty-one day workshop in the past. A third said he was searching for a new idea like the Principle.

Most of us had no past successful record of witnessing experiences. This time, however, we all sensed a new era on the campus. With these good experiences we want to keep trying to witness to university students. ❀

Adoption and Infertility

There are many couples who struggle because of infertility and childlessness. Many of them would be so grateful if they could be able to adopt a baby.

If you were in the New York area around the late 1980s you may recall the activity of Family Hope, the infertility support group, and the New Family Foundation, the adoption support services. Well, we are presently in need of new coordinators for both groups.

The New Family Foundation especially needs a contact person/coordinator in the New York

or Washington, D.C., area, because of the many couples there who are relying on support and guidance in this very sensitive area.

If you feel inspired or interested, please contact Lynn Walsh or Claire Bowles.

Lynn Walsh can be reached at (502) 635-6291. After September you may contact her in Moscow through CARP (4 West 43rd Street, New York, NY 10036).

Claire Bowles can be contacted by mail at 1510 East 69th North, Tulsa, OK 74126. ❀