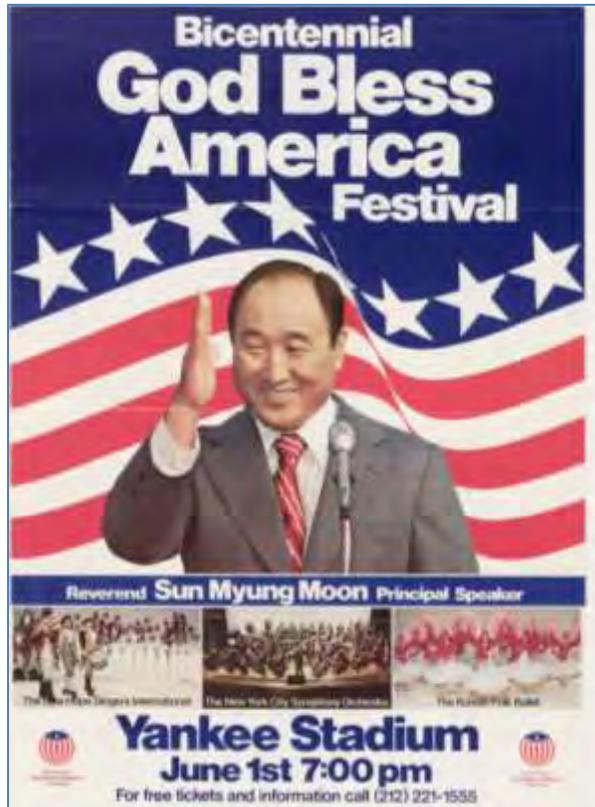


Plans for next year's Bicentennial "God Bless America" Festival announced

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Anticipation heightened at National Headquarters in New York City as concrete plans for next year's Bicentennial "God Bless America" Festival were announced last month. Rev. Reiner Vincenz, successful leader of the 700-member Global Team in Japan, returned to America, as well as the American members of the Global Team. The Korean Folk Ballet and New Hope Singers International have also returned to New York after months of publicly acclaimed performances in Japan and Korea.

Reverend Sun Myung Moon is chairman of the Bicentennial "God Bless America" Festival. There will be an advisory committee of prominent citizens. Assisting Rev. Moon is a steering committee composed of Col. Bo Hi Pak as chief adviser, Mr. Takeru Kamiyama, and Mr. Neil Salonen. The campaign consists of four major aspects: public relations, headed by Col. Pak; mobilization, under Rev. Vincenz; production; and finance, under the direction of Mr. Kamiyama.

Rev. Vincenz assumed responsibility for a new 130-member International One World Crusade team (IOWC), recruited from Los Angeles, Oakland, and other states. After receiving a weeks' training, the members began witnessing on the streets of New York with the goal of bringing people to attend Divine Principle workshops. The team is expected to double in size as new members join.

The New Hope Festivals, which drew capacity crowds throughout the New York metropolitan area in August and September, will be replaced by a series of public performances by the Korean Folk Ballet, New Hope Singers, and Sunburst.