In apparent response to the American Jewish Committee's recent study of his basic teachings, the Rev. Moon has categorically condemned anti-Semitism and has declared his support of the State of Israel's right to secure existence as set forth in the full-page advertisement in the New York Times of Sunday, Dec. 19. ("Statement on Jews and Israel, Reverend Sun Myung Moon.")

We trust that the Rev. Moon's declaration that the Unification Movement "categorically condemns anti-Semitism, the most hideous, abject and cruel form of hatred" will now result in concrete actions that will demonstrate that he means what he professes. A comprehensive and systematic removal of negative and hostile references to Jews and Judaism which abound in his Divine Principle, the basic teachings of the Unification Movement, would be one such demonstration that his statements are serious and are made in good faith and are not simply public relations pieties.

Rev. Moon attributes the murder of six million Jews during the European Holocaust to "political short-sightedness and lack of moral responsibility on the part of Germany's political and religious leaders, and statesmen from among other nations, in the period between the Two World Wars." While these realities cannot be denied, the actual foundation-blocks for the Holocaust were laid centuries before that, and the destruction of European Jewry cannot be viewed apart from a tradition of theological and cultural anti-Semitism which dehumanized Jews, heaped contempt upon them, and justified their persecution on "religious grounds."

The numerous references to Jews and Judaism documented in the American Jewish
Committee study of the Divine Principle - especially the teachings that the entire Jewish people betrayed, rejected, and crucified Jesus; that Jewish suffering and persecution "through the present day" are punishment for the collective sin of the "Christ-killers"; that God's heritage has been taken away from the Jewish people - all conform to that invidious tradition, and, in fact, reinforce it.

In light of the fact that all major Christian bodies and religious authorities - from Vatican Council II to the World and National Council of Churches to Dr. Billy Graham to the Southern Baptist Convention - have unambiguously repudiated these anti-Jewish canards, we call upon Rev. Moon not to be guilty of replanting these poisonous weeds which so many faithful people have labored over decades to uproot.

Since the American Jewish Committee study was confined to a content analysis of the Divine Principle, we have restricted this response mainly to the issues of anti-Semitism. That concentrated focus should not be taken to mean that the American Jewish Committee is not equally concerned about the proselytizing activities and the reputed "mind-conditioning" methods of indoctrination practiced by Rev. Moon and his followers, as well as their ideological stance which appears to be a religious justification of regimes that practice oppression and denial of human rights.

(Copies of the AJC study, "Jews and Judaism in the Divine Principle of Rev. Moon," prepared by Rabbi James Rudin, are available by writing to the AJC Interreligious Affairs Department, 165 East 56th Street, New York, New York 10022.)
STATEMENT ON JEWS AND ISRAEL

Reverend Sun Myung Moon

Jewish Brethren:

On September 18, 1976, at our God Bless America Festival at the Washington Monument, in the presence of an estimated 300,000 people, we stated:

[Judaism, Christianity and the Unification Movement] are indeed three brothers in the Providence of God. Then, Israel, the United States and Korea, the nations where these three religions have a common destiny representing God's side, the Communist bloc as Satan's representative is trying to isolate and destroy them at the UN.

Therefore these three brother nations must join hands in a unified effort to restore the United Nations to its original purpose and function. They must contribute internally to the unification of world religions and externally to the unification of the world itself. (cf. our advertisement in The New York Times, Sept. 24, 1976)

And yet, in spite of this clear and explicit statement, we were attacked repeatedly and accused of anti-Semitism. Our views were distorted, our struggle, its meaning and objectives misrepresented.

On the occasion of these Hanukkah Days, the Festival of Light and commemoration of your victory over the forces of darkness and evil, we wish to clarify our genuine convictions and express our honest and sincere feelings toward you, Jewish Brethren.

Towards this end and purpose we publish herewith and bring to your attention the document signed on August 10, 1976.

In the course of their history the people of Israel and Korea have experienced suffering and persecutions by neighboring enemies and expanding imperialistic powers.

As a son of the Korean people, living in this blessed by God land of America, I extend to you, Jewish Brethren, my hand of friendship and confrontation regarding the problems and difficulties America, I extend to you, Jewish Brethren, my hand of friendship and confronting the Jews of the World and Israel at this crucial juncture of history.

Ignoring the basic teachings of the Scriptures, they acted too late to block Hitler's ascent to power, they postponed the action for his downfall, and they did nothing to rescue the victims who were the captives of his satanic plans and designs. Only a unified front of all Christian and Jewish forces, inspired by the principles of the Divine Commandments and guided by the concept of human brotherhood, would have been able to prevent the Holocaust, the implementation of the "Final Solution," —a Cain-inspired action, carried out by the Nazis between 1933 and 1945.

The Unification Movement recognizes the divine and natural right of the Jewish people to physical survival and preservation of its specific religious traditions, the marks of its distinctive historical entity. These fundamental human rights must be secured everywhere, especially for Jews living in the lands of the Diaspora.

The Unification Movement regards the Land of Israel as a haven for the Holocaust survivors and sanctuary for all those individual and racial or national oppression. The demand for free emigration—the undeniable and inalienable right of every human being—must become the stated policy of the United States in her dealings with foreign countries, and particularly in her relations with the Soviet Union.

4. The Unification Movement, in its efforts to resolve conflicts among nations and harmonize antagonistic social-economic and political interests, will work toward the creation of political conditions necessary for an acceptable accommodation between the Arab and Jews, and to achieve a genuine and lasting peace in the Middle East, one of the most important corners of the world.

5. The Unification Movement believes that religious and free people throughout the world must cooperate in building a spiritual and organizational unity among nations which will be capable to contain Soviet imperialism, which continues to inflict hardship and suffering upon its own people and is spreading the poison of hatred and dissension among nations of the world, with the ultimate purpose of political global subjugation and enslavement.

6. The Unification Movement is grateful to God, to His true and righteous prophets and saints of our common spiritual tradition who prepared the foundations on which we stand and organize our struggle. We consider ourselves to be the younger brother of our Jewish and Christian brethren, all of whom are children of our Heavenly Father. We regard it as our duty to respect and serve the elder sons of our Father, and it is our mission to serve Judaism and Christianity by promoting Love and Unity among all the children of God.

7. The Unification Movement teaches the Principle and strives toward the establishment of a Unified World Family of Nations guided by the concepts of Unity and Brotherhood expressed in the Divine Commandments, the foundations of our common spiritual heritage. It is our conviction that we must unite in order to attain this Divine and Sublime Historical Objective.

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