***"In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; never let me be put to confusion"***

Dr. Arve West, Founder of the Family Altar House of Prayer, speaks to the enthusiastic crowd at the Interfaith Service.

***"How shall they hear without a preacher?"***

Dr. Billy Johnson preaching at the Interfaith Service.

***"The Lord into his garden comes"***

The Reverend Doctor Sun Myung Moon, Founder of CAUSA International.

***"The common people heard him gladly"***

A portion of the crowd at the Interfaith Service.

with and love one another as true brothers and sisters. The greatest honor that a person can give or receive is the respect and regard due to a child of God. It is not the aim of Godism to enter into theological or doctrinal contention. Rather, it is an ideology which exalts in grateful acknowledgement the unifying factors inherent in all religions. Judaism, Protestantism, Catholicism, Mormonism, Unificationism—all these diverse expressions of spirituality acknowledge the one God as the God of all, however different from one another their theology and polity may be.

The essence of the message of Godism is that God is the Creator, that man as the child of the infinite One is endowed with the freedom to love, create, and act responsibly. As the image and likeness of God, man's life is as eternal as that of God Himself, and the selfless love which motivated the Creator to create is the supreme value of existence.

The message of Godism is the "light that shines in the darkness," and before it even the most deeply entrenched legions of evil must capitulate.

CAUSA seeks the end of communism, as well as the end of corruption and exploitation in the non-communist world. God's saving power will liberate both Moscow and Wall Street, the Kremlin and the White House, and "turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, and to make ready for the Lord a people prepared" (Luke 1:17).

**CAUSA Ministerial Alliance**

The proclamation of the CAUSA worldview, Godism, is especially meaningful to ministers and community leaders. Because they are in the forefront of the mission to establish spiritual and moral values in the world, their dedication to spiritual renewal and community cohesion has best prepared them to be used by God at this providential hour.

In response to the many requests from clergy who attended previous CAUSA National Conferences, the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance was established in mid-October 1984, in New York City.

The goal of CAUSA Ministerial Alliance is to enable clergy and laity of every denominational persuasion to participate in educational programs which focus on eliminating the threat that communism poses to the world. Since communism basically denies and negates the primacy of spiritual values, clergy are the first line of defense against atheistic ideology, so much of which has almost unnoticed encroached upon Black churches and communities.

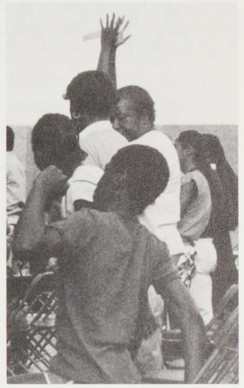
The resentment and despair engendered by generations of poverty, miseducation, and lack of opportunity for upward mobility has made a significant number of Black people susceptible to the siren song of "curse God and die" (Job 3:9). Because we are a people who have historically been nurtured in Zion, the church is responsible before God to do all it can to draw His ebony children back to the ark of safety. Even now a strong hint of the appearing of the suffocating clouds of infidelity are tainting the horizon of Black people's steadfast faith in God. If the darkness should fall, what answer will we give to the great Shepherd of the sheep when He asks, "Watchman, what of the night?" (Isaiah 21:1). It is our prayer that the activities of CAUSA Ministerial Alliance will enable us to reply, "While I

***"Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord of hosts"***

Dr. David N. Licorish, Historian of the National Baptist Convention and Chairman of the CAUSA Ministerial Alliance of Harlem, concludes that only the Spirit of God can lift us up.

***"He that would be greatest among you, let him be servant of all"***

Sister Ayako Heller serving the ministers at the Interfaith Service, July 18, 1985.



***"Ethiopia shall stretch forth her hands unto God"***

A worshipper praises God during the Interfaith Service.

was with them, I kept them in thy name, which thou hast given me; I have guarded them, and none of them is lost" (John 17:12).

**A Little Bit of Heaven in Harlem**

Black people, it has been said, are the "churchiest" people in the world. If this is true, Harlem is both the Blackest and the churchiest place in the world. There are over five hundred churches in central Harlem alone. These churches range from soaring, stately cathedrals to nondescript storefronts. There are churches whose number of members may be large enough to constitute the population of a mid-size town, or small enough to remind you of the "two or three gathered in my name" (Matthew 18:20). The style of service may express the pious dignity of a Catholic mass or the Spirit-filled, controlled pandemonium of a Pentecostal service.

On the night of July 18, 1985, the loving hands of God parted the purple curtains of twilight and blessed the spiritual eyes of his children in Harlem with a glimpse of His matchless glory.

For almost four hours the crowd which gathered in the Plaza of Adam Clayton Powell, Jr. State Office Building in Harlem received a foretaste of the fulfillment of this divine promise: "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be with them" (Revelations 21:2).

The occasion of this outpouring of the Spirit was the first Interfaith Service sponsored by CAUSA Ministerial Alliance of Harlem. The theme of the Service, "God Is Alive!", was confirmed beyond all expectations as the thunder of the Gospel preceded the fiery rain of the Spirit, and the winds of refreshing enthusiasm left a trail of gladness in the hearts of those who yielded to God that night. The warm summer air pulsated in holy rhythm with the heartbeat of Christ as gifted preachers of the Word expressed with trembling eloquence the heaven-born hopes of a cross-bearing people. A scattering of stars winked in approval as earthly choirs competed with the angels themselves in raising praises to God.

Scores of people responded to an altar call. Ministers of the Gospel laid hands of healing on all who came forward, and spoke words of encouragement to those who "were like sheep without a shepherd" (Matthew 9:36).

Harlem is a mecca for churches, evangelists, and spiritual endeavors of all kinds. One would think that by now Harlem would be hard, cynical, and immune to the influence of yet another revival. But even those who felt that they had seen everything there was to see admitted that there was something special about this Service—the people drank in this experience as though they were tasting the living water—and they were.

The Interfaith Service was the climax of a three-day CAUSA Seminar. It consisted of lectures on Godism, presentations by guest speakers on the subjects related to the overcoming of atheism in our communities, panel discussions, and critiques. All this was enhanced by the warm sense of fellowship that prevails whenever Black folks gather. The response to this initial seminar in Harlem indicates that the way is now open for similar conferences in the very near future, adding to the effort to bring to earth that Kingdom which can never be removed.