### 'Freeing minds' is their goal

## League attacks cult methods

By JACKIE KLEIN

Sun Myung Moon is called 'Mas-ter' by victim-members of his pseudo-religious political cult, Unifi-cation Church. He intends to be your master and control America's

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who exploit young victims to solicit funds to benefit leaders, it was al-

leged.
Among "religious movements" preying on the minds of youth today are Divine Light Mission. Unification Church, Children of God and Hare Krishna. according

to program speakers.

Also in the audience were representatives of Alliance for the Preservation of Religious Liberty (APRL). a . New York-based

ALLIANCE MEMBERS claim kidnapping young persons from "cults" and deprogramming (undoing all "cult mind control") them is "terrorism" and a viola-tion of their first amendment rights to religious freedom of choice.

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Hare Krishna devotees who aitended the program protested they were prolibitled from speaking during the public meeting. One follower was carried out by a security guard. It seemed apparent most of the audience was anti-cult.

"Young victims are being brain-washed by cult leaders to forsake all material goods and family ties," said Mrs. Donald Thal, program moderator whose son was a member of "Our Children of God" for two years. "They re taught that the group is their true family except when it comes to seeking donations."

"Moonies," followers of Moon's Unification Church, sell candy and other things door-to-door and in shopping centers, sometimes using a front name, Mrs. Thal said, Hare Krishna members sell their wares at airports, she said. The money

a front name, Mrs. Thal said. Hare Krishna members sell their wares at airports, she said. The money goes to cult leaders under the guise of charity, she claimed. "These practices pose a real danger to democracy and legitimate religions." Mrs. That contended. "Cult leaders high and enjoy tax-exempt status by establishing some of the contended o

on has 600.000 members in his Unification Church across the world and a 200-acre estate in New York, Mrs. Thal maintained.

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camp was surrounded and we got medical and psychological help for

the cultists when we got them out," Trausch said.

"A PSYCHIATRIST said he'd never seen such traditional cases of brainwashing since the Korean War. The kids were placed in the custody of their families and in three days changed from robots to human beings."

Joe Alexander, a professional deprogrammer from Tuscon, claimed religion isn't an issue. The concern, he said, is that any young person can be lured into a "cult" and become a mind-control victim.

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Both Trausch and Alexander recommend the Internal Revenue Service take a closer look at the Lax-exempt status of "cults." They are urging state legislators to make solicitation permits mandatory for followers who raise funds in the name of chartty."

Alexander claims 90 per cent success in deprogramming "brain-washing" victims. He believes "cults" would dea natural death, however, if solicitation were prohibited.

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Jeffrey Thal and Kathy Knight, former cult members, recapped their experiences with their respec-tive groups. They have both been "deprogrammed," Alexander said.

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# CITY OF FARMINGTON HILLS SUMMARY OF PROCEEDINGS CITY COUNCIL MEETING January 10, 1977

The City Council of the City of Farmington Hills met in regular session at City Hall on January 10-1977. Mayor Deacon called the meeting to order at 8:00 P.M. Council Members present were: Amori, Dolan, Dudley, Lichtman, Operthauser, and Smith. Others present were: City Manager Majoros. City Clerk Cairns. and City Attorney Bibeau.

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After Public Herring, Special Assessments Roll in amount of \$47,300 for sani-tary sewer improvements along Greening Street from Barlow to Burbank Streets confirmed unanimously.

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Final Plat for Farmington Green Subdivision consisting of 52 lots located at Drake and 12 Mile Roads including escribe deposit of \$102,090.87 unanimously ap-

proved.
Final Plat for Colfax Woods Subdivision consisting of 7 lots located at Colfax and Cass Streets including excrive deposit of \$8000 unanimously approved. Public Hearing date set for February 21, 1877 regarding vacation of Heise Street between Grand River and Eight Wile Road. Garbage and Rubbis Collection Levense for AAA American Disposal Co. unanimously granted.
One year extension of retirement date unanimously granted city inspector

One year extension of retirement date unanimously granted city Inspector Heiko Thieme. Appropriation of \$5000 to complete Fire Station No. 2, located on Middlebelt Road between 12 and 13 Mile Roads, to be paid from appropriated surplus unani-

mously approved.

Formation of an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate methods of solid waste reSources recovery discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 P.M.

Prepared by: FLOYD A CAIRNS City Clerk Approved by: D. KEITH DEACON

## Deprogramming cited as cult cure

"At this yery moment, thousands of young adults are being brainwashed to become robots and willing slaves of various 'religious cults' across the country."

This was stated by members of the League of Jewish Womens' Organization who sponsored a Jan. 15 press conference in Kingsley Inn. Bloomfield Hills.

Picketers and other opponents of the religious cult deprogramming process, focal point of the conference, attempted to crash the Sunday morn-ing session. They were more than once asked to leave by league repre-sentatives.

Deprogramming is undoing so-called mind control and brainwashing the cults impose on members, accord-ing to Joseph Alexander, who bills himself as a professional deprogram-mer from Tucson, Ariz, Alexander spoke during the morning conference, the later was a panellist in the league-sponsored program "Cults—Curse or "Sushfield\_Jathum High sponsored program "Cults-Curse or Crusade" in Southfield-Lathrup High

School.

The program was offered because of growing interest in off-beat religious sects which league representatives claim prey on the minds of

young victims, demanding total com-mitment of body, mind and wealth.

THE LEAGUE is an umbrella or-ganization for 180 religious, education-al, cultural and service Jewish women groups in the Detroit metropol-itan area.

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Also speaking at the press conference was Michael Trausch, former assistant district attorney of Pima Courter, Ariz, who said he has developed methods of obtaining legal guardianship of young adults who have been members of various cults.

"Before deprogramming can begin, young persons must be removed from the cult environment." Trausch said. "But they must be legally removed without danger of civil or crimian court action involving the parent without danger of civil or crimian court action involving the parent without danger of civil or crimian court action involving the parent proposition of the courter of the programming group on the United States. Other deprogrammers, see said, have kidnapped young persons from these cults. "This practice is illegal according to the first amendment which provides freedom of religious choice." Trausch said.

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Deprogramming, after legal guard-'ianship has been obtained, is usually conducted in a guarded room, takes an average of four or five days and

could cost as much as \$10,000," Trausch said. The fee varies accord-ing to the lamily's means, he added. Eve Eden, a 25-year-old Detroit woman deprogrammed five weeks ago, said she had spent five years with the Rev. Sun Myung Moon's Uni-fication Church in San Francisco.

"I WAS brainwashed to believe the Rev. Moon was the father and true parent to all brothers and sisters in the group." Ms. Eden said. "They aroused my emotions and made me believe I was one of God's tools to make a better world."

Ms. Eden, who was picked up by Alexander and other members of an anti-cult group, was deprogrammed in motel rooms for four days. She said she was happy to be out of the church and spending time at Freedom Ranch, a rehabilitation center in Arti-Ranch, a rehabilitation center in Arti-Ranch, a rehabilitation center in Artiand spending time at Freedom Ranch, a rehabilitation center in Ari. Jeffrey Thal, a Birmingham youth

Jeffrey Thal, a Birmingham youth and former member of Our Children of God, maintained his cult leaders were "out for money, power and glory."
"My major responsibility during my two years with the group was to solicit funds," Thal, now a student at Boston University, said. "Every day, I went out on the streets with other members. We preached our beliefs or said we were working with drug rehabilitation, which wasn't true. We asked for money, clothes or food."
Thal said he was taught not to think because it was 'carnal and ungody."

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He maintained he could never again be "brainwashed" because he could now identify an attempt to control his mind.

Deprogramming advocates encour-aged increased awareness and inter-est in the social problem of "religious

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TO THE GAS CUSTOMERS OF CONSUMERS POWER COMPANY

NOTICE OF HEARING ON MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION PROPOSAL RELATING TO CONSERVATION OF NATURAL GAS

The Michigan Public Service Commission (Commission) in its Order and Notice of Hearing dated December 22, 1976 in Case No. U-5272 initiated proceedings to elicit evidence and comments on a proposal by its Staff for the installation by gas utilities of ceiling insulation, flue restrictors, and other furnace attachment of the comment of attachment devices in the homes of residential customers for the purpose of inducing energy

A public hearing in this matter is scheduled to commence at 9:00 a.m. on March 1 and continue on March 2, 1977, in the Commission's offices in the Mercantile Building, 6545 Mercantile Way, Lansing,

ngan. Any interested person or organization shall be permitted to participate as a party in the proceeding. All persons and organizations, other than the regulated gas utilities, that desire to participate in these proceedings shall, on or before February 11, 1977, file with the Commission a notice of their intent to

with the Commission a notice of their intent to participate in the hearing.

The proceedings herein shall be conducted in the manner of a legislative inquiry and statements, though made under oath, shall not be subject to orose-examination. The Administrative Law Judge and the Sraff shall, however, be permitted to pose-nutestions. the Staff shall, however, be permitted to pose questions to clarify the positions of the various witnesses.

The Commission believes that increased conservation of gas in the State of Michigan is particularly necessary, and that the Commission should particularly necessary, and that the Commission should encourage the conservation of natural gas and, if possible, assist in increasing the supply of natural gas for the benefit of present as well as potential outsomers of Michigan gas utilities, the State, and the nation. The proceedings are for the purpose of obtaining a thorough analysis and assessment of the Staff proposal under which gas utilities regulated by the Commission would contract to have minimum levels of insulation, flue restrictors, furnace modifications or other cost-effective devices designed to promote the conservation of natural gas installed in to promote the conservation of natural gas installed in the residences of customers desiring to participate in the program. As proposed, the utilities would be allowed to place the cost of labor and materials in their rate base so as to earn a return on their

The Staff estimates that the installation of ceiling The Staff estimates that the installation of ceiling insulation and furnace devices in all Michigan residences currently served with natural gas will produce gas savings of 80 billion cubic feet pryear at an annual cost of S117 million. The average cost increase of the conservation program to Michigan customers is estimated to be 13¢ per Met. However, it is anticipated that the cost of the program would be more than offset by the savings resulting from a

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recuction in consumption. The Staff proposal indicates that although rates would have to increase slightly to cover the cost of the program, customers could realize an actual savings, lecause of a reduction in consumption, in the smount of S40 to S90 annually. The Commission ordered all regulated gas utilities to appear and present evidence which analyzes and assays the proposal outlined in the Order and Notice and to file a written summary of their oral presentation at the conclusion of their testimony, Puther, the Commission requested that the evidence presented at the hearing in this matter shall relate to:

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1. The question of whether the proposal is an effective manner by which to achieve the desired objectives

desired objectives.

2. The costs and problems associated with the implementation of the proposal.

3. The revenue impact on the company if the proposal is adopted and implemented.

4. The amount of increase, if any, in the

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Loss or natural gas to the customers of the particular utility which may occur after the implementation of the program.

5. The question of which rate class or classes should absorb any possible costs which arise out of the implementation of the program.

6. Any amendments to the proposal or alternative methods of achieving the same

objectives. Subsequent to the conclusion of the hearings, parties may file briefs in which the party analyzes or comments upon any evidence presented at the hearings in this matter. Such briefs shall be submitted to the Commission on or before March 25, 1977. 'Jursidiction is pursuant to 1909 PA 300, as amended, MCLA 462.2 et seq; 1919 PA 419, as amended, MCLA 460.1 et seq; 1939 PA 30, as amended, MCLA 460.1 et seq; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCLA 460.1 et seq; 1969 PA 306, as amended, MCLA 24.201 et seq; and the Commission's Rules of Pactice and Procedure, 1954 Administrative

amended, MCLA 24.201 et seç and the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 1954 Administrative Codu, Supplement No. 54, R 460.11 et seq. Opies of the Staff proposal and the Commission's Order and Notice of Hearing dated December, 22, 1976 may be obtained upon request to the Commission Secretary, Michigan Public Service Commission, Mercantile Building, 6545 Mercantilo Way, PO Box 30221, Lansing, Michigan 48909.



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