



BICENTENNIAL PROJECTS

1. "Sunburst" - A seven-member Folk-Gospel band which has performed for free before audiences in churches, schools, and hospitals. In the month of March alone, their engagements will have taken them to 12 elementary, junior or senior high schools, 21 churches, 5 old age homes and 4 hospitals, including the Metropolitan and the Veteran's Administration Hospitals, and finally, Columbia University and Queens College.

2. "Korean Folk Ballet" - A highly skilled group of young Korean women. Their dances have captivated the hearts of many American audiences with their colorful costumes and beautiful symmetrical movements, the hallmark of traditional Korean folk dances. They have appeared on tour throughout the 50 states, in benefit performances for universities, churches, and diverse associations.

3. "New Hope Singers International" - A group of 50 young people from nine different countries. The numbers for their Bicentennial Show include "God

Bless America," "Northern Lights," (Civil War medley) "This Is My Country," and many more. The New Hope Singers International usually appear together with the Korean Folk Ballet, bringing Orient and Occident together, and symbolizing the many races and cultures which have united to form America as "One Nation Under God."

4. Bicentennial God Bless America Banquet - The Committee sponsors weekly banquets which host community and international leaders from the New York City and surrounding areas. The Bicentennial Banquet has proven to be a truly unique way to celebrate the Bicentennial; the banquet hall is decorated with many national flags, reflecting the historical background of America, but also responding to our international audience. We have had the honor to host Ambassadors, science leaders, and many other dignitaries who all wish to join with us in paying tribute to the Bicentennial.

Entertainment is provided by the Korean Folk Ballet and the New Hope Singers International, who always seem to delight the audience with their songs and dance. A Bicentennial address is also given which highlights some

particular aspect or event in American history, and urges people to recall the origins, values, and goals of the nation. Attendance is free by invitation.

5. Bicentennial Speakers Bureau - The Bicentennial God Bless America Committee offers without charge, a number of speakers on various topics, ranging from great events and men in American history, to the challenges which life in modern society brings. Speakers have given talks to fraternal organizations, business clubs, social clubs, schools, universities, etc. Response has been very good, especially from ethnic community development associations and youth programs.
6. Bicentennial International Festival - On June 1st, at Yankee Stadium, the Committee will sponsor a Festival to which citizens of many other countries will also be invited to attend. The New Hope Singers International, Korean Folk Ballet, as well as the New York City Symphony will provide the entertainment, and the admission is free. Recalling the hope, comfort, and leadership which America has given to other countries around the world, we seek global participation in the celebration of this nation's 200th Birthday.

7. Bicentennial National Speaking Tour - Rallying around the ideals and values spoken of by our Founding Fathers, and stated in such historical documents as the Declaration of Independence, the Committee will sponsor a national speaking tour to all the states. Entertainment will be provided by the New Hope Singers International and the Korean Folk Ballet. Admission is free.
8. Bicentennial Seminar - In order to provide community leaders with the opportunity to better understand the inspiration and purpose of the Bicentennial God Bless America Committee, a one-day Bicentennial seminar is being offered.
9. Bicentennial Youth Program - The Committee is especially concerned that American youth have a deep understanding of this most special year, and so it initiated the Bicentennial Youth Program. A Bicentennial essay contest for high school students and the cleaning of national monuments are among the projects it has undertaken.
10. "America the Beautiful" Program - A clean-up project which involves hundreds of young Americans who go out daily into New York City streets to clean. The objective is to rid the city of the filth, so that citizens can feel proud of our city and our country; in this way, we can truly celebrate the Bicentennial!