

This Week in History (March 20-March 26)

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Coronation of the King and Queen of Peace in the Third Israel March 23, 2004, Dirksen Senate Office Building, Washington D.C., U.S.

On March 23, 2004, the Coronation of the King and Queen of Peace in the Third Israel was held in the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in the United States city of Washington D.C. with around 500 leaders from around the world in attendance. On that day, Judaic, Christian and Muslim leaders, congressional representatives, and leaders of the Interreligious and International Federation for World Peace presented crowns of peace and royal robes to True Parents, crowning them King and Queen of Peace. Following the coronation, Father emphasized, "I will continue to work harder than anyone else until the day the earth overflows with God's true families" in his speech, "Declaring the Era of the Peace Kingdom."



Luncheon Meeting with Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev, a Former President of the Soviet Union March 26, 1994, Hannam International Training Center, Seoul

On March 26, 1994, True Parents hosted Mikhail Gorbachev, a former president of the Soviet Union, at the Hannamdong training center, where they had a meeting. Mr. Gorbachev was in South Korea to attend the Federation for World Peace Rally. True Parents presented Mr. Gorbachev with a portrait and a necktie pin made of Korean jade. During their meeting, Mr. Gorbachev asked True Parents to pay close attention to Russia in the future. On the following day, during the second Federation for World Peace Rally in Seoul, True Father gave a speech, "The Fundamental Principle of True Peace" in which he emphasized, "As we enter the age of internationalization and globalization in the twenty-first century, we are confronted with the urgent task of overcoming a large number of difficult obstacles to world peace."





**Establishment of the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace
March 23, 1997, Hilton Tower, Washington D.C.**

On March 23, 1997, the Martial Arts Federation for World Peace held its inaugural rally in the Hilton Hotel in Washington D.C. under the theme, "Finding the Way to World Peace and Unification in the Twenty-First Century through Martial Arts." Around 300 martial artists from major nations partook in the rally. In his inaugural speech, True Father emphasized the importance of body-mind unity to enable our minds of true love to govern our bodies, which have become Satan's bases ever since the Fall.

