

This Week in History: October 27th-November 2nd

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October 27, 2012

True Mother's Gives First Public Appearance in U.S. after True Father's Seonghwa



True Mother gave her first public appearance when she spoke at the Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) "The Turning Point" conference in Las Vegas. In her speech, she urged women leaders and the assembly of more than 1,200 people to evangelize. This was her third public appearance at a WFWP event, the first two having been at the inauguration and the tenth anniversary of WFWP.

The full speech can be read here:

unificationnews.com/article/dr_hak_ja_han_moon__ldquo_women_as_the_turning_point_for_peace_and_the_abel_women_rsquo_s_un_rdquo_

October 29, 1997

Press Conference Held for Third Word Culture Sports Festival (WCSF)

On October 29th, WCSF III Chairman, Rev. Chung Hwan Kwak, held a press conference at the National Press Club at which he provided background information and schedule details about the November 23-30th festival. He also cited Rev. Moon as saying, "There can only be a peaceful family of nations when you have nations of peaceful families." As with previous festivals, the schedule included an array of conferences, a youth sports competition and the Blessing. These were to be complemented by week-long cultural activities: an international art exhibit, jazz concert, various classical recitals, ballet, and a "Love Alive Concert" to benefit The Hospital for Sick Children of Washington, D.C. In addition, there would be a parade and rally by the Pure Love Alliance, a national movement-related organization which promoted sexual abstinence."

October 30, 1988

Holy Wedding Ceremony Unites Korean and Japanese Couples



A Korean/Japanese couple exchanges rings during the Wedding Blessing Ceremony on October 30, 1988 at the McCol factory in Yong-in Korea.

On October 30, 1988, a tremendous step toward the unity of Korea and Japan was accomplished with the Blessing of 6,516 couples, of which more than 2,000 were Korean / Japanese couples. The Blessing was held in the warehouse of the McCol factory in Yong-in Korea. Rev. Moon explained the significance of this matching and Blessing in his Children's Day Speech from 1988: "Korea and Japan have been enemies for a long time, and their animosity has never been healed. Through this matching, the two countries will now completely become one. All the emotional strains and hurt will be removed."

Nov. 1st All Saints Day



Painting of the saints by Fra Angelico

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows, Solemnity of All Saints, or The Feast of All Saints) is a solemnity celebrated on 1 November by parts of Western Christianity, and on the first Sunday after Pentecost in Eastern Christianity, in honor of all the saints, known and unknown. All Saints' Day is the second day of Halloween, and begins at sunrise on the 1st of November and finishes at sundown on the 1st of November.

In Western Christian theology, the day commemorates all those who have attained the beatific vision in Heaven. It is a national holiday in many historically Catholic countries. In the Catholic Church and many Anglican churches, the next day (All Souls' Day) specifically commemorates the departed faithful who have not yet been purified and reached heaven. Christians who celebrate All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day do so in the fundamental belief that there is a prayerful spiritual bond between those in purgatory, those in heaven

and the living (from Wikipedia).

November 2, 1993

True Mother Conducts World-wide Speaking Tour



True Mother traveled through the world, here addressing members in Auckland, New Zealand, following her public speech.

Beginning on November 2, 1993, and extending for the next 53 days, Mrs. Moon traveled the globe proclaiming a message about the Completed Testament Age to audiences in 40 countries. The tour covered Europe, the former Eastern-bloc communist- and Balkan states, the Middle East, Africa, South America and the Orient. Simultaneous with Mrs. Moon's world tour, Rev. and Mrs. Moon's older children and several of their spouses delivered the "True Parents and the Completed Testament Age" message to audiences in 40 additional U.S. cities on weekends and often in churches between October and December 1993.