This Week in History (June 21 – 27)

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True Mother Awarded the Grand Prix Peace Prize of UN IAEWP (June 23, 2000, Lotte World Folk Museum)

On June 23, 2000, True Mother was presented with the Grand Prix Peace Prize of UN IAEWP (The International Association of Educators for World Peace) at the Folk Museum of Lotte World, Seoul. The Grand Prix Peace Prize is also called the nobel prize of educational circles and is an award of the highest authority that is presented to those who have contributed to the development of education and human rights. Acknowledged for her contributions in improving the rights of women, True Mother is the first Korean woman to receive this prize. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



Courtesy Visit to Former President Eisenhower (June 25, 1965, Gettysburg, U.S.A)

On June 25, 1965, during his first world tour, True Father paid a courtesy call to former president Eisenhower in Gettysburg. During their talk, True Father spoke about the critical issues the United States and the world faced while ex-president Eisenhower attentively listened and enthusiastically sympathized

with what True Father said. After their talk, former president Eisenhower took True Father to the second floor where souvenirs on display. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



True Father Testifies at a Hearing in the United States (June 26, 1984, Washington D.C.)

On June 26, 1984, True Father gave a testimony at a hearing held by the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights of the United States Senate Judiciary Committee. Around 300 people came for the hearing, in which True Father said, "The greatest confrontation in the world today is not the United States versus the Soviet Union, capitalism versus socialism or even democracy versus communism. It is faith in God versus the denial of God." He also emphasized that this legal struggle will become an opportunity that will set right religious freedom in the United States. After Senator Orrin Hatch, chairman of the Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights, expressed his respects to True Father for coming to the hearing and giving a testimony in person, the senator even requested to the Minister of Justice that the notes taken on the prosecution process of Rev. Sun Myung Moon be submitted. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



Religious Freedom Rally (June 26, 1985, Washington D.C.)

On June 26, 1985, clerics held a religious freedom rally in Washington D.C. in protest against True Father's incarceration in Danbury. Participants, who wore a white sash, marched in protest toward the White House, singing the gospel song, "We Shall Not be Moved," at the Lafayette Square in front of the White House. The clerics will raise their handcuffed hands above their heads and pray for religious freedom. Around 1,000 clerics from different denominations and around 2,000 CARP members from fifty universities including Berkley University and Harvard University participated in the rally. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



Launching Ceremony of Cheon Seung Ho (June 26, 1963, Incheon)

True Parents held the launching ceremony of Cheon Seung Ho at a dockyard in a quayside at Manseokdong, Incheon City, Gyeonggi Province with around 200 key members in attendance. On this day, True Father prayed in his benediction, "Cheon Seung Ho means that Heaven has won and this launching ceremony of Cheon Seung Ho is being held as it is the starting point of all victories in heaven and on earth." True Parents had already begun preparing for the maritime providence by this time. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

