

This Week in History (July 19-July 25)

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The Danbury Ordeal (July 20, 1984, State of Connecticut, USA)

On July 20, 1984, True Father entered the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury Connecticut. The New York Public Prosecutor's Office indicted True Father on charges of tax evasion. Religious leaders and civilian groups from throughout the United States carried out a protest, insisting that True Father's conviction was undeserved. Before his confinement, he announced in a statement that he would move the Unification Church's international headquarters to Danbury. During his thirteen-month incarceration, Father proclaimed the Day of the Opening of the Door to Heaven, and he received an honorary doctorate of law and an honorary doctorate of divinity. He was finally released on August 20, 1985.

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Japan Forty-day Summer Witnessing Campaign (July 20, 1967 Japan)

Japan initiated the forty-day Summer Witnessing Campaign on July 20, 1967. On the foundation of having learned the Divine Principle, 937 members spread out to 483 cities across Japan and witnessed until August 28. The standard for pioneer witnessing was that each person would live on his or her own in an assigned area and recruit at least three new members before returning. This tradition led to the winter forty-day witnessing campaign and became a significant momentum for the growth of the Japanese church.

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**The Leaders Rally to Build True Families Tour
(July 22, 1997, Korea)**

The Leaders Rally to Build True Families Tour began in Gangnam, Seoul on July 22, 1997, covered sixteen cities and ended on August 6. True Mother conveyed a message of true love to leaders from all walks of life through her speech, “The True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love.” Whenever a rally occurred, True Father would call True Mother from South America to encourage her. They held joint victory celebrations.

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**124-Couple Blessing Ceremony
(July 24, 1963, Seoul, Korea)**

The 124-Couple Blessing Ceremony took place on July 24, 1963, in Seoul's Citizens' Hall. Around 3,500 guests partook in the event. This was the first time the Blessing Ceremony was held in a public building, and it attracted a lot of attention from Korean citizens. True Father said, "The president of this nation cannot achieve this. This is something only the Unification Church can do." After the Blessing Ceremony, the brides and grooms rode in 150 separate 'New Country Cars,' paraded around the city with police vehicles guiding the parade.

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