

This Week in History (June 26-July 2)

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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 each wore a white sash, marched in protest toward the White House, singing the gospel song, "We Shall Not Be Moved," at the Lafayette Square across from the White House, the members of the clergy raised their handcuffed hands above their heads and prayed 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.



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

On June 26, 1984, True Father testified at a hearing held by the US Senate Judiciary Committee's Subcommittee on Constitutional Rights. 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 respect toward True Father for coming to the hearing and testifying in person, the senator even requested that the US Attorney General submit the notes taken on the prosecution process of the Reverend Sun Myung Moon.





**Launching Ceremony of Cheon Seung Ho
June 26, 1963, Manseok-dong, Incheon, Korea**

True Parents launched the *Cheon Seung Ho* at a quayside dockyard in Manseok-dong of the city of Incheon in Gyeonggi Province, with around 200 key members in attendance. On that day, in his benediction True Father prayed, “*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.



**Dedication Ceremony of the Education Center for Ideal Families and World Peace
July 1, 1998, Jardim, Brazil**

Jardim, Brazil, on July 1, 1998, beginning at 10 a.m. Around 3,000 people, well-known figures in Brazil and leaders from a variety of backgrounds in Jardim came to the event. True Father said, “The goal of the Jardim education center is to raise people that do not live for their own individual benefit but instead live for the country, the world and God as families and to raise people that live for the world even though it means sacrificing one’s clan or nation.” After the dedication, FFWPU members from across the globe began to attend the Jardim forty-day workshops in this center to inherit True Parents’ hearts and traditions.



**The 2,075-Couple International Blessing Ceremony
July 1, 1982, Madison Square Garden, New York, United States**

The 2,075-Couple International Blessing Ceremony took place at Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982. Brides and grooms from forty-eight countries partook in the Blessing Ceremony. This event garnered great interest in the United States. True Father said, "This must be a great shock to Western society." He went on to say, "From now on, you should greatly boast of Blessing Ceremonies."

