

This Week in History: October 4

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The Day of Victory of Heaven



True Father holding a replica of the Washington Monument during the post-rally celebrations

A little more than two weeks after the Washington Monument Rally and on the 26th anniversary of his release from Seodaemun Prison, True Father proclaimed the Day of the Victory of Heaven before several thousand Unificationists at Belvedere. He stated that the Washington Monument Rally was an “unqualified victory” and that barriers in the spirit world had been broken down. This, he said, “will be reflected in the physical world.” He predicted that the Unification Church would “take off in leaps and bounds from now,” and he discussed prospects in evangelism, business and educational activities. In fact, the Washington Monument campaign was a watershed event in the history of the Unification Church in America. It closed out the initial proclamation period of True Father’s ministry and opened the way for new initiatives in evangelism, education, interfaith relations, business, media and public life. The Unification Church began to develop an infrastructure that greatly expanded its ability to exert influence in the United States and elsewhere.