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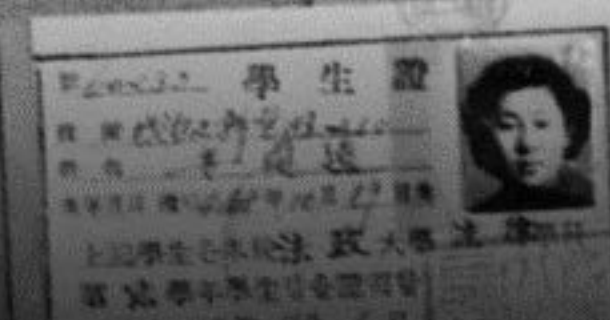
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▲ Notice of Ewha University and Yonsei University Incident

At that time, the unification church was persecuted by the Christians. When the unification church's new testimony was come up, the representative Christians: Ewha Woman's University took action against the unificationists.

▲ True Father and other members on the trial

The Christian members sent the over eighty's anonymous letter to the police. It was about the unificationists. Because of this, True Father was arrested on charges of avoiding the draft and thus violating the military service law.



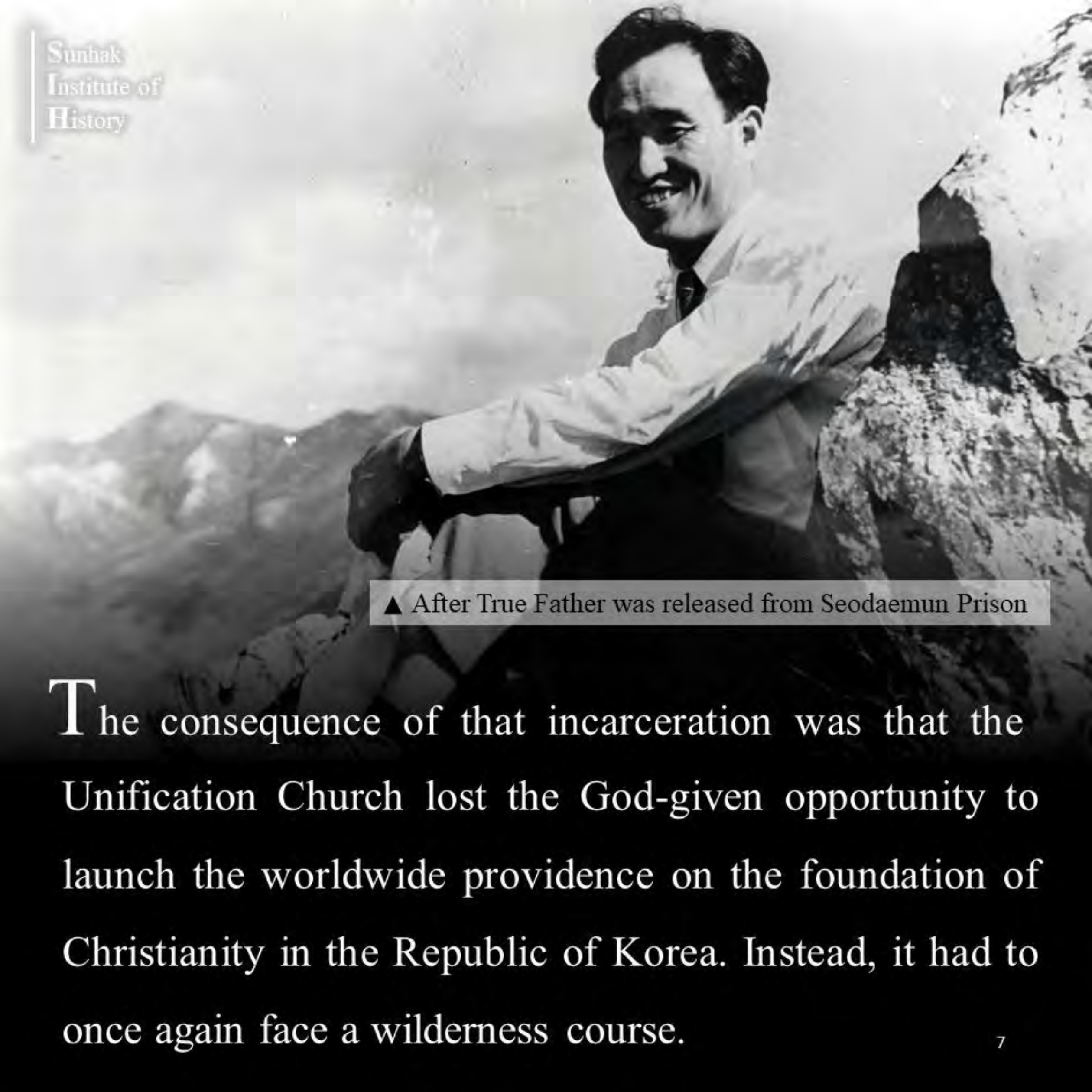
▲ Items True Father used at Seodaemun Prison
(the previous exhibition room at Sunhak Institute of History)

However, there was no any evidence of True Father's avoiding the draft and thus violating the military service law. Therefore, on October 4, 1955, True Father was found innocent and released by the Seoul District Court.



▲ News paper articles regarding Ewha University and Yonsei University Incident

We can view that ordeal as religious persecution because the government of Syngman Rhee was incited by some Christian leaders and negative publicity.



▲ After True Father was released from Seodaemun Prison

The consequence of that incarceration was that the Unification Church lost the God-given opportunity to launch the worldwide providence on the foundation of Christianity in the Republic of Korea. Instead, it had to once again face a wilderness course.



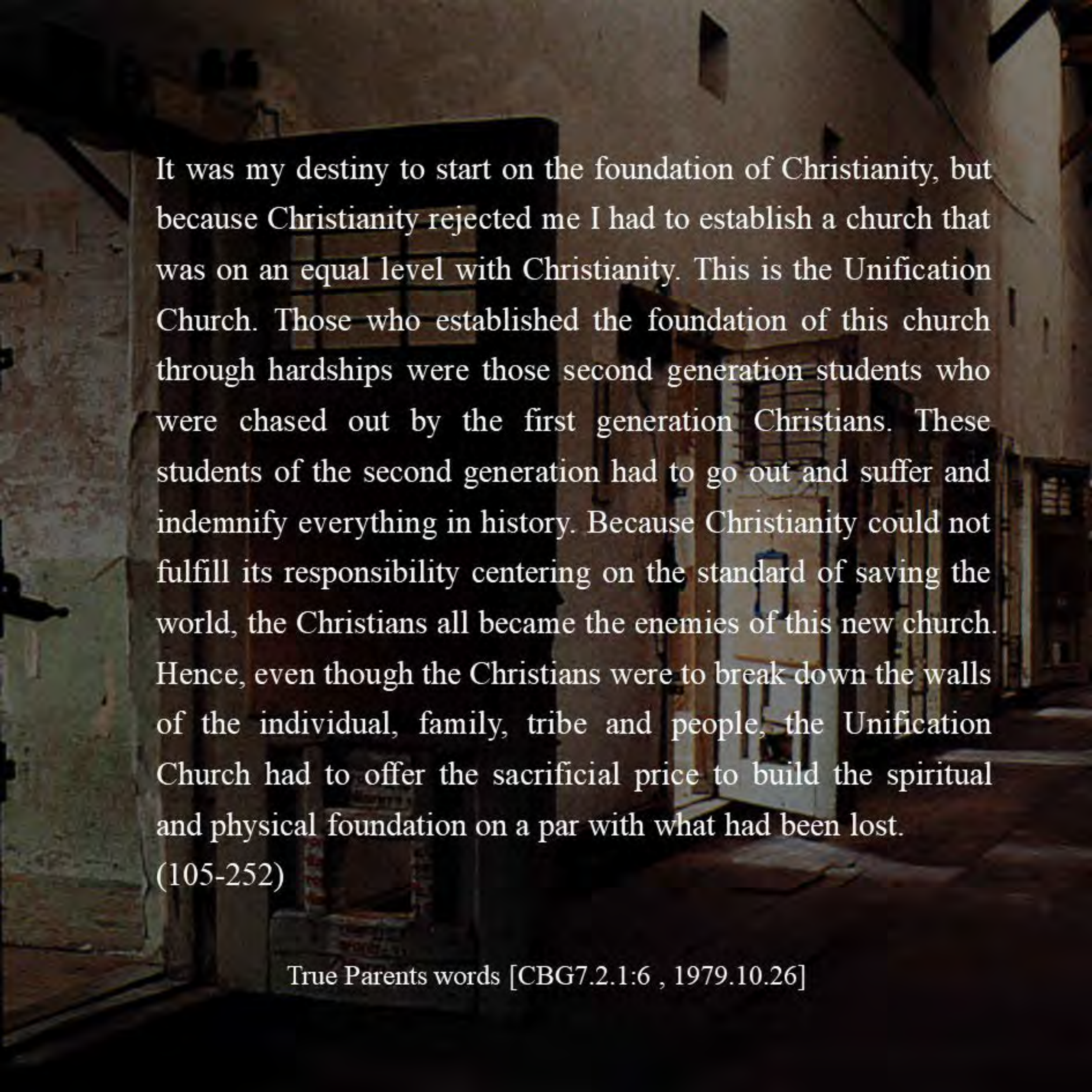
▲ The Ewha University Incident relevant members
(1958.11.01, the original Cheongpa-dong headquarters church)

However, True Father was waiting the time for the new starting by strengthen the members' solidarity. The church members also offered the prayer devotion for the new starting.



▲ The original Cheongpa-dong headquarters church

As the part of a new starting, On October 7, 1955, right after True Father was released from Seodaemun Prison, the Unification Headquarters Church moved to 71-3, Cheongpa-dong 1-ga, Yongsan-gu, Seoul.

A dark, narrow alleyway between old buildings. On the left, there is a window with a grid pattern. On the right, there is a white door with a blue handle. The ground is dark and appears to be paved or dirt. The overall atmosphere is somber and historical.

It was my destiny to start on the foundation of Christianity, but because Christianity rejected me I had to establish a church that was on an equal level with Christianity. This is the Unification Church. Those who established the foundation of this church through hardships were those second generation students who were chased out by the first generation Christians. These students of the second generation had to go out and suffer and indemnify everything in history. Because Christianity could not fulfill its responsibility centering on the standard of saving the world, the Christians all became the enemies of this new church. Hence, even though the Christians were to break down the walls of the individual, family, tribe and people, the Unification Church had to offer the sacrificial price to build the spiritual and physical foundation on a par with what had been lost.

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