

True Father Arrested a 2nd Time in N. Korea on Christian Minister's accusations

February 22, 1948



Hungnam Prison

True Father received a revelation in 1946 which said, "Go across the 38th Parallel! Find the people of God who are in the North."

He immediately responded and arrived in Pyongyang on June 6. He began evangelical work but was arrested by communist police on August 11 and accused of being a spy from the South. He was brutally tortured and finally released on November 21. After recovering, he resumed evangelical work, and within a year his congregation had become quite large.

Some 80 ministers of established churches whose members had begun attending the new congregation's services wrote letters of complaint, and True Father was arrested a second time by communist authorities on February 22, 1948.

This time, in addition to accusations of espionage, he was charged with "disturbing public order." True Father again was severely tortured, tried on April 7, convicted, sentenced to 5 years' labor, and transported to Hungnam Prison on May 20, 1948.