

This Week in History - 6.17 – 6.23 on the heavenly calendar (July 13 – 19)

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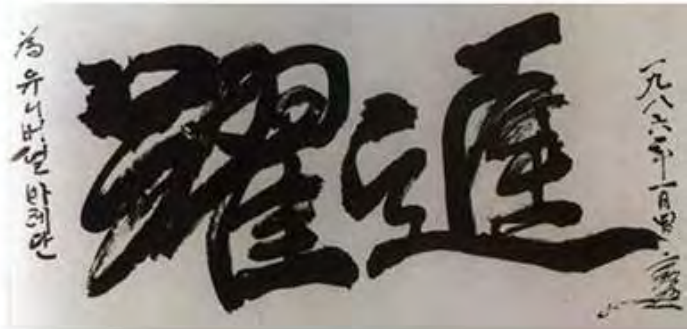
True Father Was Invited to Give a Lecture at the National Assembly (July 13, 2001, Seoul)

On July 13, 2001, True Father gave a speech in a conference room at the National Assembly Building. Congressman Lee Man-seop, the National Assembly's vice-chairman, around fifty other congressmen from all parties and around 700 staff party staff member were in the audience. Father gave the speech, "The Liberation of God's Homeland," calling everyone to this cause, saying, "Let us establish Head-wing and Godism values and completely commit ourselves to the unification of the Koreas for the sake of the nations on the Korean peninsula and for world peace." (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



Establishment of the Universal Ballet Company (July 13, 1984, Seoul)

On July 13, 1984, the Universal Ballet Company was inaugurated at the Little Angels Performing Arts Hall. True Parents founded the Universal Ballet Company to raise Korean ballet to the world standard, to contribute to better international cultural exchange and to lead the globalization of Korean ballet arts. They have given the troupe its full support. True Parents wrote the calligraphic message, "Rapid Advancement" on this day. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



The First Peace Cup (July 15, 2003, Seoul)

On July 15, 2003, the opening of the first Peace Cup tournament was held at the Seoul World Cup Stadium. Eight famous football clubs competed in the tournament. The opening match, which began after True Parents' opening proclamation, was between South Korea's Seongnam Ilhwa Cheonma and Besiktas JK of Turkey. The matches were held in six World Cup Stadiums in Korea over a period of eight days until July 22. The Peace Cup winner was the PSV Eindhoven of the Netherlands. Father said, "Since the world now shares one fence and has become like one family, it can immediately know whether the Peace Cup does well or not." (Materials provided by FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



True Parents' Helicopter Crash

(July 19, 2008, Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province)

On July 19, 2008, True Parents were on their way back to Cheon Jeong Gung after having a meeting with leaders in Seoul. The helicopter, carrying True Parents, had to make a forced landing in the Cheongpyeong woods as a result of sudden bad weather, causing the crash to happen. Even though the entire helicopter was destroyed by fire, all sixteen passengers, including True Parents, miraculously survived the crash without any serious injuries. True Parents later proclaimed the coming of the era completing the Second Advent on earth through a special benediction prayer. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

