

This Week in History August 10–16

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The Universal Seonghwa Ceremony of Sun Myung Moon, the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind (July 17, 2012, Chung Pyung, Gyeonggi Province)



True Father ascended to heaven on July 17, 2012, at 1:54 a.m. after perfecting and completing the final providence. Members of the Unification community could not hide their surprise and sadness at True Father's ascension, and people of the world reported the passing of a significant figure. The universal Seonghwa ceremony was grandly held on July 29 at Cheongshim Peace World Center. Around 300 peace leaders, former heads of state and current heads of state joined 35,000 members and church leaders from Korea and abroad at the ceremony. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

The First National Workshop for Pastors (August 12, 1981, Chung Pyung)

The first national workshop for pastors was held for eighteen days beginning August 12, 1981, at the Chung Pyung Training Center, Gapyeong, Gyeonggi Province. This workshop was held within a month after the completion of the training center and all participating pastors felt proud that a place of education and training had been created. During the workshop, True Father declared his vision that the training center will become the beginning point of missions around the world and that it will become an international holy ground. Today, with Cheon Jeong Gung having been built there, Chung Pyung has become a hometown of the heart to all members around the world as True Father had said. (Materials provided by FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**The Second International Conference of the Professors' World Peace Academy
(August 13, 1985, Geneva, Switzerland)**

The second Professors' World Peace Academy international conference was held from August 13 to 17 in Geneva, Switzerland. Around 350 scholars partook in the event. True Father, who was then in Danbury, gave the following directions, "Before August 15, 1985, declare that the Soviet Union will collapse." Based on this direction, Dr. Kaplan of the University of Chicago declared the end of communism during this conference. This prediction came true and communist governments in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe collapsed. (Materials provided by FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

