

## **This Week in History (September 13-19)**

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### **Bicentennial God Bless America Festival at the Washington Monument (Sept 18, 1976, Washington D.C.)**

On September 18, 1976, some 300,000 people gathered for the Bicentennial God Bless America Festival at the Washington Monument, catching the attention of the United States media. On this day, True Father said, “The United States, which was prepared by God for 200 years, must morally wake up and fulfill its global responsibility.” He emphasized how the United States was to become the flag bearer in liberating the communist world through the teaching of Godism and in building the Kingdom of God on earth.

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### **Women’s Federation for Peace in Asia Japan Convention (Sept 17, 1991, Tokyo, Japan)**

On Sept 17, 1991, the Women’s Federation for Peace in Asia Japan Convention was hosted in Tokyo Bay NK Hall, Japan. Some 7,000 women from Asia, including many from Japan, were in attendance. On this day, True Mother said, “As mothers of Asia and the world, I hope you will broaden your consciousness and way of life and stand at the forefront of constructing a new Asia and a new world.” On this day, WFWP presented 46 students with scholarships.

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**Unification Church Member's Convention with True Mother  
(September 18, 1991, Tokyo, Japan)**

On September 18, 1991, at the Tokyo Bay NK Hall 7,000 members gathered for a convention. Hyo Jin nim gave a special performance during the event before the convention, and in the main event President Oyamada Hideo gave a presentation on the course of activities that the Japanese providence should henceforth take. True Mother consoled the member for their hard work and encouraged them saying, "We who are in the position of the bride of the Second Advent must complete our mission." (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



**True Father Speaks at Madison Square Garden  
(Sept 18, 1974, New York City)**

On September 18, 1974, True Father gave a speech titled, “The New Future of Christianity” at New York City’s Madison Square Garden. Approximately 25,000 people gathered to listen to True Father. Before the actual event, the Korean Han-seon Dance Group and the New Hope Singers International, made up of members from twelve nations, elevated the spirits of those in attendance through their excellent artistic performances. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

