

This Week in History (July 17-July 23)

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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 Chung Pyung 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.

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The Danbury Ordeal (July 20, 1984, State of Connecticut, USA)

On July 20, 1984, True Father entered the Federal Correctional Institution in Danbury Connecticut. The New York Public Prosecutor's Office indicted True Father on charges of tax evasion. Religious leaders and civilian groups from throughout the United States carried out a protest, insisting that True Father's conviction was undeserved. Before his confinement, he announced in a statement that he would move the Unification Church's international headquarters to Danbury. During his thirteen-month incarceration, Father proclaimed the Day of the Opening of the Door to Heaven, and he received an honorary doctorate of law and an honorary doctorate of divinity. He was finally released on August 20, 1985.

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**Japan Forty-day Summer Witnessing Campaign
(July 20, 1967 Japan)**

Japan initiated the forty-day Summer Witnessing Campaign on July 20, 1967. On the foundation of having learned the Divine Principle, 937 members spread out to 483 cities across Japan and witnessed until August 28. The standard for pioneer witnessing was that each person would live on his or her own in an assigned area and recruit at least three new members before returning. This tradition led to the winter forty-day witnessing campaign and became a significant momentum for the growth of the Japanese church.

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**The Leaders Rally to Build True Families Tour
(July 22, 1997, Korea)**

The Leaders Rally to Build True Families Tour began in Gangnam, Seoul on July 22, 1997. It covered sixteen cities and ended on August 6. True Mother conveyed a message of true love to leaders from all walks of life through her speech, "The True Family and True Universe Centering on True Love." Whenever a rally occurred, True Father would call True Mother from South America to encourage her. They held joint victory celebrations.

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