

This Week in History for October 21

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777-Couple International Blessing Ceremony (October 21, 1970, Jangchung Stadium, Seoul)

The 777 Couples Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony, held on October 21, 1970 in Korea, was the last Holy Marriage Blessing Ceremony conducted by True Parents in Korea before the globalization of the Unification Church. Through the this Marriage Blessing, True Father began a significant tradition of interracial and intercultural marriages. True Father has referred to the this Marriage Blessing as the foundation for connecting the people of the world together, and “marks the beginning of a new era transcending races and tribes. From that time, the Unification Church began its work worldwide” (10.14.1978).

True Father brought together people from ten different nations for the this Marriage Blessing Ceremony. Originally, True Father’s goal was to bless in marriage a total of 777 couples, but the actual total was 791 couples. He ended up engaging more than the original goal of 777 because a few couples might not have made it on the day of the Marriage Blessing Ceremony due to illness or military service. In order to ensure that they did not fall short of the promised number, he ended up blessing in marriage a total of 791 couples.

