

## **This Week in History: October 13 to 19**

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### **October 12, 1492 Columbus Day**



*An interpretation of the painting “First Landing of Columbus on the Shores of the New World,” originally painted by Dióscoro Teófilo de la Puebla Tolin in 1862.*

Many countries in the New World and elsewhere celebrate the anniversary of Christopher Columbus' arrival in the Americas, which happened on October 12, 1492, as an official holiday. The landing is celebrated as Columbus Day in the United States, as Día de la Raza in many countries in Latin America, as Discovery Day in the Bahamas, as Día de la Hispanidad and Fiesta Nacional in Spain, as Día del Respeto a la Diversidad Cultural (Day of Respect for Cultural Diversity) in Argentina, as Day of the Americas in Belize, and as Día de las Américas (Day of the Americas) in Uruguay. These holidays have been celebrated unofficially since the late 18th Century, and officially in various areas since the early 20th Century. Since 1970, the holiday has been fixed to the second Monday in October for United States. For this year (2013) Columbus Day took place on October 14.

### **October 14, 1950 True Father Released from North Korean Prison**

On February 22, 1948, Father was taken into custody by communist authorities. He was charged with being a spy for the South Korean regime of Syngman Rhee (the first president of South Korea) and with disturbing the social order, according to his autobiography. Father was placed in Pyongyang prison and then moved to Hungnam Prison. On October 14, 1950, Father was released from prison in North Korea.

True Father explains the moment of his release in his autobiography. “The night before my scheduled execution the bombs fell like rain in the monsoon season. It was October 13, 1950, and the U.S. forces, having succeeded in the Incheon landing, had come up the peninsula to take Pyongyang and were now

pressing against Hungnam. The U.S. military attacked Hungnam with full force that night, with B-29 bombers in the lead. The bombing was so intense that it seemed all of Hungnam had been turned into a sea of fire. The high walls around the prison began to fall and the guards ran for their lives. Finally, the gate of the prison that had kept us in that place opened. At around two o'clock in the morning on the next day, I walked calmly out of Hungnam Prison with dignity.”

**October 14**  
**1982 – 6,000 Couples Blessing Held in Chamshil Gymnasium, Seoul, Korea**

Excerpts from the Cheon Seong Gyeong:

The 6000 Couples have completely opened the historic gates of the Blessed Family even to the communist realm and the satanic world. At the same time, they have fought at the risk of their lives in order to bring the United States to meet the standard of God's nation and to establish the homeland. (135-178, 1985.11.13)



*True Parents sprinkle holy water on the couples at 6000 Couples' Blessing in Chamshil Gymnasium Seoul, Korea*

Thanks to the 6000 Couples, even those in prison or hell were able to receive the Blessing. The number 6,000 opened the gates not only to the Cain world but even to hell on earth and in the spirit world. The 6000 Couples opened those gates. Since the gates were opened, all kinds of phenomena were made manifest worldwide. Thus, the gates of heaven have been opened to all humankind, even those in hell. (281-42, 1997.1.2)

**October 14**  
**2009 – 10.14 Peace Marriage Blessing Ceremony for a New Civilization in the Peaceful Reign on the Occasion of True Father's 90th Birthday and the 50th Wedding Anniversary of True Parents, the King of Kings held at Sun Moon University in Cheonan, Korea**

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This blessing was held on October 10, 2010 but the official name of the blessing is October 14 which was chosen for a symbolic reason.

**October 14-25, 1983**  
**CAUSA Opens European Front-Fact-Finding Tour**

From October 14-25, the World Media Conference and CAUSA International conducted the World Journalists' Seminar and European Peace Movement Fact-Finding Tour for 130 journalists and 60 French participants, including several renowned intellectuals from 21 countries. The project had three purposes. First, it was to present Godism or the CAUSA worldview as the way to revolutionize free societies and as a frame of reference to solve human problems. Second, it was to gather God-accepting forces against totalitarian communism. And third, it was to learn about the peace movement with a new pair of "glasses" provided by Godism.





*Dr. Bo Hi Pak prepares a video for the fact-finding tour.*

**October 14-20, 2002**

**Rally for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth**

At the 15th Foundation Day for the Nation of the Unified World on October 3rd, True Parents gave directions to hold the Rally for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth at the individual, family, tribe, people (minjok) and nation levels. The northern and southern rallies for the Harmony and Unity of Heaven and Earth were held in Korea on October 16th in Guri and on October 20th in Cheonan.

The Family Federation for World Peace and Unification (FFWPU) explained the rally's purpose as follows: "All blessed families on earth and ancestors in the spirit world will realize one heart, one body and one mindset to participate in liberating earth and heaven in the age of the completed settlement of the realm of life of Cheon Il Guk, centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth. Individuals and families will inherit heavenly fortune created by unity between spirit world and physical world in the age of the completed settlement of the realm of life of Cheon Il Guk. We will qualify ourselves as the people of the age of Cheon Il Guk by realizing one heart, one body and one mindset with God. Individuals will achieve mind and body unity and families will achieve unity between husband and wife and between parents and children. Blessed families on earth and ancestors in the spirit world will settle the realm of liberation of the physical and spirit worlds at the familial level through the resolution ceremony centering on the Parents of Heaven and Earth in the age of Cheon Il Guk."

**October 16, 2000**

**The Million Family March Rally in Washington, DC**



*The Blessing at the Million Family March, October 16, 2000, Washington, DC.*

The Million Family March was a rally in Washington, DC to celebrate family unity and racial and religious harmony; as well as to address other issues, including abortion, capital punishment, health care, education, welfare and Social Security reform, prevention of substance abuse, and overhaul of the World Bank. Louis Farrakhan was the main speaker and the event was sponsored by his organization, The Nation of Islam (NOI), and by the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification

### **October 19, 1972**

#### **MFT Starts Up Again After Belvedere Project**

On October 19, 1972, after a week of “rest and recuperation,” 14 members of the newly formed permanent Mobile Fundraising Team (MFT) arrived in Philadelphia to begin four months of candle-selling. This team, composed largely of members of the former Belvedere Project mobile teams (including five from the Berkeley Center), aimed to sell candles for eight hours a day, five days a week, in order to achieve its goal of earning \$18,500 each month.