

## **This Week in History: December 1 to 7**

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### **December 1, 1973 40-day National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis**

True Father launched a forty-day National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis on December 1, 1973. Asserting that “the crisis for America is a crisis for God,” the movement conducted demonstrations in support of President Richard Nixon. More than any other single factor, this catapulted True Father and the movement into the national spotlight.

### **December 6, 1991 Sun Myung Moon meets Kim Il Sung in North Korea**



Meeting with Kim Il Sung encapsulated True Father’s life’s work because it had taken him more than four decades and the expenditure of vast resources in innumerable initiatives to obtain an invitation to visit from the government of North Korea. It also vindicated his life’s work because he turned a former enemy into a friend. Originally, True Father expected to go to North Korea in much the same fashion that he went to the Soviet Union, accompanied by numerous former heads of state and those attending one or more movement-sponsored conferences. However, North Korea approved plans for his visit suddenly in November 1991, and there was only time to assemble some thirty additional people, including a camera crew, The Washington Times reporters, and the heads of several movement-related organizations. However, at the last moment, the North Korean government cut everyone off the list except Rev. and Mrs. Moon, Dr. and Mrs. Bo Hi Pak and four support staff who left for Pyongyang that day on a charter plane the North Koreans sent.