

## **This Week in History: December 8 to 14**

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### **December 9, 1974 City of Oakland Proclaims Sun Myung Moon Day**

The Californian city of Oakland proclaimed December 9th as Sun Myung Moon Day and presented him with a tie tack and cuff links in the shape of an oak tree. The talk given on December 9, 1974, brought 5,000 people to the 3,200-seat San Francisco Opera House, with the overflow directed to the Municipal Auditorium a block away.

### **December 11, 1971 True Father is Denied a United States visa**



*In late 1971, True Father returned to the United States as part of his third world tour. Accompanied by True Mother, Mrs. Won Bok Choi, Mr. Young Hwi Kim (President, HSA-UWC, Korea since Mr. Eu's death in 1970), and Mr. Ishii (Director, HSA-UWC Business Enterprises, Japan), the party arrived in Los Angeles, December 11, 1971.*

True Father was denied a United States visa, ironically because of alleged Communist affiliations. The group flew to Toronto, Canada, the following day. There, the situation was clarified, and True Father was granted visa clearance. On December 18, 1971, he arrived in Washington, D.C.

### **December 10-12, 1985 True Father First Return to Korea after Danbury**



*Thousands of dignitaries welcomed Rev. Sun Myung Moon back to Korea after the Danbury ordeal with a "Banquet for Victory of Freedom" at the Hilton Hotel in Seoul.*

On December 10, 1985, at 7:40 a.m. Reverend and True Mother arrived back in Korea for the first time since the ordeal in Danbury prison. It had been on December 27, 1983, two years previously, that True Father had last departed Korea for America.

On the day following his return to Korea, a welcoming banquet to mark True Father's victorious home-coming was held at the Hilton Hotel Convention Center. About 2,300 dignitaries from a diversity of fields, including former prime minister of the Republic of Korea Mr. Il-Kwon Chung, participated. Prime Minister Yashiro Nakasone of Japan and five former presidents of Latin American countries presented gifts and plaques of appreciation. Professor Hang-nyung Lee, chairman of the Korean chapter of the Professors World Peace Academy, and former president of Hong-Ik University presented True Parents with a plaque expressing the appreciation of PWPA.

On December 12, a welcoming luncheon was held at the Little Angels Performing Arts Center for former heads of state and prime ministers who had visited Korea to commemorate True Father's victorious return home.

#### **December 13, 2004**

##### **The Fifth Crown of Peace Ceremony Held in Washington D.C.**



*True Parents hold a proclamation honoring their peace-making work.*

The Unification Church conducted six major "Peace King" coronations, also referred to as "crown of peace" ceremonies, from 2003-05. These were undertaken as sequels to the January 13, 2001 "Coronation of God's Kingship" and held for the purpose of substantiating "heavenly kingship" on earth. The first of these was a coronation of Jesus as "King of Peace" in Jerusalem as part of the Middle East Peace Initiative on December 22, 2003. This was followed by a second coronation of Jesus in Washington, D.C. on February 4, 2004 at which time crowns also were presented to True Parents represented by their son, Hyun Jin and his wife. A third crown of peace coronation of True Parents was conducted at the Dirksen Senate Office Building on March 23, 2004. A fourth "crown of peace" coronation was conducted in the Korean National Assembly Library on August 20, 2004. Afterwards, True Father directed that the Unification Church conduct blessing registration and "crown of peace" ceremonies in forty nations and on all six continents by the end of 2004. This culminated in a fifth "crown of peace" ceremony in Washington, D.C. on December 13, 2004. A sixth and final "crown of peace" ceremony was conducted at Cheong Pyeong Lake in Korea on February 14, 2005.

#### **December 14, 1973**

##### **Thousands of Unificationists Support Nixon at White House Christmas Tree Lighting**



*President Nixon expressing thanks to American HSA-UWC President Neil Salonen for the church's support at the 1973 Christmas Tree Lighting.*

On December 14, 1973, at the White House Christmas Tree Lighting, the movement mobilized 1,200 pennant-waving, banner-carrying Unificationists. Not only was this rally aired on nationwide television, but later in the evening, President Nixon emerged from the White House to thank National Prayer and Fast for the Watergate Crisis (NPFWC) President Neil Salonen and still assembled members for their support.