

This Week in History 6.3 – 6.9 on the heavenly calendar (June 29 – July 5, 2014)

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July 4 Incident (July 4, 1955, Seodaemun Prison)

On July 4, 1955, True Father was taken to Seoul Central Police Station and was later incarcerated in Seodaemun Prison. This was the so called July 4 Incident that put a brake on the Unification Church's rapid development among elite university students from Ehwa University and Yonsei University forming a pillar among members in the Unification Church. Christianity and the government joined hands and were able to imprison True Father for three months at Seodaemun Prison. Kim Won-pil, Eu Hyo-won, Eu Hyo-yeong, Eu Hyo-min and other disciples were also incarcerated with True Father. On October 4, on the final day of the trial, Father was declared innocent and was finally freed. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



The 2,075-Couple International Blessing Ceremony (July 1, 1982, Madison Square Garden)

The 2,075-Couple International Blessing Ceremony was held at Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982. Brides and grooms from forty-eight countries partook in the Blessing Ceremony. This became an event that garnered great interest in the United States. True Father said, "This must be a great shock to western society," and went on to say, "from now on, you should greatly boast of Blessing Ceremonies." (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



Inauguration of the Education Center for Ideal Families and World Peace (July 1, 1998, Jardim, Brazil)

True Parents inaugurated the Education Center for Ideal Families and World Peace in Jardim, Brazil on July 1, 1998. Around 3,000 people, well-known figures in Brazil and leaders from all walks of life in Jardim partook in the event. True Father said that he established the education headquarters at a point geographically opposite of Korea. This dedication ceremony marked the beginning of the Jardim forty-day workshops, which members worldwide took to inherit True Parents' hearts and tradition. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)

