

## **This Week in History (June 28 - July 4)**

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### **Dedication Ceremony of the Education Center for Ideal Families and World Peace (July 1, 1998, Jardim, Brazil)**

Jardim, Brazil, on July 1, 1998, beginning at 10 a.m. Around 3,000 people, well-known figures in Brazil and leaders from a variety of backgrounds in Jardim came to the event.

True Father said, “The goal of the Jardim education center is to raise people that do not live for their own individual benefit but instead live for the country, the world and God as families and to raise people that live for the world even though it means sacrificing one’s clan or nation.”

After the dedication, FFWPU members from across the globe began to attend the Jardim forty-day workshops in this center to inherit True Parents’ hearts and traditions.

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

The 2,075-Couple International Blessing Ceremony took place at Madison Square Garden on July 1, 1982. Brides and grooms from forty-eight countries partook in the Blessing Ceremony. This event garnered great interest in the United States. True Father said, “This must be a great shock to Western society.” He went on to say, “From now on, you should greatly boast of Blessing Ceremonies.”

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

On July 4, 1955, True Father was taken to the 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, which formed a pillar for the Unification Church. Christians and the government joined hands and were able to imprison True Father for three months at Seodaemun. Kim Won-pil, Eu Hyo-won, Eu Hyo-yeong, Eu Hyo-min and other disciples were incarcerated with True Father. On October 4, on the final day of the trial, Father was declared innocent and was finally freed.

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