

This Week in History: October 20 to 26

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October 21, 2013

October 20, 1992

Inauguration of the American Chapter of WFWP

Women's Federation for World Peace (WFWP) was established in 1992 by Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon in an effort to address the widespread breakdown of family ethics and the escalation of racial and religious struggles around the world. WFWP became an NGO in general consultative status with the Economic and Social Council of the United Nations in 1997.

October 21, 1970

777 Couples Blessing Ceremony Held in Korea



The 777-Couple Blessing Ceremony took place in the Changchung Stadium in Seoul on October 21, 1970. According to an article in the American magazine, Time, "Master Moon intoned: 'Will you swear to love your spouse forever?'" The answer was a resounding "Yes!"

The 777 Couples, formed by young men and women from 10 nations, were blessed in 1970 at the Seoul Changchoon Gymnasium in order to create new families and new tribes based on God's love, transcending national boundaries and racial differences in pioneering the way of His will for the world. Thus, a new global nation was being prepared for Christ at his Second Advent, as well as the requisite personnel who could serve any nation and any citizenry in accordance with his plan.

October 22, 1980

News World Creates Foreign-Language Dailies

A Spanish-language New York daily, Noticias Del Mundo was inaugurated on October 22, 1980 as a sister publication to The News World (started in 1976). Other News World spinoffs included a Korean-language daily, a Harlem weekly, and a small press service, Free Press International (FPI), out of New York. Overseas newspapers started in this period included Sekai Nippo, a daily in Japan; Ultimas Noticias, a daily in Uruguay; and the Middle East Times, a weekly, published in Cyprus.

October 22, 1981

Father Indicted on Tax Charges in New York

An IRS investigation of True Father's holding of church financial assets in his own name was conducted in 1981 with little fanfare, as were the grand jury hearings. It was only with Rev. Moon's indictment and arraignment on October 22, 1981 that the issue of his tax case became public. The indictment did not distract True Father from pursuing many new missions related to the Providence. He lost his legal battle in 1984, but his cause drew the support of American religious leaders across the spectrum of Protestant churches in the United States.

Father's speech on October 22, 1981 can be read here: <http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/SunMyungMoon81/SunMyungMoon-811022.htm>

October 22, 2011
2011 Peace Week Proclamation Ceremony



At the Sun Moon University main building, True Father attended a ceremony to proclaim Peace Week.

After the Hoon Dok Hae session in the Cheon Jeong Gung (Peace Palace), True Father headed for Sun Moon University's main building to attend the 2011 Peace Week Proclamation Ceremony. The ceremony, which commemorated the 20th anniversary of True Parents' visit to North Korea, began at 10:30 a.m. in the Grand Hall on the sixth floor of Sun Moon University's main building. True Father presided over the event hosted by the Ambassadors for Peace Council and Universal Peace Federation (UPF). More than 600 ambassadors for peace from regions across Korea attended. What he spoke about centered on his speech given at the Cosmic Assembly for the Settlement of the True Parents of Heaven, Earth and Humankind and for the Proclamation of the Word by God's Substantial Self. After True Father finished speaking, the event ended at around 4:00 p.m. with three cheers of Eok Mansei led by Dr. No Hee Pak.