

This Week in History: December 29 to January 4

Lymhwa Kim
December 30, 2013

December 29, 2005

8th Anniversary of the International Inter-Cultural Blessing for World Peace

True Parents officiate at the International Inter-Cultural Blessing for World Peace in Seoul.

December 31, 1976

Publication of *The News World* Daily Newspaper Begins



Displaying the first issue of The News World, December 31, 1976

True Father initiated the Unification Church's first major journalistic venture on October 10, 1976, shortly after the Washington Monument rally, when he assembled a dozen or so members with journalism degrees and "set the deadline" for producing the first issue of a new daily newspaper in New York City "at December 31, 1976, the last day of the Bicentennial year." On December 31st, "the presses rolled early in the morning and the first issue of The News World hit the streets of New York."

January 1, 1982

On January 1, 1982, True Father directed the start-up of a new Washington, D.C. daily newspaper, *The Washington Times*. Start-up costs were estimated to be between \$40-50 million (USD), and in 1983, the Times completed an \$18 million (USD) renovation of its headquarters which included a 10,000 square foot newsroom. *The Times* became an influential, conservative voice and alternative to the liberal-leaning Washington Post. It was called the "third most-quoted newspaper in America" after only the *Washington Post* and the *New York Times*. Building upon the foundation of *The Washington Times*, True Father established the World Media Conference which convened annual gatherings of media scholars and working journalists as well as fact-finding tours. By 1985, some 2,500 journalists had participated in the conferences and tours.

January 1, 1996

Hyo Nam Kim is introduced to American Members as Dae Mo Nim's Mediator

True Mother's physical mother, [Soon Ae Hong] Dae Mo Nim, had a physical embodiment, like Heung Jin Moon, the second son of Rev. and Mrs. Sun Myung Moon. For three years after her passing, Dae Mo Nim was understood to have made conditions in the spirit world for her work on earth. Next, according to an official account, "she chose and worked with Mrs. Hyo Nam Kim for three years," making "incredible, almost humanly impossible... conditions" to begin the providence on earth. Rev. Joong Hyun Pak, the American Continental Director, described Mrs. Kim as "a humble country lady... very spiritual as a child... a faithful dedicated Christian and spiritually open." Ten years previously Mrs. Moon was said to have visited her spiritually, indicating that she would one day work with Dae Mo Nim. In 1992, Mrs. Kim began serving church couples, solving problems, and in 1994 leaders reported what was happening to Rev. Moon. In January 1995, he gave Mrs. Kim the authority to act as Dae Mo Nim's mediator, and on

January 1, 1996, she was introduced to the American movement. By this time, members commonly addressed her as “Dae Mo Nim.”

January 2, 1984

Ascension of True Parents’ second son, Heung Jin Moon



Heung Jin Moon, the second son of Rev. and Mrs. Moon, died at the age of 17 on January 3, 1984 following a car accident which took place on Dec. 22, 1983. The accident occurred in Hyde Park, New York, after a tractor-trailer jack-knifed, entering his lane in freezing rain. Heung Jin swerved the car to protect the two passengers traveling with him thereby taking the full impact of the collision. His two friends were hospitalized but fortunately survived the accident.

Heung Jin Moon's accident coincided with a major anti-communism rally being carried out by Rev. Moon at the risk of his life in Korea. Rev. Moon's followers believe that Heung Jin died as a sacrifice to Heaven to protect his father's life. For that reason, and because of Heung Jin's strong filial character, each year January 2nd is celebrated by members of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification as "The Day of Victory of Love" in his honor.

The Seonghwa (Ascension) Ceremony of Heung Jin Moon, who passed away at age 17 following a car accident.

January 3, 1984

The Day of Victory of Love



The Moon family and other church families attend Heung Jin Moon’s Seonghwa at Belvedere in New York.

January 3, 1984, Rev. and Mrs. Moon established the Day of the Victory of Love, which is to be celebrated on January 2nd. Rev. Moon explained,

“Previously, the realm of death controlled the realm of love....From now on, love will control the realm of death.... This is truly a historical day. The death of the most beloved son of True Parents might be tragic for Mother and me if death reigned in our hearts. However, we are not defeated by death. Instead, we are reaching out with the much greater power of the love of God, and love now governs death....All tragic events of the satanic world shall be conquered by love and enter into its realm. No power under the sun can infiltrate the power of love. Heung Jin Nim’s death is not an ordinary one; he transformed himself into the victory of love. His death cannot be treated as an ordinary secular death.”

The Day of the Victory of Love found a permanent liturgical expression in the church's tradition of Seong Hwa ("ascension and harmony") ceremonies which began after Heung Jin Moon's death.

January 4, 1959

Arrival of the First Unification Church Missionary in United States



Young Oon Kim, the first Unification Church missionary in the United States, at Masonic Avenue, San Francisco.

Miss Young Oon Kim was the first Unification Church missionary to the United States. She arrived in the midst of a raging snowstorm on January 4, 1959. She came as a student to the University of Oregon in Eugene but left school to live in a vacant house in Oakhill, a semi-rural settlement several miles east of Eugene to be near her three best contacts – Doris Walder Anteloch (later Orme), Pauline Phillips Sherman (later Verheyen) and Patty Pumphrey. Later joined by Galen Pumphrey and George Norton, the Oakhill group migrated several hundred miles down the coast to San Francisco in late 1960. There, they put energy into improving the Principle text, obtaining legal incorporation, purchasing a three-story building as a training center, and direct person-to-person witnessing. In July 1962, they opened up mission territory in surrounding Bay Area communities. By the end of that year, the group had expanded to Los Angeles and Sacramento and grown to more than fifty members.

January 4, 1972

True Father Express Desire for Public Meetings and Speaking Tours

True Father had indicated his desire to hold public meetings while in Los Angeles. On January 4, 1972, at a joint meeting of East and West Coast leaders, he launched the American movement's inaugural speaking tour and first-ever national campaign. As True Father had not spoken publicly either in Korea or Japan, this also coincided with the beginning of a new phase in his public ministry. The plan was to hold three-day revival meetings in seven United States cities: New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, D.C., Los Angeles, and Berkeley, California.