

## **This week in history: June 15-21**

June 17, 2014

### **True Mother is presented with a special award following her World Speaking Tour June 14, 1999**



*True Mother gives her speech in Washington D.C., the first of 24 speaking engagements in the United States.*

True Father presented True Mother with a special award following completion of her World Speaking Tour in which she promoted true family values globally in 80 locations, including 24 speeches in the United States. True Mother spoke on “**The Path of Life for All Humankind.**”

[<http://www.tparents.org/Moon-Talks/HakJaHanMoon/HH990000.htm>] The award was also presented on the foundation of True Mother’s absolute faith, absolute love and absolute obedience in being “victorious over a suffering course of restoration through indemnity known only to Heaven” and for having “fulfilled the mission of a true child in front of Heaven, a true wife in front of her husband, and the mission of a true parent in front of her children.”

### **Korean-born Unificationist, Mr. Nishikawa, is smuggled into Japan to begin his missionary work June 15, 1958**

Mr. Sang ik "Papasan" Choi (Bong Choon Choi), known to Japanese members as Mr. Nishikawa, departed Korea to begin the mission to Japan. Because Korea and Japan had not yet established diplomatic relations, he was forced to smuggle into the country as a stowaway aboard a ship. He was arrested but avoided deportation by fasting to induce illness. He escaped after being transferred from prison to a medical clinic and successfully planted the Unification Church in Japan. In 1964, he was again arrested and this time deported. He then began mission work in the San Francisco Bay Area.



*Missionary Choi and participants during the first special workshop held in Japan in 1963*

**True Parents receive honorary doctorates from the Unification Theological Seminary  
June 21, 2001**

Unification Theological Seminary awarded its first honorary doctorates in its history to True Parents who were present for Seminary's 25th commencement exercises. Their citation read in part, "They have introduced the vision of a world based on true love. They have created a theology of heart that resolves the chaos of theology and philosophy. They are leading humankind centered on the living God and the love of family ..." Drs. Lee Kyung-june, President of Sun Moon University and Neil Albert Salonen, President of the University of Bridgeport, placed True Parents doctoral hood upon them, representing the bonds of kinship between the three primary institutions of higher education built by True Parents. True Father delivered the traditional "Founder's Address," speaking for nearly four hours, likely a record for graduation ceremonies anywhere. He issued a call for the Seminary to maintain its founding vision as an interreligious school. He also explained the importance of lineage, challenging the school to provide its students a grasp of the innermost core of God's heart and truth which culminates in true love and life being incarnated and carried forth.

The first degrees in the regular commencement were conferred upon Hyun Jin and Joon Sook Moon who graduated *magna cum laude* with the highest grade point averages in the class. Ten days prior to the awards ceremony, on June 11, a bolt of lightning destroyed the five-foot cross that had stood on the chapel for 70 years. Upon hearing of its demise, True Father said it is now time for all crosses to be removed.