

This Week in History (May 10–May 16)

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Thirty-Six-Couple Blessing Ceremony (May 15, 1961, Headquarters Church, Korea)

True Parents officiated the Thirty-Six-Couple Blessing Ceremony on May 15, 1961, beginning at 4.30 a.m. at what was then the headquarters church in Cheongpa-dong, Seoul. Father indicated its significance by saying, “The thirty-six couples signify that the historic two thousand-year period in which Adam’s family, Noah’s family and Jacob’s family failed has finally been entirely indemnified.” The families of thirty-six couples, who symbolize the formation, growth and perfection stages of growth, have become representative of the Unification Church Blessing Ceremony.

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**True Father Completes the Original Text of the Divine Principle
(May 10, 1952, Beomil-dong, Busan, Korea)**

True Father completed the Original Text of the Divine Principle in the cardboard hut in Beomil-dong, Busan, on May 10, 1952. On that very day, Kang Hyeon-shil, Christian evangelist and early member, visited the hut and Father witnessed to her based on the teachings in the Divine Principle. Completing the text took about a year of devoted writing. The Original Text of the Divine Principle comprises five volumes. Page numbers run consecutively from volume one through volume five. Father's disciples copied this text and to this day, we can see Kim Won-pil's, Kang Hyeon-shil's and Lee Su-gyeong's copies. (Materials provided by the FFWPU History Compilation Committee)



Student Members Expelled from Ehwa Womans University (May 11, 1955, Seoul)

On November 14, 1955, Ehwa Womans University expelled students for the simple reason of their attending the Unification Church. This case represents the religious oppression that occurred just a year after the founding of the Unification Church. The school, which has a Christian background, had fired five professors the previous March for the same reason. Later, these expelled students transferred to Sook Myung Women's University and other universities to complete their studies.

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