

This Week in History (May 15-May 21)

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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.



True Mother’s Speaking Tour in Europe May 20, 2000, London, Great Britain

Beginning with the London Rally in England on May 20, 2000, True Mother spoke in 11 major cities until May 30 during her speaking tour of Europe. The title of True Mother’s message was “The Path for Humankind in the Last Days.” True Mother did not rest for even a day, digesting quite a tight schedule in

her desire to convey her message of true love to those in Europe. True Father watched True Mother speak from East Garden with members. He said, “Let us all send a lot of strength to True Mother’s speaking tour in Europe” to support her efforts.



**Founding of the Washington Times
May 17, 1982, Washington D.C.**

The Washington Times, a daily newspaper, was founded with the publication of its first issue on May 17, 1982. Publishing tens of thousands of morning papers and having a headquarters located in Washington D.C., the Washington Times became the second largest newspaper in Washington D.C. after the Washington Post. True Father spoke of the significance behind the establishment of the Washington Times saying that he began a newspaper, a business even affluent people were giving up on, to save the United States and what was then known as the Free World. This year, the Washington Times celebrates its thirty-fourth anniversary.



**Rally for the Declaration of Absolute Values for the Sake of Harmony and Unification
May 21, 2004, Blue Sea Garden, Korea**

On May 21, 2004, the Rally for the Declaration of Absolute Values for the Sake of Harmony and Unification occurred in Blue Sea (Cheonghae) Garden, Yeosu, South Jeolla Province. Father spoke under the title, "The Purpose of True Love, Harmony and Unity is the Perfection of the Absolute Values of True Families" in front of the 13,000 people at the Blue Sea Garden plaza, revealing that a family attains perfection through the absolute values of true love. On this day, 450 participants from seven nations established sisterhood relationships with the 450 Korean participants and those present were determined to carry out peace endeavors for harmony and unity through a sibling love transcending nationality and race.



