

## **True Father Released from His First Imprisonment**

February 1, 1945

True Father had been a student leader in Korean independence activities while studying in Japan from 1941 to 1943. He was interrogated numerous times and placed on a watch list. On returning to Korea, True Father took employment at the Kyeongsung branch of the Kashima Gumi Construction Company in Seoul's Yongsan District while continuing his religious and independence activities.

In October 1944, Japanese police stormed into True Father's lodgings because one of his friends who had been arrested for being a communist had mentioned his name to interrogators.

Once arrested and incarcerated at the Gyeonggi Province Police Station, True Father was subjected to brutal torture in an unsuccessful effort to have him reveal names of people who had worked with him while in Japan.

In *A Peace-Loving Global Citizen*, True Father details the several types of torture. Police broke all four legs of a table against his body, stomped on him "mercilessly with their spiked boots," beat him while he was being hung from the ceiling, and forced water down his esophagus.

With the war winding down and unable to obtain information, the police released True Father on February 1, 1945. True Father noted, "My body did not recover easily from the torture."