

Today In History – September 25

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Today in History in 1890 Sequoia National Park in California is founded.

The On This Day In History archives at "Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia" contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

September 25 is the 268th day of the year (269th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 97 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

275 – In Rome, the Senate proclaims Marcus Claudius Tacitus Roman Emperor.

303 – On a voyage preaching the gospel, Saint Fermin of Pamplona is beheaded in Amiens, northern France.

1066 – The Battle of Stamford Bridge marks the end of the Viking invasions of England.

1237 – Scotland and England sign the Treaty of York, marking their common border.

1396 – Ottoman Sultan Bayezid I defeats a Christian army at the Battle of Nicopolis.

1493 – From Cadiz, Spain, Christopher Columbus sets sail on his second voyage.

1513 – Spanish explorers become the first Europeans to sight the Pacific Ocean.

1621 – Swedish troops take Riga in the Polish-Swedish War.

1775 – American Revolutionary War: Ethan Allen surrenders to British forces after attempting to capture Montreal during the Battle of Longue-Pointe. Benedict Arnold and his expeditionary company set off from Fort Western, bound for Quebec City.

1789 – The United States Congress passes twelve amendments (changes) to the United States Constitution.

1790 – Peking opera begins, to celebrate the birthday of Qianlong Emperor of China.

1804 – The Teton Sioux (a subdivision of the Lakota) demand one of the boats from the Lewis and Clark expedition as a toll for moving further upriver.

1846 – Mexican-American War: US forces under Zachary Taylor capture Monterrey, Mexico.

1868 – The Imperial Russian steam frigate Alexander Neuski is shipwrecked off Jutland while carrying Grand Duke Alexei Alexandrovich of Russia.

1890 – Sequoia National Park in California is founded.

1906 – In presence of the King of Spain and a big crowd, Leonardo Torres Quevedo successfully demonstrates the invention of 'Telekino' in the Basque port city of Bilbao, guiding a boat from shore, in what is now considered the birth of the remote control.

1911 – Ground is broken for Fenway Park in Boston, Massachusetts.

1912 – Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism is founded in New York City.

1913 – Charlie Chaplin signs his first movie contract.

1915 – World War I: Start of the Second Battle of Champagne.

1926 – The International Convention to Suppress the Slave Trade and Slavery is first signed.

1929 – Jimmy Doolittle performs the first blind flight from Mitchel Field, proving that full instrument flying from take-off to landing is possible.

1937 – Second Sino-Japanese War: Minor but morale-boosting victory for Chinese forces.

1938 – American Don Budge becomes the first tennis player to win all four Grand Slams in one year.

1942 – Holocaust: Switzerland denies entry to Jewish refugees.

1944 – World War II: The British 1st Airborne Division withdraw from Arnhem, Netherlands, ending Operation Market Garden.

1950 – Korean War: UN forces enter Seoul.

1955 – The Royal Jordanian Air Force is founded.

1956 – TAT-1, the first submarine (under the sea) transatlantic telephone cable system, is inaugurated.

1957 – Central High School in Little Rock, Arkansas is integrated with help from United States Army troops.

1959 – Sri Lankan Prime Minister Solomon Bandaranaike is shot by Buddhist monk Talduwe Somarama, and dies the next day.

1962 – The People's Democratic Republic of Algeria is proclaimed.

1962 – The North Yemen Civil War begins.

1964 – Mozambique's War of Independence from Portugal begins.

1969 – The charter establishing the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation is signed.

1972 – In a referendum, voters in Norway reject membership of the European Community.

1976 – Irish rock band U2 forms in Dublin, Ireland.

1977 – The first Chicago Marathon takes place, with around 4,200 runners taking part.

1978 – A mid-air collision between two planes over San Diego, California results in 144 deaths.

1981 – Sandra Day O'Connor becomes the first female Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.

1981 – Belize joins the UN.

1983 – The UK's biggest prison break-out since World War II occurs when 38 Republican prisoners at Maze Prison, armed with 6 handguns, hijack a prison meals lorry and smash their way out.

1983 – The TGV high-speed train track, from Paris to Lyon, is opened along its entire length.

1992 – NASA launches the Mars Observer to the planet Mars. It would fail 11 months later.

1996 – The last of the Magdalene Asylums closes in Ireland.

1998 – Mikulas Dzurinda becomes Prime Minister of Slovakia.

2000 – With the Islamic King Fahd Cultural Centre, the biggest Mosque in Latin America is opened in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

2003 – A magnitude 8 earthquake hits Hokkaido, Japan.

2003 – It is announced that 14,802 people died in France during the previous month's heatwave.

2005 – Fernando Alonso wins the Formula One world championship, becoming the youngest Formula One world champion in history at the time, though the record has since been beaten by Lewis Hamilton and Sebastian Vettel.

2007 – Yasuo Fukuda becomes Prime Minister of Japan.

2008 – Thabo Mbeki resigns as President of South Africa, and is replaced by Kgalema Motlanthe.

2008 – The Shenzhou spacecraft is launched by China.

2009 – In a joint television appearance at the G-20 Summit, Barack Obama, Gordon Brown and Nicolas Sarkozy accuse Iran of building a uranium enrichment facility.

2010 – Ed Miliband becomes leader of the British Labour Party.

2017 – Iraqi Kurdistan holds a vote on independence.

2018 – American comedian Bill Cosby is sentenced to between three and ten years in prison.

2019 – The Australian Capital Territory legalises cannabis for recreational use.