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## ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** An environmental study indicated that China's greenhouse gas emissions had overtaken those of the U.S. for the first time, and now exceeded all other countries

**1586:** English colonists abandoned Roanoke Island, now in North Carolina, having failed to establish England's first permanent settlement in America

**1970:** The Soviet Soyuz-9 spacecraft landed safely after a record 17 days in Earth orbit

**1985:** Officials said the South Pole had moved slightly closer to Australia, and was at a point about 144km from the Antarctic coastline

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