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ON THIS DAY



▲ **1837:** Queen Victoria, aged 18, acceded to the British throne. Her reign lasted 64 years, the longest of any monarch in British history

1789: The newly proclaimed National Assembly in France met on the Jeu de Paume tennis court in Paris

1900: Germany's ambassador to China was assassinated in Peking, precipitating the Boxer Rebellion

1923: Mexican revolutionary leader Pancho Villa was assassinated

2007: French government ministers were banned from using BlackBerrys owing to fears that the U.S. could intercept state secrets

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