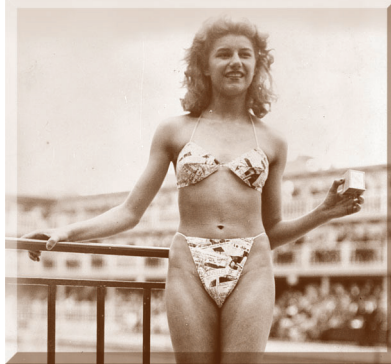


Saturday, July 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1946:** The bikini swimsuit, designed by former Renault engineer Louis Reard, was first modelled at a Paris fashion show

1811: Venezuela became the first Spanish colony in the Americas to declare its independence from Spain

1830: France captured the Algerian capital, Algiers

1959: Indonesian President Sukarno dissolved parliament and assumed dictatorial powers for himself

2007: Scientists announced the discovery of a possible new species of cephalopod, dubbed an “octosquid”, found off Hawaii

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