

Thursday, July 17

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1969: Spanish dictator General Franco named Prince Juan Carlos as his successor as head of state**

1453: The English defeat at the Battle of Castillon ended the Hundred Years' War between England and France

1821: Spain ceded Florida to the United States

1979: Anastasia Somoza resigned as president of Nicaragua and fled the country

2007: A Brazilian airliner crashed as it landed at the country's busiest airport in the heart of Sao Paulo, killing all 187 people on board and 12 on the ground

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