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ON THIS DAY



▲ **1945:** The first use of a nuclear weapon in warfare devastated the Japanese city of Hiroshima

1824: During the Peruvian War of Independence Simon Bolivar and Colombian patriots decisively defeated the Spanish at the battle of Junin

1896: The French parliament voted to annex Madagascar

1973: Former Cuban dictator Fulgencio Batista, who fled after he was toppled by Fidel Castro in 1959, died

2007: NASA reported that four gigantic galaxies were crashing into one another in one of the biggest cosmic collisions ever seen