Tuesday, September 30

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1949: The Berlin Airlift, under which the U.S. and Britain supplied the city against a Russian blockade, ended

1630: John Billington was executed in New Plymouth for murder, the first capital crime in America

1882: Water power was used to generate electricity for the first time

1961: A virtually unknown 21-year old folk singer called Bob Dylan signed his first recording contract

1994: The World Health Organisation announced that polio had been eradicated in the western hemisphere

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