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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2006:** The U.S. population hit 300 million, making it the world's third most populous country after China and India

1854: British engineer Henry Bessemer patented his process for making steel

1919: Zhao Ziyang, Chinese prime minister swept from power after the Tiananmen Square riots, was born

1997: Che Guevara was buried in a specially built mausoleum in Cuba, 30 years after his death in Bolivia

2007: Turkey's Grand National Assembly approved a government request for their troops to cross the Iraqi border to attack Kurdish rebels