## Friday, October 31

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: Spain's parliament approved a controversial bill which for the first time formally condemned the 40-year dictatorship of General Franco

1887: Nationalist Chinese leader Chiang Kai-shek was born

1956: Rear Admiral G.J. Dufek became the first person to land an airplane at the South Pole

**1982:** London's Thames Barrier, designed to prevent flooding in the British capital, was inaugurated

2001: Five women hanged during the Salem witch trials in Massachusetts in the 17th century were officially exonerated

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