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ON THIS DAY



▲ 2007: Nicolas Sarkozy was elected President of France

1626: Dutch settler Peter Minuit bought what is now Manhattan Island from Native American Indians for a handful of trinkets worth no more than \$25

1941: Russian dictator Joseph Stalin appointed himself chairman of the Council of People's Commissars (head of the government)

1976: An earthquake rocked the town of Udine in northern Italy, killing 973 people and leaving 100,000 homeless

2008: Irish Taoiseach Bertie Ahern officially resigned after almost 11 years as head of government