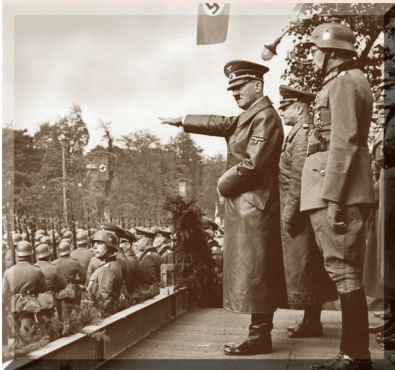# ON THIS DAY

▲ **1939: Germany invaded Poland, heralding the start of World War Two**

1858: The British Crown took over the territories and duties of the East India Company, ending its government of India

1969: A military coup led by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi overthrew the government of Libya

1983: A Soviet fighter plane shot down a Korean Air Lines Boeing 747 near Sakhalin island, killing all 269 on board

2008: Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda abruptly resigned less than a year after taking office, triggering a leadership election

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