

Wednesday, September 30

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1949: The Berlin Airlift, under which the U.S. and Britain supplied the city against a Russian blockade, ended after 277,264 flights

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

2008: A stampede triggered when a wall collapsed at a Hindu temple in Jodhpur, India, killed 249 people and injured over 400