

Saturday, 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

2008: Libya paid the U.S. \$1.5 billion in compensation for past terrorist attacks, clearing the way for normal diplomatic ties to resume