

Sunday, November 15

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1630:** German astronomer Johannes Kepler, who discovered the principles of planetary motion and pioneered work with modern optics and calculus, died at age 58

1889: Brazil was declared a republic

1920: Danzig (now Gdansk, Poland) was proclaimed a free city under the terms of the Treaty of Versailles

1935: Manuel Quezon was inaugurated as first president of the Commonwealth of the Philippines

2008: The Saudi oil tanker *Sirius Star* became the largest vessel to date to be hijacked by pirates off the coast of Somalia