ON THIS DAY

▲ **1955:** Rosa Parks, a black woman from Alabama, refused to give up her seat on a segregated bus to a white man; her action sparked the U.S. civil rights movement

1954: The U.S. signed a mutal defence treaty with Nationalist China

1973: David Ben-Gurion, Israel's first prime minister, died

1993: Oil was discovered off the Falkland Islands

1997: Over 150 countries sent delegates to the global warming summit in Kyoto, Japan, to consider ways to limit emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases

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