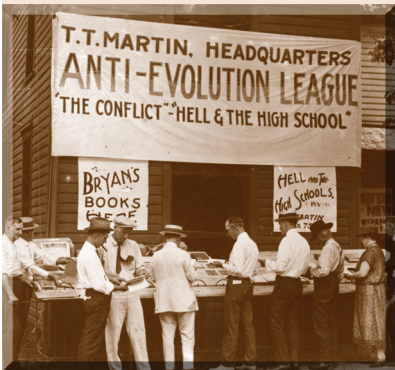


**Tuesday, March 23**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1925:** The U.S. state of Tennessee banned the teaching of the theory of evolution in its schools

**1861:** London's first tramcars, designed by a Mr Train of New York, went into operation from Bayswater

**1919:** In Italy, Benito Mussolini founded his own party, the Fasci di Combattimento

**1996:** Lee Teng-hui was sworn in as Taiwan's first democratically-elected President

**2001:** Russian ground controllers successfully ditched the 15-year-old Mir space station in the Pacific Ocean, south east of New Zealand