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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009: U.S. journalists Euna Lee and Laura Ling were found guilty of illegally entering North Korea and sentenced to 12 years penal labour**

1869: The first electric vacuum cleaner was patented in Chicago

1969: Spain closed its border with Gibraltar after Britain refused to hand over the colony

1995: Lee Teng Hui became the first president of Taiwan to visit the United States, angering Beijing

2009: Africa's longest serving leader, President Omar Bongo of Gabon, died aged 73. He had ruled the oil-rich equatorial nation for 41 years