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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** The four emerging “BRIC” powers, Brazil, Russia, India and China, held their first summit, having doubled their share of world output from 7.5% to 15.4% in just a decade

1948: Chinese bandits carried out the first hijack of an aircraft, on a Cathay Pacific flight to Hong Kong

1963: Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to travel into space

1977: The Supreme Soviet elected Leonid Brezhnev as president

2009: Iran’s Guardian Council said it would order a partial recount of the presidential election results, but ruled out an annulment of the vote