ON THIS DAY

▲ **1939:** Germany invaded Poland, heralding the start of World War Two

1858: The East India Company ended its government of India as its territories and duties passed to the British Crown

1969: A military coup led by Colonel Muammar Gaddafi overthrew the government of Libya

1979: The U.S. unmanned spacecraft *Pioneer II*, launched in 1973, transmitted data to earth after coming within 12,560 miles of Saturn's clouds

2009: Alain Robert, known as Spiderman, evaded security to climb one of the 88-storey Petronas Towers in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

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