

Tuesday, December 28

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** Russian premier Vladimir Putin launched the East-Siberia – Pacific Ocean oil pipeline, designed to pump 1.6m barrels of crude a day to China and Asia-Pacific markets

1869: William F. Semple of Mount Vernon, Ohio, was the first person to receive a patent for chewing gum

1950: Chinese troops crossed the 38th parallel during the Korean War

1985: A Syrian-brokered ceasefire was agreed between Lebanon's Muslim and Christian militias

2009: Thailand began repatriating 4,000 ethnic Hmong to Laos, despite international criticism