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▲ **Fred Astaire, U.S. actor, dancer and singer, died at age 88. He starred in numerous musicals and films, 10 of them with dancing partner Ginger Rogers**

1633: The Papal Inquisition forced the astronomer Galileo to recant his heretical theory that Earth and other planets revolved around the sun

1805: Italian patriot **Giuseppe Mazzini**, tireless in the struggle for the unification of Italy, was born

1989: Seven student leaders of the Tiananmen Square demonstrations were executed after trial in China

2009: French President **Nicolas Sarkozy** called for the burqa to be banned