



Today in History

December 26, 1893

▲ **Mao Zedong, one of the founders of China's Communist Party, was born. Mao was Chairman of the People's Republic of China from 1949-59**

1865: U.S. inventor James H. Nason patented a coffee percolator

2002: Brazil sent 520,000 barrels of gasoline to Venezuela to alleviate shortages due a general strike

2004: Tsunamis triggered by the strongest earthquake in 40 years killed around 230,000 people

2007: Six charity workers were sentenced to eight years' hard labour in Chad for trying to kidnap 103 children for adoption in France