



Today in History

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▲ **China unveiled a \$12 billion plan to divert water from the Yangtze River to the drought-stricken north in one of the biggest engineering projects since the Great Wall**

1917: Russia's "February Revolution" began with riots and strikes in St Petersburg

1942: The Burmese capital Rangoon fell to the Japanese after being evacuated by British forces

1963: A group of officers overthrew the Syrian government and established a National Council of Revolution

1965: The first U.S. combat troops arrived in Vietnam to defend the American Da Nang air base