

A color portrait of Kim Il-sung, the first leader of North Korea. He is an older man with grey hair, wearing glasses, a light blue suit, a white shirt, and a light blue tie. He is standing outdoors in front of a large, light-colored stone monument and some greenery.

Today in History

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▲ **Kim Il-sung, authoritarian “Great Leader” of North Korea since the founding of the Stalinist state in 1948, died from a heart attack at the age of 82**

1881: The ice cream sundae was invented as an alternative to ice cream soda drinks, banned on the Sabbath

1996: The International Court of Justice outlawed the use, or threat of use, of nuclear weapons in war

2003: Iranian conjoined twins Ladan and Laleh Bijani died during a 53-hour operation to separate them

2006: The first manned flight of a powered ornithopter – an aircraft that flaps its wings – took place