



Today in History

August 5, 1953

▲ “Operation Big Switch”, the exchange of prisoners of war between the UN allies and the Chinese and North Koreans, took place at Panmunjom, Korea

1962: Nelson Mandela was arrested near Howick, Natal, and charged with incitement, receiving a five-year prison sentence later in the year

1963: Russia, the U.S. and Britain signed the Nuclear Test Ban Treaty

1973: Arab terrorists opened fire at Athens airport, killing three people and injuring 55

2004: Swarms of locusts invaded the Mauritanian capital, Nouakchott, after devouring crops in rural areas