



## Today in History

*October 9, 2006*

▲ **South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon was formally chosen to succeed Kofi Annan as the next Secretary-General of the United Nations**

**1938:** The radio altimeter, allowing aircraft pilots to read their height above the local terrain, was first demonstrated

**1963: The Vaiont Dam overflowed in Italy, flooding four villages and killing over 2,000 people**

**1998:** Russia appealed for international humanitarian aid as economic collapse was compounded by a bad harvest

**2006: North Korea conducted an underground nuclear test, resulting in international condemnation**