



Today in History

October 29, 1978

▲ **Mao Tse Tung's Little Red Book, once required reading for all, was denounced in China's official Communist Party newspaper for giving Mao a "God-like status"**

1923: Turkey became a republic under nationalist leader Kemal Ataturk

1945: The first commercially successful ball point pen sold over 7,000 units in the U.S. on its first day

1973: Klaus Barbie, wanted in France for war crimes, was released after nearly eight months in a Bolivian jail

1998: John Glenn, 77, returned to space aboard the shuttle Discovery, 36 years after becoming the first American to orbit the Earth