



# Today in History

*October 31, 2007*

▲ Spain's parliament approved a controversial bill which for the first time formally condemned the 40-year dictatorship of General Francisco Franco

**1961:** The de-Stalinisation programme in Russia reached a climax when his body was removed from the Red Square mausoleum and re-buried

**1968:** Ramon Navarro, Mexican film actor best known for the silent version of *Ben Hur*, was murdered

**1992:** The Vatican absolved Galileo Galilei of his 1633 heresy conviction for saying that the Earth orbits the Sun

**1995:** Nigerian rights activist Ken Saro-Wiwa was sentenced to death