

A sepia-toned photograph of three men in profile, facing left. They are all wearing dark suits and bowler hats. The man on the left is older, with white hair and glasses. The man in the middle is middle-aged with a receding hairline. The man on the right is younger, with dark hair. They appear to be standing in a row, possibly in a formal setting.

## Today in History

*November 17, 1849*

▲ **London's oldest hat shop sold the first ever bowler hat, ordered by a customer who required protection from low-hanging branches when out shooting**

**1869:** The Suez Canal, which links the Mediterranean to the Red Sea, was opened to navigation after more than 10 years under construction

**1974: Greece restored democracy in its first general election for 10 years**

**1986:** Georges Besse, head of French motor manufacturer Renault, was shot dead by "Action Directe" terrorists

**1997: Islamic militants killed 58 foreign tourists and four Egyptians at the Temple of Hatshepsut in Luxor**