

A photograph of Jiang Qing, the widow of Mao Zedong, wearing a black Mao suit and glasses. She is seated and looking slightly to the right. In the background, a woman in a blue military-style uniform with red epaulettes is visible.

## Today in History

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▲ **Jiang Qing, widow of Mao Zedong, went on trial in Beijing on charges of treason. She had played a major role in China's Cultural Revolution**

**1873:** The rival cities of Buda and Pest were united as the new metropolis of Budapest, capital of Hungary

**1917:** The first mass use of tanks in a combined arms operation took place at the battle of Cambrai during World War One

**1979:** Armed Shiite militants seized the Great Mosque in Mecca, the holiest of all Islamic shrines

**1992:** Fire devastated many of the finest rooms in Windsor Castle