



Today in History

February 1, 1979

▲ **Ayatollah Khomeini, spiritual leader of the Iranian Revolution, returned to Tehran after more than 14 years in exile spent mostly in the holy Shia city of Najaf, in Iraq**

1931: City Lights, Charlie Chaplin's tragic tale of the Tramp in the big town and a major artistic triumph, opened

1944: DNA was accidentally identified as the hereditary agent in a virus by scientists monitoring the epidemic spread of pneumonia

1949: The RCA record company released the first 45 rpm single

2004: A stampede at the Hajj pilgrimage in Mina, Saudi Arabia, killed 251 people