



Today in History

July 15, 1954

▲ The Boeing 707 prototype, the first commercial U.S.-built jet, made its maiden flight. Faster and larger than propeller aircraft, jets soon came to dominate air travel

1834: The infamous Spanish Inquisition was officially dissolved

1869: Margarine was patented and named after the Greek word for pearl, owing to its pearl-like lustre

1974: President Makarios of Cyprus was overthrown in a coup led by Greek officers in the National Guard

2009: Celebrated Russian human rights activist Natalia Estemirova was shot dead after being seized from her home in Grozny, Chechnya