

A photograph showing a worker in a red jumpsuit and helmet standing on a platform, operating a large yellow industrial valve with a red handwheel. The valve is part of a large pipe system. The background shows an industrial facility with other pipes and structures under a clear sky.

Today in History

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▲ **China surpassed the United States to become the world's biggest energy consumer. The U.S. had held the top spot for more than a century**

1903: Maurice Garin won the first ever Tour de France. It was cycling's first stage road race, run in six stages

1989: Poland's Communist leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski was elected president by one vote

1999: The new European Parliament building opened in Strasbourg, France, amid complaints of dysfunctionality

2004: A mining company confirmed it had found a massive 182-carat diamond in Guinea, in West Africa