

A painting depicting the historic moment of the cargo ship Ancon passing through the Panama Canal. The ship is a large black vessel with a white funnel, moving through the narrow waterway. On the right, a smaller tugboat is visible. The canal is flanked by steep, reddish-brown hills. In the foreground, several people are walking along a path on the left bank, looking towards the ship. The sky is blue with some clouds.

Today in History

August 15, 1914

▲ The cargo ship Ancon became the first ship to sail through the Panama Canal. The 77km-long waterway cuts 12,875km off the journey around Cape Horn

1939: The world premiere of the film The Wizard of Oz catapulted a young Judy Garland to stardom

1974: The wife of South Korean President Park Chung-Hee was killed by an assassin targeting Park, who was himself assassinated in 1979

1994: Illich Ramirez Sanchez, "Carlos the Jackal", was captured in Sudan

2004: F1 driver Michael Schumacher won a seventh consecutive race, then a record in a single season