



Today in History

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▲ Ecuador said it would grant political asylum to WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange, holed up in its London embassy to avoid extradition to Sweden to face trial

1914: Liege fell to the Germans after unexpectedly fierce Belgian resistance and heavy German casualties

1945: Pu-Yi, last Emperor of China and ruler of Manchukuo, was captured by Soviet troops

1989: A solar flare from the sun created a geomagnetic storm that halted trading on Toronto's stock market

2010: China overtook Japan as the world's second-largest economy, behind only the United States