



Today in History

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▲ **Melting sea ice in the Arctic Ocean opened up the Northwest Passage, clearing a long-sought but historically impassable route between Europe and Asia**

1959: Nikita Khrushchev became the first Soviet leader to visit the U.S.

1994: Chechen leader Dzhokhar Dudayev signed a decree imposing martial law and a curfew in the breakaway Russian republic

2004: Johnny Ramone, guitarist and songwriter of the Ramones, died

2008: Militants declared an “oil war” on the Nigerian government and foreign oil companies, warning workers to evacuate the Niger Delta