

A sepia-toned photograph showing Mao Zedong in the foreground, wearing a dark jacket and a flat cap. Behind him to the right is another man, also in a military uniform and cap. The background is slightly blurred, showing other people in similar attire.

## Today in History

*October 21, 1934*

▲ **Chinese Communist forces led by Mao Zedong, encircled by Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Army, began their one-year "Long March" to safety in the north**

**1824:** British bricklayer Joseph Aspdin patented Portland cement

**1979:** Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan resigned over Israel's refusal to negotiate with Palestinians

**2004:** The World Wildlife Fund reported that the planet's resources were being consumed at a rate that outstripped its capacity to support life

**2008:** India and Pakistan reopened a trade route across Kashmir's Line of Control for the first time in 60 years