



Today in History

November 4, 1979

▲ **Iranian supporters of Ayatollah Khomeini's Islamic Revolution seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran and captured 90 hostages, 52 of whom were held for 444 days**

1854: Florence Nightingale and a team of nurses set up hospital in Turkey to aid British wounded in the Crimean War

1879: The first cash register was patented by saloon owner James J. Ritty of Ohio to stop employee theft

1984: Daniel Ortega became president of Nicaragua after an election victory by the Sandinista Front

2003: The sun unleashed the biggest solar flare ever recorded, twice as big as any previously recorded