

A photograph showing three men in dark blue pilot uniforms with gold epaulettes and caps. They are smiling and shaking hands. The man on the left is holding a large bouquet of pink and white flowers wrapped in purple paper. The man on the right is also holding a smaller bouquet of yellow and pink flowers. In the background, other people and the tail of a white airplane with a blue stripe are visible.

Today in History

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▲ **China and Taiwan agreed to permit direct flights throughout the Chinese New Year holidays, the first nonstop flights between China and Taiwan since 1949**

1870: The U.S. Democratic Party was first represented as a donkey in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly

1970: Diana Ross performed with The Supremes for the last time

1990: The Bulgarian parliament formally scrapped the Communist Party's monopoly on power, clearing the way for multi-party democracy

1995: Fourteen senior Iraqi air force officers were executed for trying to assassinate Saddam Hussein