



Today in History

March 4, 1890

▲ The Forth Bridge was opened in Scotland. At 8,296ft (2,528.7m) long, it was the longest single span cantilever bridge span in the world until 1917

1789: The first U.S. Congress convened in New York City

1970: The French submarine Eurydice exploded and sank off Toulon, killing all 57 aboard. A faulty snorkel design has been suggested as a possible cause of the blast

1975: Silent movie star Charlie Chaplin was knighted at Buckingham Palace

1980: Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF party won a decisive election victory in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia