



Today in History

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▲ The four emerging “BRIC” powers, Brazil, Russia, India and China, held their first summit, having doubled their share of world output in just a decade

1815: The Duke of Wellington’s army defeated the forces of Marshal Ney

1955: The Argentine navy attacked the headquarters of President Juan Peron, but the army remained loyal

1961: Russian dancer Rudolf Nureyev requested political asylum in the West while visiting Paris with the Kirov Ballet

1995: A Shell petrol station in Hamburg was firebombed in protest at the planned dumping of the Brent Spar oil platform in the North Sea