

An aerial photograph of the Hoover Dam, a massive concrete structure spanning a deep canyon. The dam is surrounded by rugged, reddish-brown rock formations. To the right of the dam, the calm, dark blue waters of Lake Mead are visible. In the foreground, the concrete spillways of the dam lead down to the river. Various structures, including a large white building and smaller industrial buildings, are situated near the base of the dam. The overall scene is one of immense scale and engineering achievement in a natural setting.

Today in History

September 30, 1935

▲ The Hoover Dam, built during the years of America's Great Depression, was dedicated by U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt. It opened on March 1, 1936

1955: Movie actor James Dean died in a car crash in California, aged 24

1975: Boxer Muhammad Ali defeated Joe Frazier in the Philippines, to retain his world heavyweight crown

1985: U.S. seismologist Charles Richter, who gave his name to the scale for measuring the size of earthquakes, died

2004: Japanese scientists captured the first ever photographs of a live giant squid in the wild