



Today in History

October 20, 1935

▲ **Mao Zedong and his Communist forces ended their Long March at Yan'an, in northwest China, a year after fleeing Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang armies in the south**

1720: Caribbean pirate Calico Jack, designer of the Jolly Roger flag, was captured by Britain's Royal Navy

1803: The United States Senate ratified the Louisiana Purchase, acquiring 828,000 square miles of land from France

1993: Belinda, the 22-year-old tarantula who featured in various James Bond and Indiana Jones films, died

2011: Libyan leader Colonel Gaddafi was killed by revolutionary forces