



Today in History

October 29, 2003

▲ **Kazakhstan announced it was building a dam to save part of the Aral Sea. Intensive Soviet farming methods had seen the inland sea shrink by 85% since the 1960s**

1945: The first commercially successful ball point pen sold over 7,000 units in the U.S. on its first day

1978: Mao Tse Tung's Little Red Book was denounced in China's official Communist Party newspaper for giving Mao a "God-like status"

1995: Rogue trader Nick Leeson, who brought down Barings Bank, returned to Singapore to face trial for deception

2005: Three bombs exploded in the Indian capital Delhi, killing 62 people