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Today in History

January 20, 1981

▲ Iran freed all 52 hostages held captive in the U.S. Embassy in Tehran for 444 days, timing their release for the same day that U.S. President Jimmy Carter left office

1649: King Charles I was brought before a high court on charges of treason following England's civil war

1882: A draper's in Newcastle upon Tyne, England, became the world's first shop to be lit by electric light

1903: The musical hit *The Wizard of Oz* opened on Broadway at the brand new Majestic Theatre

1961: John F. Kennedy was inaugurated as the 35th president of the United States