



## Today in History

*June 8, 1973*

▲ **General Francisco Franco appointed Luis Carrero Blanco as prime minister of Spain after ruling alone for 34 years. Franco remained as head of state**

**1783:** The Laki volcano erupted in Iceland, causing a drop in temperatures that led to global crop failures

**1949:** George Orwell published his novel *Nineteen Eighty-Four*, warning of the dangers of totalitarianism

**1986:** Kurt Waldheim was elected President of Austria

**2009:** U.S. journalists Euna Lee and Laura Ling were sentenced to 12 years penal labour for illegally entering North Korea