



Today in History

June 30, 1936

▲ Margaret Mitchell's epic U.S. Civil War novel **Gone with the Wind**, later a hugely successful film starring Clark Gable and Vivien Leigh, was published

1908: A huge explosion caused by a meteorite rocked eastern Siberia

1971: The three crew members of the Soviet spacecraft **Soyuz II** died on re-entry after a drop in air pressure

1972: The first leap second was added to the UTC time system, to adjust for the mean solar day being slightly longer than 24 hours

1997: Amid pouring rain and high emotion, Britain handed Hong Kong back to China at midnight