



Today in History

November 7, 1936

▲ The battle for Madrid began during the Spanish Civil War. The city fell to Franco's Nationalist forces in March 1939 after a siege lasting two and a half years

1921: Benito Mussolini, 38-year-old son of a blacksmith, became leader of the Italian Fascist Party

1931: The Chinese Soviet Republic was established by Mao Zedong

1989: East Germany's government resigned in the wake of unstoppable pro-democracy protests

2001: The Pentagon announced it had deployed the world's largest bomb, the BLU-82 "Daisy Cutter", in Afghanistan