

A photograph of the three Apollo 1 astronauts: Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Ed White, and Roger Chaffee. They are standing side-by-side, wearing white space suits with yellow straps and NASA patches. They are smiling and looking slightly to the right. The background is a clear blue sky with some light clouds.

Today in History

January 27, 1967

▲ **U.S. astronauts Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Ed White and Roger Chaffee died in a flash fire aboard Apollo 1 during a simulated launch at Cape Canaveral**

1822: Greece proclaimed its independence from Turkey

1962: Following a coup attempt, the Soviet government changed place names honouring coup plotters Molotov, Kaganovich and Malenkov

1992: Gennifer Flowers branded U.S. presidential candidate Bill Clinton a liar after he denied a 12-year affair with her

1997: U.S. scientists created the first atom laser, beaming atoms rather than light