



## Today in History

*January 30, 1790*

▲ **The Menai Suspension Bridge, designed by Thomas Telford and considered the world's first modern suspension bridge, was opened in Wales**

**1937:** Thirteen top Communists were sentenced to death for participating in a plot to overthrow the Soviet regime

**1967: President Nikolai Podgorny became the first Soviet head of state to visit the Vatican**

**2007:** Venezuela's President Chavez was given power to rule by decree to give him more control of the economy

**2011: Southern Sudan's referendum on independence resulted in 99.57% voting to secede from the north**