



Today in History

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▲ **French authorities began clearing the makeshift camp at Calais known as the Jungle, home to around 8,000 migrants who were relocated to temporary units**

1927: German writer Gunter Grass, whose works include *The Tin Drum* (1959) was born in Poland

1964: China detonated its first atomic bomb, becoming the world's fifth nuclear power

1997: Rebel forces overthrew the government of the Congo Republic and seized the capital, Brazzaville

2002: A new library opened in Alexandria, Egypt on the site of the fabled one destroyed in antiquity