



## Today in History

*December 8, 1949*

▲ **Chinese Nationalist forces under Chiang Kai-Shek fled to Formosa, now known as Taiwan, after defeat by the Communists in the Chinese Civil War**

**1980:** Former Beatle John Lennon was shot dead by a deranged fan outside his apartment building in New York

**1997: President Clinton welcomed Chinese democracy advocate Wei Jingsheng to the White House**

**1997:** South Korea revealed its foreign debts exceeded \$100 million

**2009: SpaceShipTwo, the world's first commercial spacecraft, was officially unveiled in the Mojave Desert in California**