



## Today in History

*May 23, 2017*

▲ **British actor Roger Moore died at the age of 89. He was best known for playing suave secret agent 007 in seven James Bond films between 1973 and 1985**

**1618:** Protestant rebels threw Catholic councillors out of a castle window in Prague, starting the Thirty Years War

**1785: Benjamin Franklin invented bifocal spectacles, with lenses split to view both distant and near objects**

**1873:** The North West Mounted Police, later the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, or Mounties, was formed

**2000:** An adapted Airbus A300 made the first of four “parabolic” flights to mimic weightless conditions