



## Today in History

*October 20, 1973*

▲ **Sydney Opera House, designed by Danish artist Joern Utzon, was officially opened. It is regarded as one of the great architectural works of the 20th century**

**1818:** The 49th parallel became the boundary between the U.S. and Canada

**1935:** Mao Zedong and his Communist forces ended their Long March at Yan'an, in northwest China, a year after fleeing Chiang Kai-shek's Kuomintang armies in the south

**1983:** A metre was redefined as the distance that light travels in a vacuum in  $1/299,792,458$  of a second

**2011:** Libyan leader Colonel Gaddafi was killed by revolutionary forces