



Today in History

December 28, 1972

▲ Kim Il-sung was elevated to the newly-created post of President of North Korea. Despite his death in 1994 he remains the country's "Eternal President"

1869: William Finley Semple, a dentist from Ohio, was the first person to receive a patent for chewing gum

1908: Up to 100,000 people were killed when an earthquake reduced Messina, Sicily's second city, to rubble

1948: Months unrest and violence in Egypt culminated in the assassination of the prime minister, Nokrashy Pasha

2001: The U.S. granted permanent normal trade relations status to China, rather than renewing annually