



Today in History

January 7, 1989

▲ **Emperor Hirohito of Japan died after a 63-year reign. Head of state in WWII, he later became a symbol of the new post-war constitution and economic recovery**

1610: Italian astronomer Galileo Galilei first sighted Jupiter's four largest satellite moons

1789: George Washington was nominated as the first President of the United States

1904: The shipping distress call CQD (seek you, danger) was introduced. It was replaced two years later by SOS

1979: Vietnamese forces and Cambodian rebels captured Phnom Penh and ousted the Khmer Rouge