



Today in History

October 1, 1949

▲ **The People's Republic of China was formally established, with Mao Zedong (above) as Chairman of the Communist Party and Zhou Enlai heading the government**

1869: The world's first postcard went on sale in Austria, issued to help soldiers to keep in touch with home

1964: Japan's Shinkansen "bullet train" made its first journey from Tokyo to Osaka

1969: The supersonic Anglo-French Concorde aircraft broke the sound barrier for the first time

1979: The Panama Canal Zone was formally handed over to Panama after 70 years of U.S. control