



Today in History

October 7, 1949

▲ **The German Democratic Republic, commonly known as East Germany, with its capital in the Soviet sector of Berlin, was proclaimed**

1959: The Soviet Lunik III relayed the first pictures of the far side of the moon

2004: King Norodom Sihanouk abdicated the throne of Cambodia due to ill health

2004: Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi visited Libyan leader Muammar Gaddafi to open an oil pipeline between their two countries

2009: A vast new ring was identified around Saturn, 50 times more distant than the inner rings