



## Today in History

*October 21, 1934*

▲ **Chinese Communist forces led by Mao Zedong, encircled by Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist Army, began their one-year "Long March" to safety in the north**

**1879:** The world's first electric lightbulb, which used an incandescent filament, stayed alight for just over 13 hours

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

**1994:** The U.S. and North Korea agreed a deal under which Pyongyang would dismantle its nuclear programme

**2014:** Oscar Pistorius was jailed for the culpable homicide of his girlfriend, later upgraded to murder