



Today in History

October 22, 2004

▲ **President Saparmurat Niyazov of Turkmenistan opened a vast mosque in his birthplace, Kipchak, featuring inscriptions from his own writings as well as the Koran**

1789: Martial law was imposed in France at the start of the French Revolution

1964: French writer Jean-Paul Sartre refused to accept the Nobel Prize for Literature, saying it would reduce the impact of his writing

1979: The exiled Shah of Iran arrived in the U.S. for medical treatment

1987: A rare first edition of a Gutenberg Bible sold for a record \$5.39 million at Christie's