

A portrait of Li Peng, a Chinese politician, wearing glasses and a dark suit, speaking into microphones. The background is a warm, blurred mix of red and yellow.

Today in History

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▲ **Li Peng, former Chinese premier known as the “Butcher of Beijing” for his role in the 1989 crackdown on pro-democracy protesters in Tiananmen Square, died aged 90**

1933: U.S. aviation pioneer Wiley Post became the first person to fly solo around the world

2005: Russia's Yelena Isinbayeva became the first woman to clear a height of 5-metres in the pole-vault

2010: The International Court of Justice ruled that Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence was legal

2011: A Norwegian right-wing extremist killed 77 people in central Oslo and on the island of Utoeya