



Today in History

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▲ **China overtook Japan as the world's second-largest economy, emerging as a superpower as other nations struggled to emerge from the global recession**

1945: Soviet troops captured Pu-Yi, the last Emperor of China and latterly ruler of Japan's puppet state of Manchukuo

1960: Archbishop Makarios became president of the newly independent Republic of Cyprus

1990: Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein warned that thousands of U.S. troops sent to the Gulf would return in coffins

2008: At the Beijing Olympics Usain Bolt of Jamaica won 100m gold in a world record 9.69 seconds