



Today in History

October 30, 1996

▲ Wang Dan, one of the student leaders of the 1989 protests in Tiananmen Square, was jailed for 11 years for “conspiring to subvert China’s government”

1911: Pu-Yi, five-year-old emperor of China, ended three centuries of Manchu domination with a new constitution

1961: The USSR tested a 50-megaton hydrogen bomb, the largest explosive device ever detonated

2006: Pakistan killed 80 people in a dawn attack on a madrassa suspected of harbouring al-Qaeda fighters

2009: Jacques Chirac was ordered to stand trial on charges of corruption while he was mayor of Paris