



Today in History

March 20, 1792

▲ Revolutionary France adopted the guillotine as the official means of execution. It remained the legal method until France abolished the death penalty in 1981

1602: The Dutch East India Company was granted a charter giving it a trade monopoly in the Indian Ocean

1987: The HIV/AIDS treatment drug, AZT, was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration

2009: The Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory in Illinois discovered a new subatomic particle, Y(4140)

2016: Barack Obama became the first sitting U.S. president to visit Cuba since Calvin Coolidge in 1928