

A color portrait of Eva Peron, first lady of Argentina, smiling. She has blonde hair styled in a bun, wearing a dark dress, a red and white beaded necklace, and a matching earring.

Today in History

July 26, 1952

▲ **Eva Peron, celebrated first lady of Argentina, died of cancer at the age of 33. Often referred to as Evita, she championed women's suffrage and labour rights**

1947: The U.S. National Security Act was signed, creating the Department of Defense and the CIA

1956: President Nasser of Egypt nationalised the Suez Canal, leading to confrontation with Britain, France, and Israel

1974: The artificial sweetener aspartame was approved for use as a low calorie sweetener

2009: India launched its first nuclear submarine, the INS Arihant