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▲ **Russian forces stormed a Moscow theatre to end a three-day hostage crisis but the knock-out gas used to subdue the militants killed 129 hostages**

1962: Soviet President Nikita Khrushchev offered to withdraw his missiles from Cuba

1972: Russian-born aviation pioneer Igor Sikorsky, who invented the first successful helicopter, died

1992: Canadians voted in a referendum not to allow Quebec to secede from the federation

1997: China's President Jiang Zemin visited the U.S. for the first summit between the two nations since 1989