



## Today in History

*April 17, 1970*

▲ **The crippled U.S. spacecraft Apollo 13 and its three astronauts splashed down safely in the Pacific after its near-disastrous trip to the moon**

**1946:** Syria gained independence from France

**1953:** Charlie Chaplin said he would never return to the U.S. following accusations that he was a communist

**1989:** Thousands of Chinese students marched into Tiananmen Square in Beijing, calling for democracy

**1993:** The discovery of a 75 million year-old fossil provided a link between dinosaurs and birds