



Today in History

June 8, 1973

▲ **General Francisco Franco appointed Luis Carrero Blanco as prime minister of Spain after ruling alone for 34 years. Franco remained as head of state**

1637: René Descartes published his Discourse on the Method, influential in the evolution of natural sciences

1887: Herman Hollerith patented a system of using punched cards to hold digital data

1928: Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalist army secured the surrender of Beijing during the Chinese Civil War, which essentially ended in 1950

1965: U.S. troops were authorised to go into combat in South Vietnam