



Today in History

December 26, 1893

▲ **Mao Zedong, co-founder of the Chinese Communist Party, was born. He led China from 1949-59 and remained head of the party until his death in 1976**

1898: Marie Curie, Pierre Curie, and Gustave Bemont published their discovery of radium

1943: Germany's last major battleship, *Scharnhorst*, was sunk by Britain's Royal Navy

1975: The Soviet Union's Tupolev-144 became the first supersonic aircraft to go into regular service

2003: A devastating earthquake in the Iranian city of Bam destroyed its 2,000-year-old mud-brick citadel