



Today in History

May 30, 1989

▲ **Pro-democracy protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square erected a 10m styrofoam statue, the Goddess of Democracy, as a symbol of their ongoing struggle**

1431: Joan of Arc, who led the French army to victory over the English, was burned at the stake for heresy

1949: An ejector seat was used for the first time in a live flying emergency

1967: The eastern region of Nigeria declared independence as the Republic of Biafra, triggering a civil war

2002: NASA's Odyssey mission found water in the form of ice below the surface of Mars