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Today in History

September 29, 1954

▲ CERN (European Organization for Nuclear Research), the world's largest particle physics lab, and where Tim Berners-Lee created the World Wide Web, was founded

1916: Oil industrialist John D. Rockefeller became the world's first billionaire

2004: The rocket plane, SpaceShipOne, completed its first flight in the Mojave desert

2008: Ireland's six Irish banks were found liable for the collapse of Anglo Irish Bank

2014: Ashraf Ghani was elected president of Afghanistan

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Today in History

September 30, 1949

▲ The 15-month Berlin Airlift, in which U.S. and British planes countered a Soviet blockade by delivering over two million tons of supplies to Berlin, ended

1949: Mao Zedong was elected Chairman of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China

1994: The WHO announced the first case of AIDS



Today in History

October 1, 1924

▲ Jimmy Carter, who served as the 39th president of the United States from 1977-81 and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2002, was born. He is 100 years old today

1949: The People's Republic of China was established, with Mao Zedong as Chairman of the Communist Party and Zhou Enlai heading the government



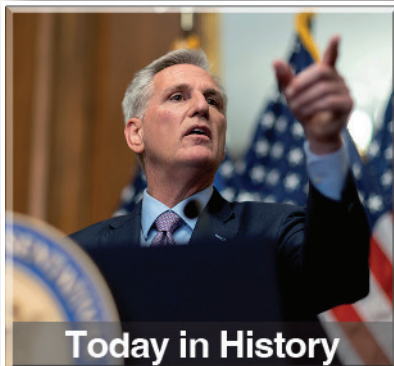
Today in History

October 2, 1954

▲ Following a three-year study, British scientists Richard Doll and Austin Hill published a paper confirming the link between smoking and lung cancer

1924: A protocol was adopted by the League of Nations in Geneva to resolve all international disputes by arbitration

2004: Over 1,500 scientists arrived in Italy for the first time



Today in History

October 3, 2023

▲ Kevin McCarthy became the first Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives to be ousted from office, following a budget dispute within the Republican Party

1929: Yugoslavia became the official name of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes

1999: Japanese businessman Akio Morita, who introduced the Sony Walkman music player, died

2007: Rescuers freed 3,200 workers trapped in a South African mine after power lines to their lift were severed

2023: The Red Cross issued rules of engagement for civilian hackers during Russia's war with Ukraine

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Today in History

October 4, 1669

▲ Dutch painter Rembrandt van Rijn, renowned for his masterly combination of delicacy and power in portraits, religious works and landscapes, died at age 63

1994: The Hermitage Museum agreed to show French Impressionist paintings seized by Soviet troops after WWII

2004: SpaceShipOne won the \$10m Ansari X Prize after blasting into space twice in five days

2004: Former general Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono won Indonesia's first direct presidential election

2009: Militants in Nigeria's oil-rich Delta region surrendered their weapons in a government amnesty

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Today in History

October 5, 1954

▲ Irish musician and political activist Bob Geldof was born. The Boomtown Rats frontman is now best known for his efforts to combat famine relief in Africa

1969: Monty Python's Flying Circus, a TV show that achieved cult status worldwide, premiered in Britain

1914: One of the first aerial battles took place early in WWI, between French and German aircraft

1964: Fifty-seven East German refugees escaped to the West by tunnelling under the Berlin Wall

1999: Vladimir Putin claimed Russia was in control of one third of the breakaway republic of Chechnya

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