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▲ The Clifton Suspension Bridge, one of the world's oldest surviving iron suspension bridges, designed by Isambard Kingdom Brunel, was opened in Bristol, England

1949: Chinese Nationalist forces under Chiang Kai-Shek fled to Formosa, now known as Taiwan

1974: Greece voted overwhelmingly against restoring the monarchy

1989: The European Community in Strasbourg adopted the European Social Charter on workers' rights, but Britain dissented from the agreement

2009: SpaceShipTwo, the world's first commercial spacecraft, was officially unveiled in the Mojave Desert