

GN46570 On this day in history December 29-31



Today in History

December 29, 1911

▲ Sun Yat Sen was elected as the first president of a republican China following the Xinhai Revolution that overthrew China's last imperial dynasty

1939: U.S. inventor William Shockley had the idea that an amplifier could be made using a semiconductor rather than a vacuum

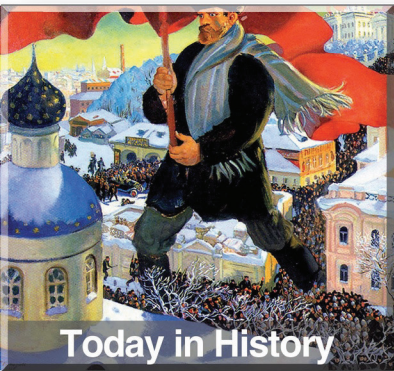
1952: The first transistor hearing aid was marketed in the United States

1989: Playwright Vaclav Havel was elected Czechoslovakia's first non-Communist president for 41 years

2022: Football legend Pele died at age 82, sparking an outpouring of grief in Brazil

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Today in History

December 30, 1922

▲ The Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was established through the confederation of Russia, Byelorussia, Ukraine and the Transcaucasian Federation

1916: The Siberian mystic Rasputin was murdered by Russian nobles

1937: A three-month strike began in the U.S. car industry, resulting in recognition of the Automobile Workers union

1994: The Jewish Agency reported that 66,000 immigrants from the former Soviet Union had settled in Israel that year

2018: The Trans-Pacific Partnership, the world's third largest free-trade area, came into effect

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Today in History

December 31, 1999

▲ Russian president Boris Yeltsin stunned the world by announcing his immediate resignation and appointing premier Vladimir Putin as acting president

1759: Irish entrepreneur Arthur Guinness began brewing ales in Dublin

1994: The World Trade Organisation succeeded the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade

2019: In Wuhan, China, 27 cases of pneumonia were reported, the start of the Covid-19 pandemic

2022: Former Pope Benedict XVI died at the age of 95, almost a decade after he stood down due to his ailing health

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