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ON THIS DAY



▲ 1979: Nicaragua's civil war ended with the overthrow of the Somoza dictatorship by Sandinista rebels

1821: Britain's King George IV refused to allow his estranged queen Caroline to attend his coronation

1903: The first Tour de France cycle race was won by Maurice Garin

1974: Spanish dictator General Franco temporarily handed power to his designated successor, Prince Juan Carlos, because of illness

2004: A mining company in Guinea confirmed finding a good-quality 182-carat diamond, four times the size of the Hope diamond