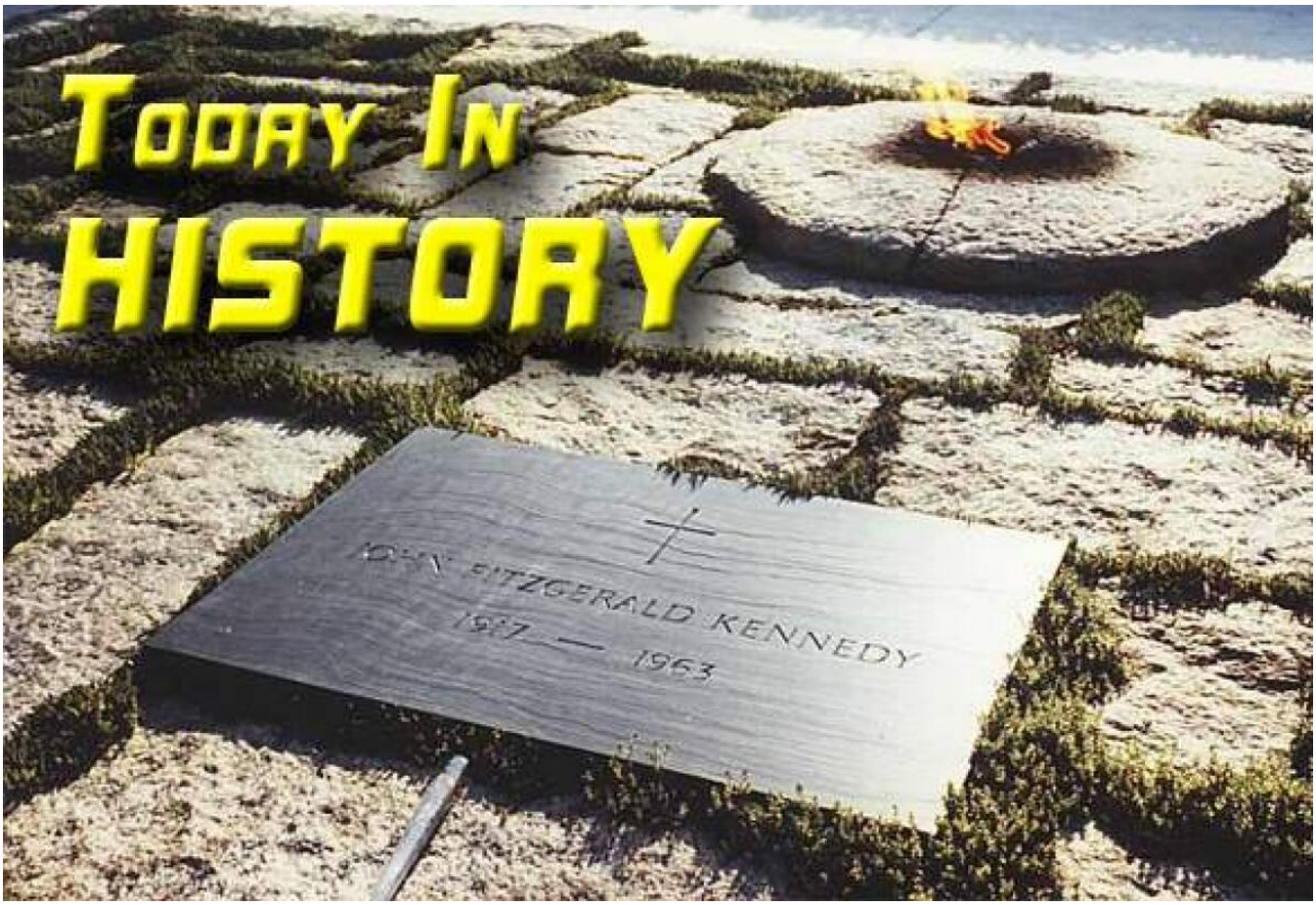


Today In History – November 25

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Today in History in 1963 President John F. Kennedy is buried at Arlington National Cemetery; and in 1984 – 36 top musicians gather in a Notting Hill studio and record Band Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas" in order to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia.

The On This Day In History archives at "Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia" contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

November 25 is the 329th day of the year (330th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 36 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

571 BC - Servius Tullius, King of Rome, celebrates his victory over the Etruscans.

1120 - The White Ship sinks in the English Channel, drowning over 300 people, including William Adelin, son and heir to King Henry I of England.

1177 - Baldwin IV of Jerusalem and Raynald of Chatillon defeats Saladin at the Battle of Montgisard.

1343 - An earthquake and tsunami damage the area around Naples.

1487 - Elizabeth of York is crowned Queen of England.

1491 - The Siege of Granada, the last Moorish stronghold in Spain, begins.

1610 - Nicolas-Claude Fabri de Peiresc discovers the Orion Nebula.

1667 – A deadly earthquake rocks Shemakha, in the Caucasus, killing 80,000 people.

1703 - The Great Storm of 1703 across southern Great Britain reaches its height.

1758 – French and Indian War: British forces capture Fort Duquesne from French control.

1758 – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania is founded.

1759 - Beirut and Damascus are destroyed by an earthquake, killing between 30,000 and 40,000 people.

1783 – American Revolutionary War: The last British troops leave New York City three months after the signing of the Treaty of Paris.

1795 - Stanislaus August Poniatowski, the last King of independent Poland, is forced to abdicate and is exiled to Russia.

1833 - A massive undersea earthquake affects Sumatra.

1839 – A cyclone slams India with high winds and a 40-foot storm surge, destroying the port city of Coringa (never to be entirely rebuilt again). The storm wave sweeps inland, taking with it 20,000 ships and thousands of people. An estimated 300,000 deaths result from the disaster.

1863 – American Civil War: Union forces under Ulysses S. Grant defeat Confederate forces under Braxton Bragg in the Battle of Chattanooga. The Union therefore take control of Tennessee.

1867 – Alfred Nobel patents dynamite.

1885 – The Banff National Park in Alberta becomes the first National Park in Canada.

1905 – Prince Carl of Denmark arrives in Norway to become King Haakon VII.

1915 - The Ku Klux Klan is re-founded in Stone Mountain, Georgia, United States.

1926 - A November tornado outbreak strikes the Midwestern United States, killing 76 people, including 51 in Arkansas alone.

1941 - HMS Barham is sunk by a German torpedo during World War II.

1943 – Statehood of Bosnia and Herzegovina was re-established at the Anti-Fascist Council of National Liberation of Yugoslavia.

1944 – World War II: US forces defeat Japanese forces in the Battle of Peleliu, in Palau, in the western Pacific Ocean.

1947 – New Zealand ratifies the Statute of Westminster and thus becomes independent of legislative control by the United Kingdom.

1947 - Red Scare: Hollywood Ten - Hollywood Movie Studios make a blacklist of alleged Communists.

1950 – The People's Republic of China joins the Korean War, sending thousands of troops across the Yalu river border to fight United Nations forces.

1953 – For the first time, the England national football team loses against a team from Continental Europe; the Hungary national football team, by 6-3 at Wembley Stadium.

1958 - French Sudan gains autonomy.

1960 - The Mirabal sisters are murdered in the Dominican Republic.

1963 – President John F. Kennedy is buried at Arlington National Cemetery.

1970 - In Japan, Yukio Mishima and one compatriot (someone from the same country) commit ritualistic suicide after

an unsuccessful coup attempt.

1973 - In Greece, Georgios Papadopoulos is overthrown in a coup led by Dimitrios Ioannidis.

1975 – Suriname gains independence from the Netherlands.

1975 – The dictators of Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Paraguay and Uruguay form Operation Condor, which aims to track down and kill anyone who expresses left-wing opinions.

1980 - Saye Zerbo, in Burkina Faso, overthrows President Sangoule Lamizana, in a coup.

1984 – 36 top musicians gather in a Notting Hill studio and record Band Aid's "Do They Know It's Christmas" in order to raise money for famine relief in Ethiopia.

1986 - The Iran Contra Affair begins as United States Attorney General Edwin Meese announces that profits from secret weapons sales to Iran were illegally diverted to anti-Communist rebels in Nicaragua.

1986 - The King Fahd Causeway opens, linking Saudi Arabia and Bahrain.

1987 – Typhoon Nina pummels the Philippines with category 5 winds of 165 mph and a surge that swallows entire villages. at least 1,036 deaths caused by the storm.

1992 – The Czechoslovakia Federal Assembly votes to split the country into the Czech Republic and Slovakia from January 1, 1993.

1996 - An ice storm affects the central United States, killing 26 people.

1999 - The UN creates the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women.

2000 - The 2000 Baku earthquake, at magnitude 7, kills 26 people.

2002 – Reported assassination attempt on Turkmen president Saparmurat Niyazov.

2008 - Cyclone Nisha strikes northern Sri Lanka, killing 15 people.

2008 – 'Yellow Shirt' anti-government demonstrators begin a week-long blockade of Bangkok Airport, forcing the Thai Prime Minister Somchai Wongsawat to resign.

2009 – Torrential rain in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, causes major flooding, killing 100 people, many of them pilgrims participating in the Hajj Pilgrimage.

2012 - A fire at a clothing factory in Dhaka, Bangladesh, kills over 100 people.

2012 - Sebastian Vettel wins the Formula One World Championship for the third year in a row, becoming the youngest driver to win three Formula One World Championships.

2014 - Australian cricketer Phillip Hughes is hit on the neck by a ball during a match. He dies two days later.

2016 - Former President of Cuba Fidel Castro dies aged 90.