

Today In History – October 27

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October 27 is the 300th day of the year (301st in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 65 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

97 - Roman Emperor Nerva adopts the then-44-year-old Trajan.

710 - Saracen invasion of Sardinia.

939 – Edmund I of England becomes king.

1275 – Traditional founding of Amsterdam.

1524 - Italian Wars: French troops lay siege to Pavia.

1553 - Condemned as a heretic, Michael Servetus is burned at the stake just outside Geneva.

1644 - The Second Battle of Newbury takes place in the English Civil War.

1662 - Charles II of England sells Dunkirk to France.

1682 – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania is founded.

1795 – The United States and Spain sign the Treaty of Madrid, establishing boundaries between the US and the Spanish colonies.

1806 – The French Army enters Berlin.

1810 – The US annexes the former Spanish colony of West Florida.

1827 - Vincenzo Bellini's third opera, Il pirata, has its first performance at La Scala, Milan.

1838 - Governor of Missouri Lilburn Boggs issues an extermination order to Mormons in the state, which would force them either to leave or be killed.

1870 - Franco-Prussian War: Marshal Francois Achille Bazaine surrenders to Prussian forces at the conclusion to the Siege of Metz.

1892 - British passenger steamer Roumania crashes into rocks off Peniche, Portugal.

1904 – New York City's first underground Subway opens.

1907 - Cernova massacre: 15 people are killed in the Hungarian half of Austria-Hungary when a gunman opens fire on a crowd gathered at a church for its consecration.

1914 - World War I: British super dreadnought battleship HMS Audacious is sunk off Tory Island, northwest of Ireland, by a minefield laid by German merchant cruiser Berlin.

1916 - Battle of Segale in Ethiopia.

1922 – Italian fascists, led by Benito Mussolini, begin their March on Rome.

1922 - A referendum in Rhodesia rejects the country's annexation (being taken control of) to the Union of South Africa.

1924 - Soviet Union: The Uzbek Soviet Socialist Republic is founded.

1936 – Wallis Simpson files for divorce. She later marries Edward VIII of the United Kingdom, after he abdicates the throne.

1944 - World War II: German troops end the Slovak National Uprising in Banska Bystrica.

1953 - British nuclear test Totem 2 is carried out at Emu Field, South Australia.

1954 - Benjamin O. Davis Jr. becomes the first African American to join the United States Air Force.

1958 – Iskandar Mirza is deposed as President of Pakistan.

1961 – Mauritania and Mongolia join the UN.

1961 - NASA tests the first Saturn I rocket in Mission-Saturn Apollo 1.

1962 – Cuban Missile Crisis: A nuclear war is narrowly avoided.

1962 - Rudolf Anderson of the United States Air Force becomes the only direct human casualty of the Cuban Missile Crisis.

1962 - A plane carrying Enrico Mattei, a post-war Italian administrator, crashes in mysterious circumstances.

1962 - Australian Dawn Fraser swims the 100 meter-backstroke in less than a minute, as the first woman to do so.

1964 - Ronald Reagan delivers "A Time for Choosing" speech at a Barry Goldwater campaign.

1966 - The UN removes South Africa's mandate over Namibia.

1968 - The 1968 Summer Olympics end in Mexico City.

1971 – The Democratic Republic of the Congo is renamed Zaire.

1979 – Saint Vincent and the Grenadines become independent.

1981 - Soviet submarine U 137 runs aground on the east coast of Sweden.

1991 – Turkmenistan achieves independence from the Soviet Union.

1994 – Gliese 229B is the first substellar mass object to be unquestionably identified.

1995 – Latvia applies for EU membership.

1995 – Former Prime Minister of Italy Bettino Craxi is convicted in-absentia (without attending) for corruption.

1997 - Global stock markets crash because of financial meltdown fears.

1999 – Gunmen open fire on the Armenian Parliament.

2002 – The volcano Mount Etna on Sicily erupts.

2002 – Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva is elected to succeed Fernando Henrique Cardoso as President of Brazil.

2003 – In Malaga, where Pablo Picasso was born, the Museo Picasso (Picasso Museum) is opened.

2003 - Bomb attacks in Baghdad kill over 40 people.

2005 – Riots begin in France after the accidental deaths of two Muslim teenagers.

2006 – Opening of Arsenal F.C.'s Emirates Stadium.

2010 – Former President of Argentina Néstor Kirchner dies aged 60. He had been expected to run for president again in 2011.

2011 - Michael D. Higgins is elected President of Ireland.

2013 - Sebastian Vettel becomes the fourth driver to win four Formula One world titles in a row, and the youngest driver, at age 26, to do so.

2013 - Storms begin to affect parts of western and central Europe, causing destruction and disruption the next day.

2017 - The Parliament of Catalonia declares the region's independence from Spain; The central government in Madrid decides to impose direct rule on Catalonia.

2018 - Pittsburgh synagogue shooting: A gunman shoots and kills 11 people worshipping at a synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighbourhood in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

2018 - 2018 Leicester City F.C. helicopter crash: A helicopter crash near Leicester City F.C.'s King Power Stadium in Leicester, England, kills 5 people, including the club's Thai owner Vichai Srivaddhanaprabha.

2019 - Sophie Wilmès becomes the first female Prime Minister of Belgium, succeeding Charles Michel, who had been chosen to succeed Donald Tusk as President of the European Council.

2019 - Alberto Fernández wins Argentina's Presidential election against the incumbent Mauricio Macri.