

1940

The “Finest Hour” speech is delivered by Winston Churchill.



1953

The Egyptian revolution of 1952 ends with the overthrow of the Muhammad Ali dynasty and the declaration of the Republic of Egypt.

1953

A United States Air Force C-124 crashes and burns near Tachikawa, Japan, killing 129.

1984

A major clash between about 5,000 police and a similar number of miners takes place at Orgreave, South Yorkshire, during the 1984–85 UK miners’ strike.



...owers expletives on a Italian football team member.

...there is little they can do. ...more and more, the only way ...nt yourself to the people as ...ive leader, rather than a yes ...o talk of a determination to ...the European Union — as ...nt Emmanuel Macron of ...has done — or better still, to ...European Union, as Prime ...r Viktor Orban of Hungary ...vini in Italy are both doing. ...y real energy in politics be- ...he energy of national asser- ...kind of energy the Italians ...be able to vent on the na-

...tional team this year. ...“Italy’s not for bowing its head,” is a typical tweet from Salvini. It’s also typical soccer talk. Unsurprisingly, Salvini has been involved in a spat with one of the rare black members of Italy’s team, Mario Balotelli, who has accused Italian fans of failing to identify with black players. The new government is adamant it will not grant citizenship to hundreds of thousands of immigrants “merely” because they have grown up in Italy. We are in for a period of painful social conflict, at the end of which

perhaps we may remember why it once seemed wise to relegate certain emotions to the stadium.

The good news, perhaps, is that the Italian women’s soccer team has qualified for the Women’s World Cup in 2019, for the first time since 1999. But one thing that has not changed is that national identity tends to be invested in men’s teams, not women’s. Salvini is all testosterone.

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Problems from outer space

Global space sector was estimated to be worth \$330 billion



From 18 to 21 June, the world will gather in Vienna for UNISPACE+50, the first United Nations global space summit of the twenty-first century, organised by the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA).

ways in our everyday lives. It helps us navigate when we are driving and enables us to call our friends and families around the world.

Satellite technology can even help track endangered species like rhinoceroses to protect them from poachers, or provide imagery and data to farmers to help them monitor their crops, improve their yield, and avoid food shortages. Space is an invaluable tool for achieving sustainable development across the globe, and so it is important that everyone can access and enjoy

the benefits that space brings to us all.

In light of this, UNISPACE+50 will be a timely opportunity for the world to both reflect on our achievements in space over the past six decades and to look to the future.

At UNISPACE+50, United Nations Member States will endorse a resolution that calls for strengthened international cooperation in the peaceful use of outer space and the global governance of outer space activities, and which encourages coordination to ensure that space science, technology and applications serve the Sustainable Development Goals.

In the 21st century, space is essential to all of humankind, so it is important that the international community works together on the future of space activities. We at UNOOSA are looking forward to welcoming the world to UNISPACE+50 and providing such a valuable platform under the umbrella of the United Nations to ensure that space benefits everyone, everywhere, for generations to come.

(Simonetta Di Pippo is the Director of United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs)



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TWEETS

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Today, while we celebrate fatherhood, our country is systematically ripping children from the arms of their parents. What will we allow our nation to become?

@SallyQYates

02



I feel like if we had proper border security and law enforcement until now none of this family separation talk would have to happen in the first place.

@PardesSeleh

03



Take a minute to send a message to someone for whom today is hard. Those without dads, husbands, those who yearn to be dads.

@bethanyshondark

04



Is Patrice Evra seriously saying Fifa would only take the goal off Pogba but wouldn't Messi or Ronaldo?? Seriously? It was an own goal.

@GregOK

05



Happy #FathersDay to all. This is the first one without my dad, made especially poignant by knowing how he loved to watch every single World Cup game.

@GaryLineker

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Karak Break

Playing Ping Pong with customers!



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Last week, I told you about how an ATM Machine withheld my credit card and BD20 in cash deposit to remove the block placed by the bank to incentivise me to make the minimum payment of BD7! Then, I talked about the inconvenience I had to go through calling the Customer Service Centre and visiting the branch to collect my card. Let's continue with the story. Of course, more inconvenience!

When I received my credit card from the customer service staff, I asked him: “What shall I do about the missing BD20 and the block on my card?” He replied: “Unfortunately, I cannot do anything about it. Please call the Credit Call Centre to follow up on this.” I continued: “Can't you make a note in your system to inform them about my case in order to avoid making more calls.” He replied: “No.” I thought this was so strange: “Aren't we in the Digital Age and Employee Empowerment? Maybe not in this bank.”

After a few days, I called the Customer Service Call Centre again. I had to go through the dreaded ritual of pressing



Message to the Bank: We don't like Ping Pong. And if you insist, we will not last for long!

many numbers to speak to a “real” person. They informed me that I had to go to the Branch again to make an incident report about my case. I told the representative I did not want to go through the inconvenience of visiting the Branch. She told me: “Then, you can report this using the Online Banking Service.” I thought: “This is much better.”

I logged in to my account and clicked on “Contact Centre” and then “Send Message.” This is when then system surprised me. It asked me to use my “Online Physical Security Key” in order to send the message to the Bank. This Bank has an advanced online security arrangement. Most of the online functions require me to use this Key to protect me from hackers. However, I was not carrying this Key with me. So, more inconvenience!

I called the Customer Service again. And when a “real” person spoke, I retold the story of my life. I asked her: “Why do I have to use the Security Key to be able to send a message to the Bank? I do not see any risk neither on me nor on the bank for doing this. What shall I do now to remove the block from my credit card?” She told me: “Since this is a credit card issue, it is better to contact the Card Centre.” And I did. They told me: “Please contact the Service Centre.” And by this, the Ping Pong continued.

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