

Wednesday February 8, 1950



[Sun Rise](#) 0727 1802
[Moon Rise](#) 1018
[Moon Phase](#) 61% 21 days

Weather

[Korean Climate](#)

Mean Temp 28.6°C 83.48°F at Taegu

Heavy Overcast

[1950 Pacific Typhoon Season](#)

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- The credit card was used for the first time, after loan company executive Frank X. McNamara and lawyer Ralph E. Schneider persuaded 14 New York City restaurants to accept the Diners Club card rather than cash. The 200 Diners Club members who had cards would be billed each month by the Club, which would pay the participating restaurants for the debt incurred. Journalist Matty Simmons accompanied McNamara and Schneider to what is called, in credit card histories, "The First Supper" (actually, lunch) at Major's Cabin Grill, adjacent to the Empire State Building. At the end of the meal, McNamara handed the waiter a piece of cardboard, Diners Club card #1,000 and charged the meal; Schneider carried #1,001 and Simmons #1,002.
- In East Germany, the *Ministerium für Staatsicherheit*, a secret police organization more commonly known as the "Stasi" rather than the MfS, was established. For nearly 40 years, the Stasi would spy, and maintain files, on every resident of the German Democratic Republic.

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