

Wednesday, January 21

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1905:** French fashion designer **Christian Dior**, who revolutionised clothing after World War II, was born

1861: Jefferson Davis of Mississippi and four other Southerners resigned from the U.S. Senate

1959: Cecil B. de Mille, Hollywood director of vast film spectacles like *The Ten Commandments*, died

1991: Iraq threatened to use captured allied airmen as human shields against allied bombing attacks

2008: Stock markets around the world plunged amid growing fears of a U.S. recession, fuelled by the subprime mortgage financial crisis