

A sepia-toned photograph of Emiliano Zapata, a Mexican revolutionary leader. He is standing in front of a brick wall, wearing a large sombrero and a dark jacket with a light-colored sash. He holds a rifle in his right hand and a sword in his left. A man on a horse is partially visible in the background to the right.

Today in History

August 8, 1883

▲ Mexican revolutionary leader Emiliano Zapata was born. He adopted the phrase 'Land and Liberty', and helped overthrow dictator Porfirio Diaz in 1913

1899: Albert T. Marshall received a patent for the first mechanical household refrigeration machine

1958: A 17-year-old British singer called Cliff Richard was signed to Columbia records

1963: Britain's "Great Train Robbers" stole 2.6 million pounds from the Glasgow to London mail train

1967: The Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) was signed into being in Bangkok