



## Today in History

*August 9, 1942*

▲ **Mahatma Gandhi was arrested for his "Quit India" campaign, demanding the immediate withdrawal of the British from India**

**-48 BC:** Julius Caesar defeated Pompey at the Battle of Pharsalus to become absolute ruler of Rome

**1910:** Chicago inventor Alva J. Fisher patented the first electric washing machine

**1962:** The morning sickness drug thalidomide, linked with birth defects, was banned in Australia

**1975:** Dmitri Shostakovich, Russian composer, died. He wrote 15 symphonies, operas, ballets and film scores