



Today in History

August 13, 1961

▲ The border between East and West Berlin was closed at the Brandenburg Gate to halt the flight of refugees as construction began on the Berlin Wall

1521: Spanish conquistador Hernando Cortez captured present-day Mexico City from the Aztec Indians

1792: The royal family of Louis XVI was imprisoned the French Republic proclaimed on the 21st

1899: Alfred Hitchcock, master of suspense whose films included Psycho and The Birds, was born

1912: U.S. golfer Ben Hogan, considered one of the greatest players in the history of the game, was born