



Today in History

August 20, 1940

▲ **Soviet revolutionary Leon Trotsky, in exile in Mexico opposing Stalin, was fatally wounded with an ice axe by a Spanish communist**

1924: Scottish sprinter Eric Liddell refused to run in the 100-metre heats at the Paris Olympics, because the event was scheduled for a Sunday

1944: Rajiv Gandhi, son of Indira and Prime minister of India from 1984 to 1989, born

1961: East Germany began to erect a five-foot-high wall along the border with the West

1968: Soviet troops invaded Czechoslovakia