



Today in History

December 8, 1980

▲ **Former Beatle John Lennon was shot dead by deranged fan Mark Chapman outside the Dakota building, New York, where he lived with his wife Yoko Ono. He was 40**

1886: Influential Mexican muralist Diego Rivera was born in Guanajuato

1949: Chinese Nationalists fled the Chinese mainland, moving their capital to Formosa, now known as Taiwan

1966: A ban on nuclear weapons in space was agreed by 28 countries, including the U.S. and Soviet Union

2009: SpaceShipTwo, the world's first commercial spacecraft, was officially unveiled in the Mojave Desert