



# Today in History

*December 15, 2000*

▲ The last functioning reactor at Chernobyl in the Ukraine was officially shut down, almost 15 years after an explosion that led to the world's worst nuclear disaster

**1892:** J. Paul Getty, American oil magnate who become one of the richest men in the world, was born

**1952:** The first documented sex-change operation was carried out on former American soldier

**1982:** Gibraltar's frontier with Spain was opened for the first time in 13 years

**1992:** El Salvador's government and leftist guerrilla leaders declared an end to the 12-year civil war