



Today in History

December 28, 1869

▲ U.S. dentist William Finley Semple received a patent for chewing gum. He believing that it would help people keep their teeth clean

1947: The last King of Italy, Victor Emmanuel III, died

1968: Israeli commandos bombed Beirut airport destroying 13 planes

1989: Lithuania launched the Soviet Union's first multi-party system, registering the breakaway Communist Party and the pro-independence Democrat Party

1992: Over 400,000 coal workers were laid off in a bid to nationalise China's energy industry