



Today in History

January 21, 1793

▲ Louis XVI, the last Bourbon king of France, overthrown in the French Revolution and tried for treason, was beheaded on the guillotine

1790: Joseph Guillotin demonstrated his new execution device in which a heavy blade dropped within a frame

1908: A New York City law made it illegal for women to smoke in public

1993: Peace activist Abie Nathan became the first Israeli to meet legally a member of the PLO when he met Yasser Arafat

2009: Toyota overtook General Motors to become the world's largest automaker