



Today in History

February 20, 1986

▲ The Soviet Union launched the Mir space station into orbit, with six docking ports and special laboratories for scientific research and living quarters

1816: Rossini's *Il Barbiere di Siviglia* was performed for the first time

1947: Lord Louis Mountbatten was appointed the last Viceroy of India, in order to preside over the transfer of power to the Indian people

1994: Yemen's rival leaders, Ali Abdullah Saleh and Ali Salem Al Baidh, signed a pact to end months of feuding

2002: U.S. journalist Daniel Pearl, abducted by terrorists in Pakistan in January, was confirmed dead