



Today in History

May 18, 1980

▲ **Mount St Helens volcano erupted in the U.S. state of Washington, killing 57 people and creating a cloud of ash more than 2,500 miles long**

1954: The European Convention on Human Rights came into force

1990: East and West Germany signed a monetary union treaty, the first step on the road to unification

1993: The people of Denmark voted in a referendum to ratify the Maastricht Treaty, after rejecting it in June 1992

2004: Israeli tanks destroyed homes in the Gaza Strip's Rafah refugee camp to stop the flow of weapons through tunnels from Egypt