



Today in History

May 20, 1873

▲ **Levi Strauss began making Levi's denim jeans, now a staple of wardrobes worldwide but originally designed for miners in the California Gold Rush**

1961: The Orient Express, once the epitome of luxury travel, set off from Paris on its final journey to Istanbul

1979: Elton John performed in Leningrad, the first Western solo artist to tour the Soviet Union

2008: Myanmar's military junta finally allowed entry to foreign aid workers to assist the victims of Cyclone Nargis

2012: Libyan Abdelbaset al-Megrahi, convicted of the Lockerbie bombing in 1988, died from cancer