



Today in History

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▲ **Former Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, held captive by FARC guerillas for six years, was freed along with 14 other hostages**

1853: The Russian army entered territories of the Ottoman Empire, thus instigating the Crimean War

1934: American Helen Wills Moody won her then record-breaking eighth Wimbledon singles title

1963: U.S. President John F. Kennedy met Pope Paul VI at the Vatican

2000: A historic presidential election victory for Vicente Fox toppled Mexico's Institutional Revolutionary Party after 71 years in power