

An illustration of the Mariner IV spacecraft in space. The spacecraft has a central body with a large dish antenna and several rectangular solar panels extending outwards. It is set against a dark background filled with numerous small, glowing yellow stars. A large, bright orange-yellow sphere, representing the Sun, is visible in the lower right portion of the image.

Today in History

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▲ The Mariner IV spacecraft, launched in November 1964, sent back the first close-up pictures of Mars in a transmission lasting over eight hours

1933: Nazi Germany passed a law to eliminate handicapped people. About 400,000 people were forcibly sterilised

1958: King Faisal II of Iraq was assassinated in an army coup

1978: Soviet dissident Anatoly Shcharansky was sentenced to 13 years of forced labour for treason

2008: The stock value of Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the largest U.S. issuers of mortgage loans, plunged to 17-year lows