



Today in History

August 18, 1964

▲ **South Africa was banned from the Olympic Games as a result of its apartheid policies. The country was readmitted in 1992, following the repeal of apartheid laws**

1825: Scotsman Alexander Gordon Laing became the first European to reach Timbuktu

1980: Canadian pathologist Elizabeth Stern Shankman died. Her research enabled the early diagnosis of cervical cancer

1989: Colombian presidential candidate Luis Carlos Galan was assassinated

2005: A power outage on Java affected 100 million people, one of the largest blackouts in history