



Today in History

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▲ The first complete specimen of the extinct woolly mammoth, which died around 23,000 years ago, was dug out of the icy wastes of Siberia

1916: The Trans-Siberian Railway from Moscow to Vladivostok was completed

1963: The first cat was launched into space. Named Felix, it was retrieved live after a parachute descent

1968: Beatle John Lennon and his girlfriend Yoko Ono were remanded on bail for possession of cannabis

1977: German troops stormed a hijacked Lufthansa aircraft at Mogadishu, killing three Palestinian hijackers and freeing 86 hostages