



Today in History

January 16, 1979

▲ **The Shah of Iran, Mohammad Reza Pahlavi, was forced into exile in a revolution that ushered in an Islamic republic led by Ayatollah Khomeini**

1909: Ethel Merman, the U.S. singer who could “hold a note as long as the Chase Manhattan Bank”, was born

1942: Hollywood star Carole Lombard, wife of Clark Gable, was killed in a plane crash at age 33

1944: U.S. General Dwight Eisenhower was appointed Supreme Commander of Allied Forces in Europe

1968: Student Jan Palach committed suicide in Prague in protest at the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia