



Today in History

January 17, 1874

▲ **Siamese twins Chang and Eng Bunker died within three hours of each other, aged 62. Despite being joined at the chest, both married and fathered large families**

1377: Pope Gregory XI, the last of the French popes, restored the Papal See from Avignon to Rome

1919: Ignacy Jan Paderewski became prime minister of Poland. A classical pianist, he got involved in politics during World War I

1929: Popeye first appeared as a minor character in an American newspaper cartoon strip

1959: Senegal and the French Sudan agreed to form the Republic of Mali