

A color photograph of Muhammad Ali (then Cassius Clay) celebrating his victory in a boxing ring. He is shirtless, with his arms raised in triumph, wearing boxing gloves. He has a wide, open-mouthed smile. In the background, a man in a white shirt and dark tie, likely a trainer or official, looks on. Other people in white shirts and dark caps are also visible. The scene is set in a boxing ring with red ropes.

## Today in History

*February 25, 1964*

▲ **Muhammad Ali, then known as Cassius Clay, won the world heavyweight boxing title for the first time after he knocked out Sonny Liston in Miami**

**1875:** The Guangxu Emperor of China, aged 3, began his reign under the regency of Empress Dowager Cixi

**1954:** Gamal Abdel Nasser became prime minister of Egypt. He became head of state later the same year

**2005:** Shostakovich's *The Bolt*, not performed since it was booed off stage at its premiere in 1931, was revived by Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet

**2006:** The world's population hit 6.5 billion. It has since passed 7 billion