



## Today in History

*March 29, 2004*

▲ Ireland, renowned for its pub culture, became the world's first country to impose a nationwide ban on smoking in public places, including all bars and restaurants

**1804:** Thousands of French people, the former colonial rulers, were massacred in Haiti on the orders of Jean-Jacques Dessalines, leader of the slave revolt

**1959:** Barthélemy Boganda, first president of the Central African Republic, was killed in a plane crash

**1974:** NASA's Mariner 10 became the first spacecraft to reach the planet Mercury

**1999:** Wall Street celebrated as the Dow Jones index first passed 10,000