



## Today in History

*April 18, 1954*

▲ **Gamal Abdel Nasser became prime minister of Egypt. He went on to become president in 1956 and remained in power until his death in 1970**

**1949:** The Republic of Ireland Act came into force, ending the constitutional role of the British monarchy in the state

**1983:** A suicide car bombing at the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, killed over 60 people

**2002:** The U.S. Senate rejected President George W. Bush's plan to allow drilling for oil in Alaska

**2002:** Afghanistan's former king, Mohammed Zahir Shah, returned to Kabul after 29 years in exile