

A sepia-toned photograph of Richard Nixon, former U.S. president, pointing his right index finger directly at the camera. He is wearing a dark suit, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. The background is a dark, vertically-pleated curtain.

Today in History

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▲ **Former U.S. president Richard Nixon died aged 81. He served from 1969 but in 1974 became the only president to resign, due to the Watergate scandal**

1889: Oklahoma's famous land rush began as around 50,000 would-be settlers raced into the territory

1969: British yachtsman Robin Knox-Johnston completed the first solo non-stop circumnavigation of the world

1977: Optical fibre was used for telecommunication for the first time

1984: French and U.S. scientists announced that they had isolated the AIDS virus