

A close-up portrait of Ronald Reagan, smiling, with his hair combed back. He is wearing a dark suit jacket over a white shirt.

Today in History

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▲ **Former U.S. President Ronald Reagan, who began his career as an actor in Hollywood, died at age 93 after a 10-year battle with Alzheimer's disease**

1947: U.S. Secretary of State George Marshall outlined his plan to help Europe recover financially from the shattering effects of World War II

1954: Greece, Turkey and Yugoslavia formed a Balkan Alliance

1988: Kay Cottee sailed into Sydney Harbour, having become the first yachtswoman to circle the globe alone

1995: Ethiopian runner Haile Gebrselassie knocked nine seconds off the world 10,000 metres record