



Today in History

October 9, 2004

▲ **Afghanistan held its first presidential election, three years after the overthrow of the Taliban. Hamid Karzai, the U.S.-backed incumbent, emerged as the winner**

1514: After years of conflict between their countries King Louis XII of France married English princess Mary Tudor

1934: King Alexander of Yugoslavia was assassinated in Marseilles by Croatian nationalists

1969: Following Anti-Soviet protests Czechoslovakia closed its frontiers to stop its citizens leaving for the West

2004: Australian Prime Minister John Howard won a fourth consecutive election victory