



Today in History

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▲ The first complete specimen of the extinct woolly mammoth, which died around 23,000 years ago, was dug out of the icy wastes of northern Siberia

1469: Ferdinand II of Aragon married Isabella of Castile, uniting Christian Spain under a single monarchy

1907: Plans were announced for an international court of justice to be set up in The Hague

1989: East Germany's leader Erich Honecker stepped down as it became clear that the country faced collapse

2008: Benazir Bhutto's return to Pakistan ended in carnage as two suicide bombs killed 140 people