



## Today in History

*February 3, 1637*

▲ Tulip mania collapsed in the Netherlands after soaring prices decimated sales. It is regarded as the first recorded speculative economic bubble

**1867:** Prince Mutsuhito became Emperor Meiji of Japan at the age of 14

**1945:** U.S. aircraft dropped 3,000 tons of explosives on Berlin

**1959:** Rock 'n' roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson were killed when their plane crashed near Clear Lake, Iowa, on "the day the music died"

**1993:** The Dutch parliament approved plans to allow euthanasia under controlled conditions