



Today in History

February 27, 2010

▲ An 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck off the coast of central Chile, killing over 500 people and triggering a tsunami which devastated several coastal towns

1940: Carbon-14, a radioactive isotope of carbon which enabled radiocarbon dating, was discovered

1975: West German opposition leader Peter Lorenz was kidnapped by Baader-Meinhof guerrillas; he was released on March 4

1995: Mafia superboss Salvatore "Totò" Riina went on trial on charges of complicity in 48 murders in Sicily

2002: Spike Milligan, British actor and comedian, died at the age of 83