

A close-up photograph of Queen Margrethe II of Denmark. She is wearing a light blue hat with a darker blue band and a matching light blue jacket. She is smiling broadly, showing her teeth, and waving her right hand. She has short, light-colored hair and is wearing glasses and a blue earring. The background is blurred.

Today in History

April 16, 1940

▲ **Queen Margrethe II of Denmark was born. She has reigned since 1972, when she became the first woman in nearly 600 years to occupy the Danish throne**

1900: The world's first book of stamps were issued

1905: The philanthropic Carnegie Foundation was established

1975: Khmer Rouge guerrillas seized the Cambodian capital, Phnom Penh, beginning a reign of terror in which around two million people died

1990: Speaking in London, Nelson Mandela publicly thanked the world for its support during his 26 years of imprisonment in South Africa