



Today in History

April 17, 1747

▲ English authorities banned playing of the bagpipes and other aspects of Scottish Highland culture following the defeat of Bonnie Prince Charlie

1725: Englishman John Rudge left 20 shillings a year in his will for someone to wander through the church to keep parishioners awake during services

1961: An attempt to invade Cuba by U.S.-backed Cuban exiles failed at the Bay of Pigs

1970: The crippled Apollo 13 spacecraft splashed down safely in the Pacific

2000: The U.S. angered China by agreeing to sell radar systems and missiles to Taiwan