



Today in History

April 26, 1865

▲ **John Wilkes Booth, assassin of U.S. President Abraham Lincoln, died in a shootout with Federal troops in Virginia 12 days after the murder at Ford's Theatre**

1945: Marshal Petain, leader of France's collaborationist Vichy regime in WWII, was arrested for treason

1985: Leaders of the Warsaw Pact renewed their military alliance for a further 30 years

1990: Carlos Pizarro Leongomez, leader of Colombia's leftist guerrilla movement M-19, was assassinated

2010: Thai troops dispersed protesters who had occupied a Bangkok shopping area for 3 weeks