



Today in History

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▲ **Star-studded Live8 concerts masterminded by Bob Geldof took place around the world to focus attention on global poverty ahead of a summit of G8 leaders**

1865: Former Methodist minister William Booth preached to the poor of London's East End, inspiring him to found the Salvation Army

1985: Andrei Gromyko became president of the Soviet Union

1985: Australian cricketer Allan Border scored his 5,000th test run in Australia's win over England

1990: Over a thousand Muslims died in a stampede in a tunnel during the annual Hajj pilgrimage to Mecca