



Today in History

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▲ **The Shard was inaugurated in London. At 310m (1,020ft) high, it was the tallest building in Europe until overtaken by the 338m Mercury City Tower in Moscow**

1865: William Booth founded the Christian Mission, later renamed the Salvation Army, in London's poverty-stricken East End

1965: Maria Callas gave her last stage performance, singing Tosca at London's Covent Garden

1975: American Arthur Ashe became the first black tennis player to win the Wimbledon men's singles title

2010: BP's costs for the huge Gulf of Mexico oil spill reached \$3.12 billion