



## Today in History

*July 20, 1885*

▲ **Professional football was made legal in Britain. Formerly payment was banned but it was not unusual for players to find half a crown (12.5p) in their boots after a game**

**1845:** Charles Sturt became the first European to enter Simpson's Desert in central Australia

**1940:** Billboard Magazine published the first singles-record charts in the United States

**1960:** The USS George Washington made the first test launch of a Polaris missile from a submarine whilst submerged at sea

**2005:** Indonesia reported its first human fatalities from bird flu