



## Today in History

*July 21, 1960*

▲ **Sirimavo Bandaranaike became the world's first woman prime minister. She succeeded her assassinated husband as premier of Sri Lanka, then called Ceylon**

**1904:** The Trans-Siberian railway from Moscow to Vladivostok was completed

**1955:** Scottish obstetrician Ian Donald made his first investigation of the use of ultrasound in medical diagnosis

**2005:** China announced it would no longer tie the value of its currency, the yuan, to the U.S. dollar

**2007:** *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows* sold a record 15 million copies worldwide in its first 24 hours