



Today in History

August 5, 1895

▲ **Friedrich Engels (above right), German socialist, political writer and co-founder with Karl Marx of modern communism, died in London, England**

25: Guangwu became emperor of China, restoring the Han Dynasty

1305: William Wallace, the champion of Scottish independence who beat Edward I at the battle of Stirling Bridge, was captured by the English and later executed as a traitor

1891: American Express cashed the first ever traveller's cheque

1973: The USSR launched Mars 6, a mission to study the Martian surface and atmosphere