



## Today in History

*August 9, 1945*

▲ **A second atomic bomb dropped from a U.S. B-29 aircraft destroyed much of the Japanese city of Nagasaki. An estimated 74,000 people were killed**

**1910:** Chicago inventor Alva J. Fisher patented the first electric washing machine, naming it Thor

**1965:** Singapore gained its independence from Malaysia, becoming a republic

**1990:** China's first airship, 40 metres long, made its maiden flight over Hubei

**2000:** U.S. tyre company Firestone recalled 6.5 million tyres fitted to sport utility vehicles after reports of blowouts and peeling treads