



## Today in History

*September 7, 1940*

▲ **Nazi Germany began the “Blitz” bombing campaign on London during World War II. Luftwaffe bombs killed over 300 people on the first day alone**

**1822:** Brazil proclaimed independence from Portugal

**1986:** Desmond Tutu, Archbishop of Cape Town, became the first black head of South Africa’s Anglicans

**2000:** As fuel protests in western Europe escalated, oil prices soared to \$34 a barrel, the highest for 10 years

**2008:** Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, the companies behind half of the \$12tn U.S. mortgage market, were placed under government control