



Today in History

October 9, 1940

▲ **John Lennon, British musician and co-founder of The Beatles, was born. Shot dead in New York in 1980, today would have been his 75th birthday**

1870: Rome was incorporated into Italy by royal decree

1938: The radio altimeter, allowing aircraft pilots to read their height above the local terrain, was first demonstrated by American inventor Lloyd Espenschied

1970: Cambodia declared itself the Khmer republic

1975: Soviet dissident and human rights campaigner Andrei Sakharov was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize