



Today in History

December 8, 1980

▲ **Former Beatle John Lennon was shot dead by deranged fan Mark Chapman outside the Dakota building in New York, where he lived with his wife Yoko Ono**

1991: Russia, Belarus and Ukraine agreed to create a Commonwealth of Independent States for the former Soviet republics

1995: The Baltic state of Lithuania formally applied for membership of the European Union

1995: The Kremlin signed an accord giving Chechnya special status while staying an integral part of Russia

2005: Mount Manaro erupted in Vanuatu, forcing mass evacuations