



Today in History

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▲ London's iconic red double-decker Routemaster bus was retired after half a century. A new Routemaster inspired by the original entered service in 2012

1905: Salome, an opera by Richard Strauss, was condemned as obscene on its first performance in Germany

1955: Sugar Ray Robinson regained the world middleweight boxing crown by knocking out Carl Olson

1979: The WHO certified that the smallpox virus had been eradicated

1985: Former Argentine president Jorge Videla was jailed for life for his part in the "dirty war" in which up to 9,000 people disappeared