



Today in History

December 29, 1940

▲ In World War II, German aircraft dropped thousands of incendiary bombs on London, causing the worst fire damage in the city since the great fire of 1666

1815: Saartjie Baartman, an African girl exhibited in London and Paris as the “Hottentot Venus”, died in Paris

1890: More than 200 Sioux Indians were massacred by U.S. troops at Wounded Knee, South Dakota

1989: Playwright Vaclav Havel was elected Czechoslovakia's first non-Communist president for 41 years

2011: Samoa and Tokelau moved from east to west of the International Date Line to align with Australasia