



## Today in History

*January 15, 1971*

▲ **The Aswan High Dam in Egypt, designed to control Nile flooding, was opened by President Anwar Sadat and Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny**

**1827:** Asbestos, a new heat-resistant material, was tested for the first time

**1943:** Work on the new Pentagon building, headquarters of the U.S. Defence Department, was completed, making it the largest office building in the world

**1973:** Golda Meir became the first Israeli prime minister to be received by the Pope

**1993:** Italian police in Sicily finally captured Mafia boss Salvatore Riina