

A sepia-toned portrait of Gro Harlem Brundtland, a woman with short, dark, wavy hair, smiling slightly. She is wearing a dark jacket. The background is out of focus, showing what appears to be a wooden fence or railing.

Today in History

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▲ **Gro Harlem Brundtland became Norway's first woman prime minister. She subsequently led the WHO for 5 years and is now a UN special envoy for climate change**

1488: Portuguese explorer Bartholomew Diaz landed at the Cape of Good Hope, becoming the first European to step on African soil

1690: America's first paper money was issued in Massachusetts

1919: U.S. President Woodrow Wilson chaired the first meeting of the League of Nations in Paris

1966: The unmanned Soviet spacecraft Luna IX made the first controlled landing on the moon