



## Today in History

*April 18, 1906*

▲ A devastating earthquake struck San Francisco. Over 3,000 died and 200,000 were left homeless in one of the worst natural disasters in U.S. history

**1934:** The first ever launderette, the “Washateria”, was opened in Texas

**1946:** The International Court of Justice opened in The Hague

**1951:** France, West Germany, Italy and the three Benelux countries set up the European Coal and Steel Community, forerunner of the European Union

**1961:** The Vienna Convention, the framework for diplomatic relations between countries and the basis for diplomatic immunity, was adopted