

A photograph of Rajiv Gandhi, son of Indira Gandhi, speaking at a public gathering. He is wearing a white shirt and a red and white striped shawl. A large crowd of people is visible in the background, many holding Indian tricolor flags.

Today in History

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▲ **Former Indian prime minister Rajiv Gandhi, son of assassinated premier Indira Gandhi, was himself killed by a suicide bomber as he campaigned for re-election**

1871: The French army entered Paris to crush the Commune uprising

1904: FIFA, soccer's international governing body, was set up in Paris

1916: Britain followed Germany in introducing daylight saving to conserve fuel during World War I. Clocks went forward by one hour

1966: Cassius Clay, later Muhammad Ali, retained the world heavyweight boxing crown, defeating English challenger Henry Cooper