



Today in History

July 18, 1936

▲ The Spanish Civil War began with an army revolt against the Republican government, led by General Francisco Franco. The war claimed around 500,000 lives

64: The Great Fire of Rome destroyed two-thirds of the city

1971: The six Trucial States united to form the United Arab Emirates

1996: U.S. scientists reported that the Earth's inner core spins faster than the crust, like a planet within a planet

1998: On his 80th birthday, South African president Nelson Mandela married Graca Machel, widow of former Mozambican president Samora Machel