



Today in History

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▲ **Cilla Black, popular British singer and TV star who, like the Beatles, was discovered at Liverpool's famous Cavern Club in the 1960s, died aged 72**

1291: The cantons of Uri, Unterwalden and Schwyz formed a confederation that led to the formation of Switzerland

1966: Army general Yakubu Gowon assumed power in Nigeria following a military coup

1976: Racing driver Niki Lauda suffered horrific burns after crashing during the German Grand Prix

2009: Rare Buddhist treasures, not seen for more than 70 years, were unearthed in Mongolia's Gobi Desert