



Today in History

October 16, 1916

▲ **Margaret Sanger opened the world's first birth control clinic in New York. It was closed nine days later and Sanger was arrested for illegally giving out contraceptives**

1846: The first public demonstration of anaesthesia took place in Boston

1978: Polish cardinal Karol Wojtyla became the first non-Italian pontiff since 1542, as Pope John Paul II

1989: A decline in African elephant population led the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species to ban all trading in ivory

1996: Over 75 people were crushed to death at a World Cup qualifying match in Guatemala