

A sepia-toned portrait of Helmut Schmidt, Chancellor of West Germany. He is shown from the chest up, wearing a dark suit jacket over a light-colored shirt and a dark tie. His right hand is raised to his forehead, with fingers spread, and his left hand is near his chin, holding a lit cigarette. He has a serious, contemplative expression, looking slightly off-camera to the right. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Today in History

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▲ **Helmut Schmidt, Chancellor of West Germany from 1974 to 1982, died at age 96. His policies helped to consolidate the country's post-war economic boom**

1871: “Dr Livingstone, I presume?”, enquired Henry Stanley on finding missing explorer David Livingstone in what is now Tanzania

1969: Long-running U.S. TV series Sesame Street made its debut

1989: The destruction of the Berlin Wall began a day after East Germany agreed to lift the “iron curtain”

2009: A power failure blacked out much of Brazil due to a fault at the giant Itaipu hydro-electric dam