



April 15, 1955

▲ U.S. salesman Ray Kroc opened his first McDonald's hamburger restaurant in Illinois. He later built the chain into the world's most successful fast food operation

1912: Kim il-Sung, founder of North Korea, was born. He ruled for 46 years and remains the "Eternal President"

1996: South Africa's "Truth Commission", set up to investigate abuses during the apartheid era, began its public hearings

1998: Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader who instigated a reign of terror in Cambodia, died

2013: Two bomb blasts at the Boston Marathon killed three spectators