



Today in History

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▲ The U.S. listed the polar bear, the world's largest land predator, as a threatened species due to rapidly declining ice levels in its Arctic Ocean habitat

1940: Two thirds of the Dutch city of Rotterdam was destroyed by German bombing, killing almost 1,000 people

1948: David Ben-Gurion signed the state of Israel into being

1955: The Soviet Union and seven other communist states in eastern Europe signed the Warsaw Pact

2003: Nestor Kirchner became president of Argentina when his challenger, former president Carlos Menem, abruptly dropped out