



Today in History

August 21, 1942

▲ **The Battle of Stalingrad began. Over two million people died in the bloodiest battle in human history, in which Soviet forces inflicted the Nazis' first major defeat of WWII**

1959: Hawaii was proclaimed the 50th state of the United States

1983: Philippine opposition leader Benigno Aquino was assassinated when he stepped off the plane as he returned after three years in exile

1990: Pictures of Venus taken from a space probe showed valleys and volcanoes similar to those on Earth

2013: Hundreds of people died when Syrian troops targeted suburbs of Damascus with sarin gas