



Today in History

December 17, 1997

▲ **Thabo Mbeki succeeded Nelson Mandela as president of the African National Congress. He went on to succeed Mandela as president of South Africa in 1999**

1967: Australian prime minister Harold Holt was drowned while swimming in the sea near Melbourne

1992: An AIDS vaccine was found to protect laboratory monkeys from the animal equivalent of HIV

2007: Russia delivered its first shipment of nuclear fuel to the Bushehr nuclear reactor in Iran

2016: U.S. doctor Henry Heimlich, who invented the manoeuvre used to help victims of choking, died at 96