

SIMPLON-ORIENT-EXPRESS



Today in History

January 16, 1872

▲ The Orient Express steamed into Istanbul, becoming the first train to link Turkey with Europe. A byword for luxury, the original service ran from 1883 to 2009

1920: Prohibition took effect in the United States, forbidding the sale, manufacture, or import of alcohol

1969: Czech student Jan Palach burned himself to death over the Russian invasion of Czechoslovakia

1993: Europe's biggest wind-powered energy generator opened at Cape Tarifa in southern Spain

2016: Crippling economic sanctions on Iran were lifted after restrictions of nuclear activities were confirmed