



Today in History

August 14, 1880

▲ The construction of Cologne Cathedral was completed. Building began in 1248 but was stopped in 1473. After a 400-year gap it was completed to the original plan

1908: The world's first international beauty contest was held at the Pier Hippodrome at Folkestone, England

2003: France declared a medical state of emergency amid a record heatwave which caused 14,800 deaths

2003: A major power blackout hit the northeastern U.S. and Canada, leaving around 50 million people without electricity

2015: The U.S. flag was raised in a ceremony at the newly reopened embassy in Havana, Cuba