

A portrait of Pope John Paul I, an elderly man with glasses, wearing a red cassock and a red and gold vestment. He is seated in an ornate, gilded chair. The background is dark.

## Today in History

*September 28, 1978*

▲ **Pope John Paul I, formerly Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice, died after just 33 days, one of the shortest papacies in history. He was succeeded by John Paul II**

**1958:** The constitution for the Fifth French Republic was approved in a referendum

**1963:** U.S. pop artist Roy Lichtenstein's *Whaam!*, considered his most important work, debuted in New York

**2008:** Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie set a new world marathon record of 2:3:58

**2016:** The Dutch investigation into the downing of Malaysian airlines flight MH17 said the missile was transported into eastern Ukraine from Russia