



Today in History

January 17, 1929

▲ The cartoon character Popeye, drawn by artist Elzie Segar, first appeared as a minor character in a newspaper strip. His popularity soon earned him a larger role

1934: A 500-carat diamond discovered near Pretoria, South Africa, was thought to be the stolen half of the Cullinan diamond found in 1905

1997: The first divorce in Ireland's history was granted

2007: The Doomsday clock moved two minutes forward due to fears of climate change and nuclear threat

2014: U.S. President Barack Obama announced reforms to the NSA surveillance programme