



## Today in History

*January 28, 814*

▲ **Charlemagne, King of the Franks and the first Holy Roman Emperor, died. He united most of western and central Europe for the first time since the Roman Empire**

**1944:** General de Gaulle made his landmark appeal for a new relationship between France and black Africa

**1958:** Lego patented bricks using a special plastic to give the versatile interlocking brick still in use today

**1999:** The Ford Motor Company announced it was to buy Sweden's Volvo car division for \$6.45 billion

**2011:** Brazil's president pledged to build 8,000 houses for people made homeless by recent flooding