



Today in History

August 7, 1819

▲ **The Battle of Boyaca, the decisive battle in Simon Bolivar's liberation campaign, resulted in the independence of Colombia from Spain**

1944: IBM dedicated the first program-controlled calculator. It could do three additions per second

1959: The Explorer 6 satellite, the first to transmit photographs of the Earth, was launched

1989: Prime Minister David Lange, who transformed New Zealand in five years of economic upheaval, resigned

2014: The U.S. launched limited airstrikes on ISIS after the group seized the Iraqi city of Mosul