

A black and white portrait of Kofi Annan, an elderly Black man with a white beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a slight smile.

Today in History

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▲ **Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the UN from 1997 to 2006, died at age 80. He was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 2001 for his humanitarian work**

1958: The controversial novel *Lolita*, about a sexually precocious 12-year old girl, was published in the United States

1960: The first oral contraceptive went on sale in the United States

1964: South Africa was banned from the Olympic Games as a result of its apartheid policies

1994: Malaysia banned men who “behave like women” from appearing on television, for fear that “weaklings” would lessen industrial productivity