

A sepia-toned photograph showing a massive crowd of people gathered in front of the New York Stock Exchange building. The building features a prominent portico with tall columns and a triangular pediment. A statue stands on a pedestal in the center of the crowd. In the foreground, several vintage cars and people on horseback are visible, suggesting a significant public event or rally.

# Today in History

*October 24, 1929*

▲ **The Wall Street Crash began as nearly 13 million shares changed hands in panic selling as prices collapsed on the New York Stock Exchange on “Black Thursday”**

**1939:** The first nylon stockings went on sale to employees of DuPont, in Delaware, where they were made

**1964:** Northern Rhodesia became independent as the Republic of Zambia

**1999:** An American website outraged infertility groups by auctioning eggs donated by beautiful models

**2014:** China launched a robotic spacecraft, Chang’e 5-T1, as part of its lunar exploration program