



## Today in History

*December 17, 1939*

▲ **The German battleship Admiral Graf Spee was scuttled by her own crew off Uruguay after it was trapped in the River Plate by British warships**

**1819:** The newly-formed Republic of Colombia joined with Venezuela and Ecuador to form "Greater Colombia"

**1949:** **Ahmed Sukarno was elected as the first president of a federal republic of Indonesia**

**1992:** An AIDS vaccine was found to protect laboratory monkeys from the animal equivalent of HIV

**2001:** **The U.S. Embassy reopened in the Afghan capital, Kabul, for the first time since 1989**