

A photograph of Rod Stewart performing on stage. He is wearing a shiny, metallic silver jacket over a white shirt and a dark tie. He is holding a microphone in his right hand and has his left hand raised with fingers spread. The background is dark with some stage lights.

## Today in History

*January 10, 1945*

▲ British rock star Rod Stewart was born in North London. His distinctive raspy voice has sold over 100 million records of hits such as *Sailing* and *Maggie May*

**1840:** Over 100,000 letters were sent in London on the day that the “Penny Post” came into operation

**1855:** Engineer Henry Bessemer took out a patent for a process that created steel inexpensively

**1920:** The ratification of the Treaty of Versailles created the League of Nations, with 29 initial members

**2010:** China took over the mantle of the world’s largest exporting nation, pushing Germany from the top spot