



Today in History

July 20, 1960

▲ **The USS George Washington made the first test launch of a Polaris missile from a submarine at sea. It was the first test firing of a missile from underwater**

1845: Charles Sturt became the first European to enter Simpson's Desert in central Australia

1940: Billboard Magazine published the first singles-record charts in the United States

2005: Indonesia reported its first human deaths from bird flu, contracted via infected chicken droppings

2015: The United States and Cuba restored diplomatic relations, ending five decades of Cold War hostility