



Today in History

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▲ **Multiple wildfires in the Amazon rainforest destroyed vast tracts of land while smoke from the blazes darkened skies over major cities across Brazil**

1940: Exiled Soviet revolutionary Leon Trotsky was assassinated in Mexico

1940: Winston Churchill famously said of the Battle of Britain, “Never in the field of human conflict was so much owed by so many to so few”

1990: Iraq confirmed Western hostages held after the outbreak of the Gulf War would be used as human shields

1995: Monica Seles won a tennis tournament two years after being stabbed on court by a deranged fan