



Today in History

September 20, 1870

▲ Italian troops captured Rome, taking control of the Papal States. This led to the unification of Italy, with Rome chosen as the capital of the newly united country

1970: The Soviet Luna 16 space probe landed on the moon and collected samples of lunar soil

1990: Czechoslovakia rejoined the IMF and World Bank after a break of more than 35 years

2005: Simon Wiesenthal, a Holocaust survivor who dedicated his life to bringing Nazi war criminals to justice, died aged 96

2015: Alexis Tsipras' Syriza party won snap elections in Greece