



Today in History

October 24, 1945

▲ The United Nations officially came into existence as its charter, adopted in June, took effect. There were initially 51 members, a figure that has since almost quadrupled

1795: Poland was partitioned between Russia, Prussia and Austria

1945: Vidkun Quisling, prime minister of Norway during the German occupation, was executed for treason

1980: Paul McCartney entered the Guinness Book of Records as the world's all-time bestselling songwriter

2013: A tunnel linking the continents of Europe and Asia opened beneath the Bosphorus in Istanbul