



# Today in History

*January 31, 1971*

▲ A limited telephone service linked East and West Berlin for the first time since 1952, with calls connected via a switchboard using pre-WWII technology

**1876:** The U.S. government ordered all remaining Native Americans to move to reservations, or be arrested as “hostiles”

**1999:** Scientists confirmed that the HIV virus originated in a subspecies of chimpanzee from central Africa

**2001:** A Scottish court in the Netherlands convicted a Libyan of the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie

**2020:** The UK left the European Union. The divisive Brexit process followed a referendum in June 2016