



Today in History

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▲ **John Lewis, a key figure of the U.S. Civil Rights movement, died aged 80. His shock beating by state troopers at Selma in 1965 helped pass the Civil Rights Act**

1951: Prince Baudouin became fifth King of the Belgians following the abdication of his father, Leopold III

1976: The Montreal Olympic Games opened, boycotted by 22 African nations over apartheid in S. Africa

1996: The Community of Portuguese Language Countries was founded

2006: The need for air conditioning drove power demands in California to a record high as temperatures soared to 125 degrees F (51.6C)