



## Today in History

*October 18, 1961*

▲ The film version of **West Side Story** was released. Adapted from the Broadway musical and based on **Romeo and Juliet**, it won 10 Oscars including **Best Picture**

**1996:** Scientists announced they had found an “absolute” link between smoking and lung cancer

**2001:** Several U.S. government offices closed after 30 employees tested positive for anthrax

**2011:** Israeli soldier Gilad Shalit, held in Gaza for over five years, was freed in exchange for Palestinian prisoners

**2019:** Chile imposed a state of emergency as protests spread over rising living costs