

A photograph of the United Nations Secretariat Building in New York City. The building is a tall, modern skyscraper with a glass facade, partially obscured by a row of flagpoles in the foreground. The flagpoles are arranged in a line, and each holds a flag of a different member state. The sky is blue with some white clouds. The text "Today in History" is overlaid on the bottom right of the image.

Today in History

February 27, 1952

▲ The UN held its first meetings in its new permanent headquarters in international territory in New York City. The organization is financed by its member states

272: Constantine the Great, the first Roman emperor to convert to Christianity, was born

1940: Carbon-14, a radioactive isotope of carbon which enabled radiocarbon dating, was discovered

1995: Mafia superboss Salvatore "Totò" Riina went on trial on charges of complicity in 48 murders in Sicily

2015: Boris Nemtsov, an outspoken critic of Vladimir Putin, was shot dead in Moscow, triggering mass protests