



## Today in History

*June 26, 1906*

▲ The first grand prix motor race was held at Le Mans over 105km of public roads. Hungarian Ferenc Szisz won, driving a Renault at an average speed of 101km/h

**1930:** Josef Stalin said his purges were merely “purifying” the Soviet Union

**1948:** The Berlin Airlift began after the Soviets imposed a blockade on West Berlin

**1992:** Denmark won soccer’s European Championship, having been invited to replace the banned Yugoslavia team

**1997:** Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone, the first of seven books by J.K. Rowling about a schoolboy wizard, was published