



Today in History

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▲ Lebanon's capital Beirut was devastated when 2,750 tonnes of ammonium nitrate ignited in the port area. The blast killed over 200 people and left 300,000 homeless

1957: Argentine racing driver Juan Manuel Fangio won his fifth Formula One World Championship

1972: President Idi Amin of Uganda said he would expel 50,000 Asians with British passports

1997: Jeanne Calment, the world's oldest known person, died in Arles, France, aged 122 years, 164 days

1997: Cathy Freeman became the first Australian aborigine to win gold at the athletics world championships