



Today in History

August 11, 1934

▲ The island of Alcatraz in San Francisco Bay became a U.S. federal prison, designed to hold maximum security inmates such as gangster Al Capone

1969: President Kaunda nationalised Zambia's copper mining industry

1972: The last U.S. ground combat unit left South Vietnam

1994: The era of internet shopping began when a CD version of an album by Sting became the first item sold online in a secure purchase

2015: Google announced it was reorganising under a new holding company, Alphabet, to separate its website from other operations