



Today in History

October 23, 1947

▲ Musical star Julie Andrews, best known for her starring roles in *The Sound of Music* (above) and *Mary Poppins*, made her stage debut in London at the age of 12

1942: Allied forces launched a huge offensive in Egypt at El Alamein

1992: The head of France's National Blood Transfusion Service was jailed for knowingly distributing blood contaminated with the AIDS virus

1997: Hong Kong's Hang Seng index fell over 10%, the biggest fall in its history

2002: Chechen rebels seized over 700 hostages at a Moscow theatre, demanding that Russia withdraw from Chechnya