



Today in History

December 5, 1952

▲ Around 4,000 people died when London was enveloped in the Great Smog. The toxic mix of fog and smoke led to a parliamentary act that cut smoke emissions

1933: The U.S. celebrated the end of 14 long years of alcohol prohibition

1977: Egypt broke off relations with Syria, Libya, Algeria, Iraq and South Yemen, all opponents of its peace moves with Israel

1998: The last Khmer Rouge troops surrendered in Cambodia, ending a brutal era that saw millions murdered

2002: Plans to extend a controversial security fence to separate north Israel from the West Bank were approved