



## Today in History

*December 8, 2021*

▲ **Angela Merkel formally stepped down as Chancellor of Germany after 16 years in power. She was succeeded by Olaf Scholz, formerly Vice Chancellor**

**1949:** Chinese Nationalist forces under Chiang Kai-Shek fled to Formosa, now known as Taiwan

**1980: Former Beatle John Lennon was shot dead in New York City**

**1987:** The U.S. and Soviet Union signed the INF Treaty, eliminating all 2,600 medium and short-range nuclear missiles based in Europe

**1991:** The former Soviet republics of Russia, Belarus and Ukraine formed a Commonwealth of Independent States