



Today in History

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▲ **Pope Benedict XVI declared his intention to retire, citing ill health. Taking the title Pope Emeritus, he was the first pontiff to step down since 1415. He died in Dec 2022**

1873: King Amadeo of Spain abdicated, leading to the proclamation of the first Spanish republic

1993: Queen Elizabeth II offered to pay income tax on her private income

1993: Sir Ranulph Fiennes and Dr Michael Stroud completed the first unsupported crossing of Antarctica on foot, covering 1,350 miles in 95 days

1993: General Motors posted a \$23.5 billion loss for 1992, then the largest in U.S. corporate history