



Today in History

August 26, 1883

▲ The massive two-day eruption of Krakatoa began. It killed some 36,000 in Java and Sumatra and the explosion was loud enough to be heard in Australia

1920: Women in the United States won the right to vote

1978: Cardinal Albino Luciani of Venice was elected as Pope John Paul I. He died just 33 days later

1993: Russian president Boris Yeltsin apologised for the Soviet-led invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 that crushed the Prague Spring reform movement

2003: The report into the Columbia shuttle disaster sharply criticised the “broken safety culture” of NASA