



## Today in History

*September 15, 1973*

▲ **Carl XVI Gustaf became king of Sweden. Pictured above with his wife, Queen Silvia, he is now the longest-reigning monarch in Swedish history**

**1916:** Tanks were used for the first time as part of a major British offensive at the Battle of the Somme

**2003:** The first commercial flight took place between North and South Korea since the country was divided

**2005:** Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon made his first and only address to the United Nations

**2008:** The Wall Street bank Lehman Brothers declared itself bankrupt, triggering a global economic crisis