



Today in History

January 17, 1874

▲ **Siamese twins Chang and Eng Bunker died within three hours of each other, aged 62. Despite being joined at the chest, both married and fathered large families**

1944: The Metropolitan Opera House in New York staged its first jazz concert, the result of a poll by Esquire magazine

1949: The trial on subversion charges of the top leaders of the U.S. Communist Party began

1999: NATO warned Serbia that it would face air strikes if it did not honour the ceasefire agreement in Kosovo

2014: U.S. President Barack Obama announced reforms to the NSA surveillance programme