



Today in History

January 28, 814

▲ **Charlemagne, King of the Franks and the first Holy Roman Emperor, died. He united most of western and central Europe for the first time since the Roman Empire**

1944: General de Gaulle made his landmark appeal for a new relationship between France and black Africa

1958: Danish company Lego patented the versatile plastic interlocking brick still popular today

1986: The Challenger space shuttle exploded 72 seconds after lift-off, killing all seven astronauts on board

1999: The Ford Motor Company announced it was to buy Sweden's Volvo car division for \$6.45 billion