



# Today in History

*February 17, 1904*

▲ Giacomo Puccini's *Madame Butterfly* was first performed at La Scala in Milan. The opera was initially unsuccessful but a revised version is now a firm favourite

**1864:** The first successful attack by a submarine, a hand-propelled vessel, took place in the U.S. Civil War

**1964:** The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that congressional districts must be roughly equal in population

**1999:** The U.S. ordered a further 50 warplanes to Europe for use in possible airstrikes against Serbia

**2014:** A UN Human Rights Council report accused North Korea of crimes against humanity