

# GN45576 On this day in history Week15 April 7-13



## Today in History

April 7, 1994

▲ The Rwandan genocide, triggered by the assassination of the president, began. Some 800,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus were killed in 100 days

1949: The influential Rodgers and Hammerstein musical South Pacific opened on Broadway

1954: U.S. President Dwight D. Eisenhower's "domino theory", that communism would follow

1964: IBM unveils the groundbreaking System/360

1994: Israel's West Bank

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## Today in History

April 8, 2021

▲ Archaeologists announced the discovery of the ancient Egyptian city of Aten, founded 3,400 years ago and the most important find since the tomb of Tutankhamun

1904: Britain and France signed the Entente Cordiale, settling all global disputes between the two countries

1924: Turkey's President Kemal



## Today in History

April 9, 2005

▲ Britain's Prince Charles married his long-term companion Camilla Parker Bowles. They became King and Queen in 2022 on the death of Queen Elizabeth II

1454: The Italian states of Milan, Florence and Venice signed a peace treaty recognising each other's status

1929: Influential American architect



## Today in History

April 10, 1924

▲ The first crossword puzzle book was published in New York. The "odd-looking book with a pencil attached" was an instant hit and became the craze of the year

1944: Russian troops recaptured Odessa from the Germans in WWII

1954: Pioneering French film director Auguste Lumière died

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## Today in History

April 11, 1984

▲ Australia adopted Advance Australia Fair, written in 1878, as the official national anthem and designated green and gold as the national colours

1814: Napoleon abdicated and was banished to the island of Elba

1984: Konstantin Chernenko became President of the Soviet Union

1994: Communists and their allies outpolled nationalist rivals in Ukraine's first post-Soviet general election, filling nearly a quarter of the seats

1999: India tested an intermediate-range ballistic missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead

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## Today in History

April 12, 1557

▲ Spanish explorers founded the city of Cuenca in the highlands of Ecuador. The historic centre is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Trust site

1944: King Victor Emmanuel of Italy announced his intention to abdicate when the Allies entered Rome

1954: Bill Haley and the Comets recorded Rock Around the Clock

1994: Two lawyers posted the first example of commercial mass spam, targeting 5,500 net discussion groups

2012: Candy Crush Saga, a mobile variant of the browser game Candy Crush, was released. By 2022 it had exceeded three billion downloads

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## Today in History

April 13, 2023

▲ Mary Quant, British fashion designer credited with introducing the miniskirt and hotpants amid London's Swinging Sixties culture, died at age 93

1960: The U.S. Navy launched the first satellite navigation system, Transit 1B, also known as NAVSAT

1964: Sidney Poitier was the first black man to win a Best Actor Oscar, for Lilies of the Field

1994: The last foreigners were evacuated from Kigali as tribal bloodshed ravaged Rwanda's capital

2010: A Chinese bulk carrier ran aground on the Great Barrier Reef, causing widespread damage

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