



# Today in History

*April 26, 1994*

▲ The first non-racial general election got underway in South Africa, resulting in a resounding victory for the African National Congress

**1956:** The world's first commercially successful container ship, the SS Ideal X, left New Jersey for Texas

**1984:** U.S. jazz pianist and big band leader William "Count" Basie died, aged 79

**2017:** China launched its first domestically built aircraft carrier, amid rising regional tensions

**2021:** The Delta variant of coronavirus overwhelmed hospitals in India amid widespread shortages of oxygen