



Today in History

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▲ **Narendra Modi became prime minister of India after his Hindu nationalist BJP party trounced the ruling Congress Party in the world's biggest general election**

1870: The Dominion of Canada purchased Manitoba from the Hudson Bay Company

1949: The Soviet blockade of West Berlin, the first major multinational skirmish of the Cold War, ended

1994: A Palestinian police force was deployed in the West Bank at the end of 27 years of Israeli military rule

2004: The discovery of the Library of Alexandria, thought to be the world's oldest university, was announced