

GN45743 On this day in history Week21 -May 19 -25



Today in History

May 19, 1994

▲ **Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis**, a global symbol of jet-set glamour as the wife of President John F. Kennedy and then Greek tycoon Aristotle Onassis, died at age 64

1802: Napoleon Bonaparte created the Legion d'Honneur, the highest decoration in France

1845: The ill-fated expedition of John Franklin set out to explore the Northwest Passage

1999: After the Star Wars Episode I: The Menace took place

2004: Lulu the marsupial was born for saving the world

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May 22, 2004

▲ **Crown Prince Felipe of Spain** married TV journalist Letizia Ortiz. When Felipe became king in 2014 she was the first commoner in Spanish history to become queen

1972: Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to visit the Soviet Union

1972: Ceylon, which gained independence from Britain in 1948, became the new

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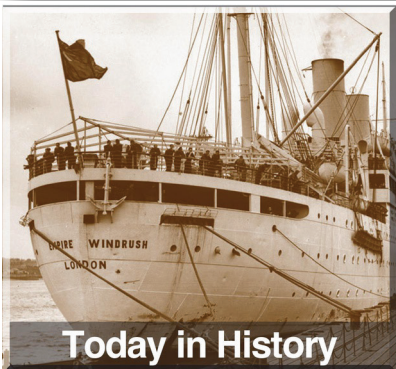
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May 23, 1948

▲ **The Empire Windrush** sailed from Jamaica with the first group of West Indian immigrants invited to Britain to back post-war reconstruction

1734: Franz Mesmer, Austrian physician whose work on cures by suggestion led to the discovery of mesmerism and hypnosis, was born

1785: Benjamin Franklin invented bifocal spectacles

1934: U.S. outlaws Bonnie and Clyde, whose exploits were later immortalised in film, died in a police shootout

1949: The German Federal Republic formally came into existence, with the capital based in Bonn

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Today in History

May 24, 2023

▲ **Tina Turner**, who became one of the world's defining pop icons with hits including Private Dancer, What's Love Got To Do With It, and The Best, died at age 83

1544: William Gilbert, distinguished British scientist who originated the term "electricity", was born

1844: Samuel Morse transmitted the world's first telegraph message to an associate based 40 miles away

1954: IBM announced the creation of electronic valves, a major step in the evolution of modern computers

1964: Over 300 people died in a riot at a soccer game in Peru after a goal for the home side was disallowed

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Today in History

May 25, 2006

▲ **Scientists first identified simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV)** in wild apes, supporting the theory that the HIV virus originated in wild chimpanzees in Cameroon

1994: Russian writer Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia after 20 years in exile in the West

1999: A U.S. report said Chinese spies had stolen nuclear secrets on every U.S. warhead for 20 years

2004: Chewing gum went back on sale in Singapore after a 12-year ban, but was only available from pharmacies

2018: The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) on information privacy was introduced in the EU

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