



Today in History

June 17, 1944

▲ Iceland became an independent republic after a referendum on disengaging from Danish rule. Iceland had been declared a sovereign state in 1918

1823: Charles Macintosh patented his waterproof cloth for making raincoats

1867: Joseph Lister performed the first surgical operation under antiseptic conditions, at Glasgow's Royal Infirmary

1939: The last person to be publicly executed in France was guillotined before a large crowd at Versailles

1994: Former U.S. football star O.J. Simpson, accused of two murders, was arrested after a freeway chase