



Today in History

August 15, 1939

▲ **The Wizard of Oz, MGM's version of L. Frank Baum's fantasy, premiered in Hollywood, catapulting a young Judy Garland to stardom**

1969: The legendary Woodstock Music and Arts Fair began on Max Yasgur's farm at Bethel, in upstate New York

1971: The U.S. broke from the gold standard, a system that linked the value of its currency directly to gold

1974: The wife of South Korean President Park Chung-Hee was killed by an assassin targeting Park, who was himself assassinated in 1979

1994: Illich Ramirez Sanchez, "Carlos the Jackal", was captured in Sudan