



Today in History

August 18, 1960

▲ The first oral contraceptive went on sale in the United States. The pill is now the most popular form of birth control, used by over 100 million women worldwide

1227: Genghis Khan, who founded the Mongol Empire by uniting the nomadic tribes of Northeast Asia, died

1954: James E. Wilkins, Assistant Secretary of Labour, was the first black man to attend a U.S. cabinet meeting

1958: The controversial novel Lolita, about a sexually precocious 12-year old girl, was published in the United States

1964: South Africa was banned from the Olympic Games as a result of its apartheid policies