

# GN46174 On this day in history Week35 - August 25-31



## Today in History

August 25, 1919

▲ The world's first scheduled air service began when a De Havilland DHAA of Air Transport and Travel, the forerunner of British Airways, flew from London to Paris

1944: The liberation of Paris ended four years of Nazi occupation. German resistance was light

1964: Kenneth Keough became president of the United States, formerly North Vietnam

1989: After the Voyager 2 spacecraft, clouds of the

2009: South Korea's space rocket put its satellite

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## Today in History

August 26, 1959

▲ The iconic Mini was launched. The small, economy car was designed in response to the introduction of fuel rationing in Britain after the Suez Crisis

1789: The French Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of Man

1914: Sociedade Esportiva Palmeiras, one of Brazil's most famous football clubs



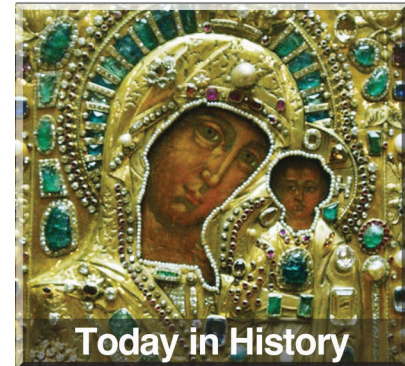
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August 27, 1964

▲ The musical film Mary Poppins was released. It received 13 Academy Award nominations, winning five, including Best Actress for Julie Andrews

1859: The world's first commercially productive oil well was drilled near Titusville, Pennsylvania

1954: Elvis Presley, singing 'Hound Dog'



## Today in History

August 28, 2004

▲ The Vatican returned a valuable icon to Russia's Orthodox Church. It vanished during the Russian Revolution and had hung in the pope's private chapel for 30 years

1619: Ferdinand II became Holy Roman Emperor and introduced strict Counter-Reformation measures

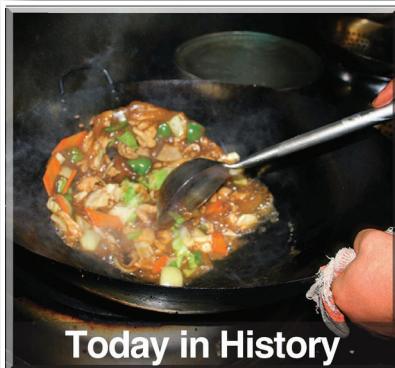
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August 29, 1896

▲ The Chinese-American dish chop suey – meat and eggs cooked quickly with vegetables in a starch-thickened sauce – was invented in New York City

1949: The Soviet Union tested its first atomic bomb, detected by Britain, Canada, and the U.S.

1966: The Beatles played their last live concert at Candlestick Park, California, to a 25,000-strong crowd

1994: Samsung developed a computer chip with enough memory to hold the equivalent of 2,000 newspaper pages

2004: Michael Schumacher won a record seventh Formula One Drivers' championship

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August 30, 1939

▲ The first British children were evacuated from London as war with Germany loomed closer. The plan was to protect them from the risk of aerial bombing of the city

1901: Scotsman Hubert Cecil Booth patented the vacuum cleaner

2001: The European Central Bank unveiled the official designs for euro notes and coins

2009: The Democratic Party of Japan won a landslide election victory, ending over 50 years of Liberal Democrat rule

2023: Mohamed Al-Fayed, UK-based Egyptian businessman who owned the Ritz hotel in Paris and Harrods department store in London, died

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## Today in History

August 31, 1994

▲ Troops of the former Soviet Union took part in a farewell ceremony in Berlin, ending half a century of military presence on German soil

1944: Russian troops captured the Romanian capital, Bucharest

1994: The IRA declared an unconditional end to its 25-year war against British rule in Northern Ireland

1994: China voted to disband Hong Kong's elected institutions on resuming sovereignty in 1997

1999: French farmers picketed McDonald's restaurants in protest at heavy U.S. taxes on French products

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