



# Today in History

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▲ **Bobby Charlton, Manchester Utd legend who helped England to win the 1966 World Cup, and was widely seen as one of football's all-time greats, died at age 86**

**1934:** Chinese Communist forces led by Mao Zedong began their one-year "Long March" to safety in the north

**1944:** U.S. troops captured Aachen, the first major German city to fall to the Allies in World War Two

**1983:** A metre was redefined as the distance that light travels in a vacuum in  $1/299,792,458$  of a second

**2023:** The Rafah Border Crossing on the Egypt-Gaza border opened to allow aid trucks to enter Gaza