

Today In History – January 15

Lincoln Herald Staff

Today in History in 1559 – Queen Elizabeth I of England is officially crowned Queen of England.

The On This Day In History archives at "Simple English Wikipedia, The Free Encyclopedia" contains over 200,000 events, birthdays and deaths from 6,000 years of history. Here is a roundup of a few of them:

January 15 is the 15th day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. There are 350 days remaining until the end of the year (351 in leap years).

EVENTS

69 – Otho seizes power in Rome, proclaiming himself Emperor of Rome, but rules for only three months before committing suicide.

1362 – A North Sea flood kills many thousands of people.

1541 – King Francis I of France gives Jean-Francois Roberval a commission to settle the Province of New France (Canada) and provide for the spread of the Roman Catholic Faith.

1559 – Queen Elizabeth I of England is officially crowned Queen of England.

1582 – Russia cedes Livonia and Estonia to the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth.

1759 – The British Museum is opened.

1777 – American Revolutionary War: New Connecticut (present-day Vermont) declares its independence.

1790 – The Bounty mutineers, led by Fletcher Christian, arrive on Pitcairn Island.

1815 – War of 1812: American frigate USS President, commanded by Stephen Decatur, is captured by a squadron of four British frigates.

1822 – Greek War of Independence: Demetrios Ypsilantis is elected President of the Legislative Assembly.

1844 – The University of Notre Dame receives its charter from the state of Indiana.

1865 – American Civil War: Fort Fisher in North Carolina falls to Union forces.

1870 – A political cartoon (by Thomas Nast) for the first time uses a donkey as a symbol of the Democratic Party in the United States.

1876 – The first newspaper in Afrikaans, De Afrikaans Patriot, is published.

1885 – American Wilson Bentley takes the first photographs of snowflakes.

1889 – The Coca-Cola Company, then-known as the Pemberton Medicine Company, is incorporated in Atlanta, Georgia, US.

1892 – James Naismith publishes the rules of basketball.

1910 – Building work begins ends on the Buffalo Bill Dam in Wyoming, United States, at 99 meters.

1919 – German socialist activists Rosa Luxemburg and Karl Liebknecht are tortured and executed by the Freikorps.

1919 – The Boston Molasses Disaster, killing 21 and injuring 150 others.

1933 – A 12-year-old girl is said to have experienced the first Marian Apparition of Our Lady of Banneux in Banneux, Belgium.

1934 – A magnitude 8.1 earthquake on the India–Nepal border kills around 10,700 people.

1936 – The first building to be completely covered in glass, built for the Owens-Illinois Glass Company is completed in Toledo, Ohio, United States.

1937 – Spanish Civil War: Nationalists and Republicans both withdraw after suffering heavy losses, ending the Second Battle of the Corunna Road.

1943 – The Pentagon is dedicated in Arlington, Virginia.

1943 – World War II: The Soviet counter-offensive in Voronezh begins.

1944 – A magnitude 7.8 earthquake in San Juan, Argentina, kills around 5,000 people.

1949 – Chinese Civil War: The Communist forces take over Tianjin from the National Government.

1962 – The Derveni papyrus, Europe's oldest-surviving manuscript dating back to 340 BC, is found in Northern Greece.

1966 – Nigeria's First Republic, led by Abubakar Tafawa Balewa is overthrown in military coup d'état.

1967 – The first-ever Super Bowl takes place in Los Angeles, as the Green Bay Packers defeat the Kansas City Chiefs 35–10.

1969 – The Soyuz 5 spacecraft is launched by the Soviet Union.

1970 – Nigerian Civil War: Biafra surrenders.

1970 – Muammar al-Gaddafi is proclaimed Premier of Libya.

1971 – The Aswan Dam in Egypt is officially opened.

1973 – Vietnam War: Richard Nixon announces the suspension of offensive action in North Vietnam, citing the progress of peace negotiations.

1975 – The Alvor Agreement is signed, ending the Angolan War of Independence.

1976 – Sara Jane Moore is sentenced to life in prison for attempting to kill President Gerald Ford.

1981 – Pope John Paul II receives a delegation from the Polish Solidarity Trade Union, led by Lech Walesa.

1991 – The United Nations deadline for Iraq's withdrawal from Kuwait expires.

1992 – The international community recognizes the independence of Slovenia and Croatia from Yugoslavia.

1993 – Mafia boss Salvatore Riina is arrested by police.

1996 – Lesotho's King, Moshoeshoe II dies in a car crash. He is succeeded by his son, Letsie III.

2001 – Wikipedia goes online.

2004 – The South Korean Foreign Minister, Yoon Young-kwan resigns following his support for American policy towards North Korea.

2005 – The European Space Agency's SMART-1 lunar orbiter discovers elements such as calcium, aluminium, silicon, iron and other elements on the Moon.

2006 – Michelle Bachelet is elected President of Chile. She becomes Chile's first female president when she takes office on March 11.

2009 – Chesley Sullenberger, pilot of US Airways Flight 1549, steers the plane to a safe emergency landing on the Hudson River after experiencing trouble shortly after takeoff from New York's LaGuardia Airport.

2015 – Two suspected Jihadists are killed in an anti-terror raid in Verviers, Belgium.

2018 – British newspaper The Guardian changes to a tabloid format.

2018 – Mihai Tudose announces his resignation as Prime Minister of Romania after losing support within his own party.

2018 – A bomb attack in Baghdad kills 38 people.

2019 – A terrorist attack on a hotel complex in Nairobi, Kenya, results in 21 people being killed.

2019 – British Prime Minister Theresa May loses a parliamentary vote in the House of Commons by the biggest margin ever for a sitting Prime Minister, losing a vote on her proposed Brexit deal by 432 votes to 202.

2024 – The Iranian-backed Houthi movement launch an attack on the Marshall Islands–flagged, United States–owned and operated bulk carrier Gibraltar Eagle.