

Today In History – November 22

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Today in History in 1963 in Dallas, Texas, US President John F. Kennedy is assassinated, Texas Governor John B. Connally is seriously wounded, and US Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson is sworn in as the 36th President of the United States. Suspect Lee Harvey Oswald is arrested but is himself shot two days later by Jack Ruby.

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November 22 is the 326th day of the year (327th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 39 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

845 - The first King of Brittany, Nominoe, defeats Frankish King Charles the Bold at the Battle of Ballon near Redon.

1412 - The St. Cecilia's flood kills around 30,000 people on the lower Elbe.

1497 – Vasco da Gama sails round the Cape of Good Hope on his voyage to India.

1574 - The Juan Fernandez Islands in the Pacific Ocean, now belonging to Chile, are discovered.

1635 - Dutch colonial forces on Taiwan launch a campaign against native villages. It results in them taking control over the Central and Southern parts of the island.

1718 – Off the coast of Virginia, English pirate Edward Teach (best known as "Blackbeard") is killed in battle when a British boarding party cornered and then shot and stabbed him more than 25 times.

1812 - War of 1812: 17 Indiana rangers are killed at the Battle of Wild Cat Creek.

1837 - Canadian journalist William Lyon Mackenzie calls for a rebellion against the United Kingdom in his essay "To the People of Upper Canada", published in his newspaper "The Constitution".

1847 - Fire rips through a paddle steamer on Lake Michigan, killing 250 people.

1858 – Denver, Colorado, is founded.

1864 – American Civil War: Sherman's March to the Sea: Confederate General John Bell Hood invades Tennessee in an unsuccessful attempt to draw Union General William T. Sherman from Georgia.

1869 - In Dumbarton, Scotland, the clipper Cutty Sark is launched.

1873 - French transatlantic steamer Ville du Havre collides in the North Atlantic Ocean with the clipper Loch Earn, breaks apart and sinks within twelve minutes, killing 226.

1880 – Vaudeville actress Lillian Russell makes her debut at Tony Pastor's Theatre in New York City.

1908 - The Congress of Manastir establishes the Albanian alphabet

1917 – In Montreal, Canada, the National Hockey Association breaks up (on November 26 it was replaced with the National Hockey League).

1928 - The first performance of Maurice Ravel's Bolero takes place in Paris.

1933 - Qatar Airways is founded.

1935 – The China Clipper takes off from Alameda, California in an attempt to deliver the first airmail cargo across the Pacific Ocean (the airplane later reached its destination, Manila, and delivered over 110,000 pieces of mail).

1940 - World War II: After the initial Italian invasion of Greece, Greek troops counter-attack into Italian-occupied Albania and captures Korytsa.

1942 – World War II: Battle of Stalingrad – The situation for the German attackers of Stalingrad seems desperate during the Soviet counter-attack Operation Uranus and General Friedrich von Paulus sends Adolf Hitler a telegram saying that the German 6th army is surrounded.

1943 – World War II: War in the Pacific – U.S. President Franklin D. Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill, and Chinese leader Chiang Kai-Shek meet in Cairo, Egypt, to discuss ways to defeat Japan (see Cairo Conference)

1943 – Lebanon gains independence from France.

1954 - The Humane Society of the United States is founded.

1956 - The 1956 Summer Olympics in Melbourne, Australia, begin.

1963 – John F. Kennedy assassination: In Dallas, Texas, US President John F. Kennedy is assassinated, Texas Governor John B. Connally is seriously wounded, and US Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson is sworn in as the 36th President of the United States. Suspect Lee Harvey Oswald is arrested but is himself shot two days later by Jack Ruby.

1967 – UN Security Council Resolution 242 is adopted by the UN Security Council, establishing a set of the principles aimed at guiding negotiations for an Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

1968 – The Beatles release The White Album.

1972 – Vietnam War: The United States loses its first B-52 Stratofortress of the war.

1974 – The United Nations General Assembly grants the Palestine Liberation Organization observer status.

1975 – Juan Carlos is declared King of Spain following the death of dictator Francisco Franco.

1977 – British Airways inaugurates regular London to New York City supersonic Concorde service.

1985 – According to ancient Aztec mythology, the future saviour of the world would be born on this date.

1986 – Mike Tyson knocks-out Trevor Berbick in a round 2 fight, becoming the youngest world heavyweight-boxing champion (20 years, 4 months old).

1988 – In Palmdale, California, the first prototype B-2 Spirit stealth bomber is revealed.

1989 – In west Beirut, a bomb explodes near the motorcade of Lebanese President Rene Moawad, killing him.

1990 – Margaret Thatcher resigns as the Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

1995 - Toy Story is released as the first feature-length movie created completely using computer-generated imagery.

2001 – Jack McConnell replaces Henry McLeish as First Minister of Scotland.

2002 – In Nigeria, more than 100 people are killed at an attack aimed at the contestants of the Miss World contest.

2003 – England wins the Rugby World Cup, defeating Australia in the final.

2003 – In Tbilisi, Georgia, opponents of President Eduard Shevardnadze seize the parliament building and demand the president's resignation.

2003 – The Heritage Classic, the first outdoor hockey game in the history of the National Hockey League is played in Edmonton, Alberta.

2004 - Orange Revolution: Protests begin in Kyiv, Ukraine, over the previous day's election result, in which Viktor Yanukovych was announced as the winner over Viktor Yushchenko.

2005 – Angela Merkel becomes the first female Chancellor of Germany.

2007 – Steve McClaren is sacked as the manager of the England national football team, which had failed to qualify for the European Championships.

2010 – A stampede occurs on a bridge in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, during the Bon Om Thook water festival, killing 347 people.

2013 - Magnus Carlsen wins the World Chess Championship over defending champion Viswanathan Anand.

2015 - Mauricio Macri is elected President of Argentina over Daniel Scioli.

2017 - Ratko Mladic is found guilty of war crimes by the International Court of Justice in relation to the Srebrenica massacre.