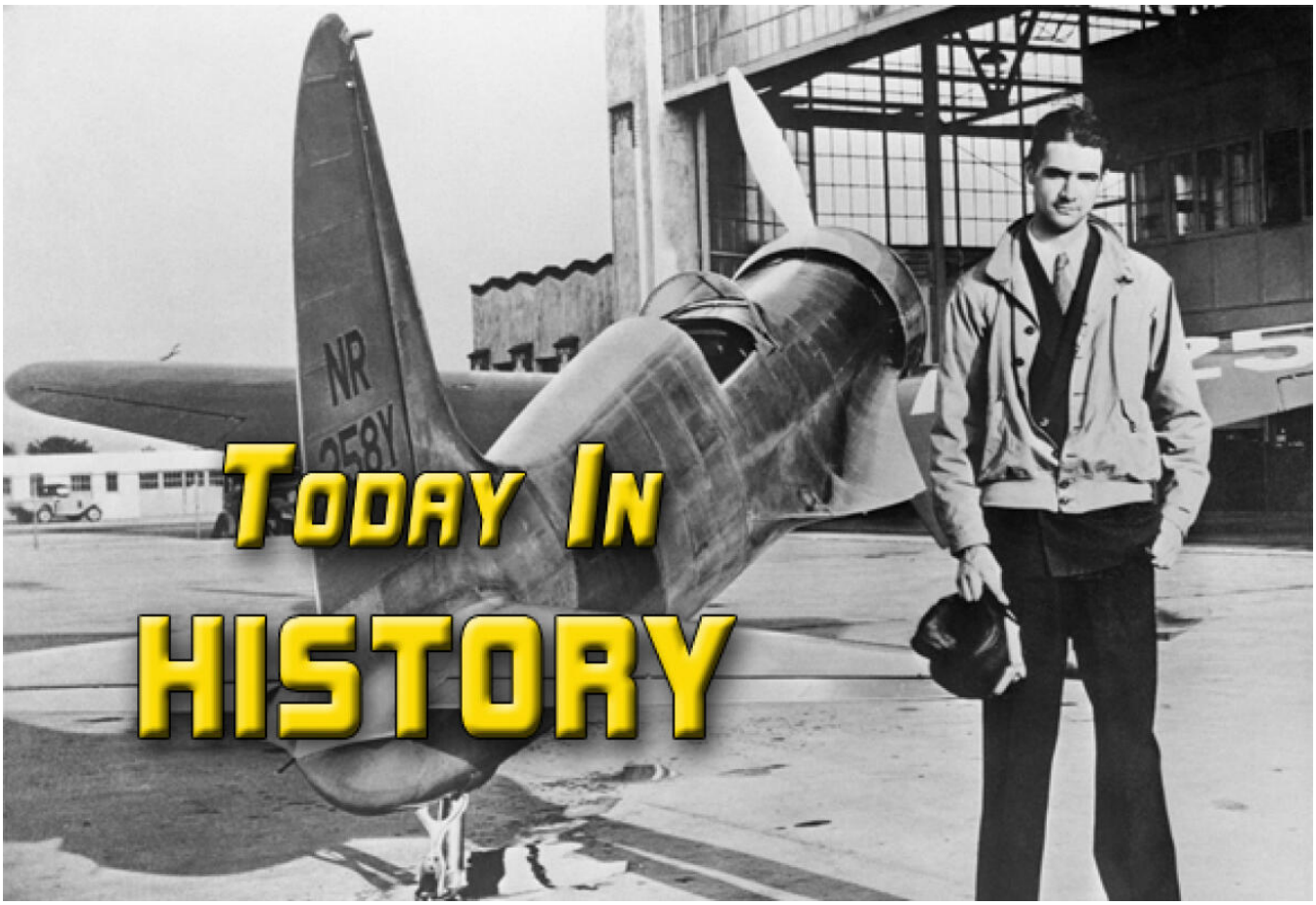

Today In History – January 19

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January 19 is the 19th day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. There are 346 days remaining until the end of the year.

EVENTS

1419 – Hundred Years' War: Rouen surrenders to Henry V of England in England's reconquest of Normandy.

1520 – Sten Sture the Younger, regent of Sweden, is injured in the Battle of Bogesund, leading to his death on February 3.

1607 – The San Agustin Church in Manila is completed. It is the oldest church in the Philippines still standing.

1788 – A second group of the First Fleet of convicts from Great Britain arrives at Botany Bay, present–day Sydney, Australia.

1795 – The Batavian Republic is founded in the Netherlands.

1806 – The United Kingdom occupies the Cape of Good Hope.

1812 – Peninsular War: After a ten–day siege, Arthur Wellesley, 1st Duke of Wellington orders British soldiers of the Light and Third Divisions to storm Ciudad Rodrigo.

1817 – An army led by Jose de San Martin crosses the Andes from Argentina to Chile, having already liberated Argentina.

1829 – Johann Wolfgang von Goethe's Faust Part 1 is performed for the first time.

1839 – The British East India Company captures Aden, Yemen.

1840 – Captain Charles Wilkes circumnavigates Antarctica.

1853 – Giuseppe Verdi's opera Il Trovatore is performed for the first time, in Rome.

1861 – Confederate States of America: Georgia leaves the Union, becoming the 5th state to do so.

1862 – American Civil War: Battle of Mill Springs, the first important Confederate defeat of the war.

1871 – Franco-Prussian War: Prussia wins in the Battle of Saint Quentin.

1883 – German passenger steamer Cimbria sinks after a collision off the island of Borkum in the North Sea, killing 437 people.

1893 – Henrik Ibsen's play The Master Builder is performed for the first time, in Berlin.

1899 – Anglo–Egyptian Sudan is formed.

1915 – Georges Claude patents the neon discharge tube for use in advertising.

1915 – World War I: German zeppelins bomb Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, England, killing over 20 people.

1917 – A Munitions Plant Explosion in London kills 73 people.

1920 – The United States Senate votes against joining the League of Nations.

1937 – Howard Hughes sets a new air record, by flying from Los Angeles, California to New York City in 7 hours, 28 minutes and 25 seconds.

1942 – World War II: Japanese forces invade Burma.

1942 – Canadian passenger steamer RMS Lady Hawkins is sunk by a German U–boat off North Carolina, killing 251 people.

1945 – World War II: Soviet forces liberate the Lodz ghetto.

1946 – General Douglas MacArthur establishes the International Military Tribunal for the Far East in Tokyo.

1949 – Cuba recognises Israel as an independent country.

1953 – Almost 72% of US television sets are tuned in to I Love Lucy, to watch Lucy give birth.

1958 – An expedition led by Vivian Fuchs reaches the South Pole, the fourth expedition to do so.

1965 – The unmanned spacecraft Gemini 2 is launched from Cape Canaveral, Florida.

1966 – Indira Gandhi becomes Prime Minister of India.

1969 – Czechoslovakian student Jan Palach dies, three days after setting himself on fire in an act of protest.

1975 – A large earthquake strikes Himachal Pradesh, India.

1977 – Rare snowfalls occur in Miami, Florida and the Bahamas.

1977 – Gerald Ford pardons World War II propagandist Iva Toguri D'Aquino.

1978 – The last Volkswagen Beetle to be produced in Europe runs off the assembly line in Emden, Germany. They continue to be produced in Latin America until 2003.

1981 – Iran hostage crisis: US and Iranian officials sign an agreement to release 52 American hostages after 14 months in captivity.

1983 – The Apple Lisa commercial personal computer is announced by Apple Inc.

1983 – Nazi war criminal Klaus Barbie is arrested in Bolivia.

1991 – Gulf War: Iraq fires a second scud missile into Israel.

1993 – The Czech Republic and Slovakia join the UN.

1996 – The North Cape Oil Spill occurs off Rhode Island.

1997 – Yasser Arafat returns to Hebron, West Bank, after 30 years.

2006 – NASA's New Horizons probe launches to Pluto.

2007 – Journalist Hrant Dink is murdered in front of his newspaper office.

2012 – Wikipedia's English language edition ends its blackout from the previous day, which was a protest action against the SOPA and PIPA laws proposed by the United States Congress.

2013 – Bulgarian politician Ahmed Dogan survives an attempt to kill him, when his attacker is stopped by security guards.

2013 – An EU–wide driving licence is introduced.

2014 – Anti–government protests escalate in Ukraine, as a new anti–protest law comes into force.

2014 – A bomb attack on an army convoy in the northern Pakistani city of Bannu kills 26 soldiers and injures 38 others.