

What Happened on May 8?

1984 – Moscow announces that the USSR will not take part in the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles

Several other countries, such as Cuba, Afghanistan, Bulgaria, Ethiopia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Vietnam joined the boycott. 4 years earlier, the United States had not sent any athletes to the Summer Olympics in Moscow.

1978 – Reinhold Messner and Peter Habeler climb Mount Everest without oxygen supply

1970 – The Beatles release the album Let It Be

1927 – The White Bird and its crew mysteriously disappear

1886 – Coca-Cola is invented

Births on May 8

1970 – Naomi Klein

Canadian author, activist

1945 – Keith Jarrett

1926 – David Attenborough

1911 – Robert Johnson

1884 – Harry S. Truman

Deaths on May 8

1990 – Luigi Nono

Italian composer

1988 – Robert A. Heinlein

1903 – Paul Gauguin

1891 – Helena Blavatsky

1873 – John Stuart Mill

Holidays on May 8, 2026

- [1945 Victory Day, Saint Martin](#)
- [Anniversary of the Election of Pope Leo, Vatican City \(Holy See\)](#)
- [Anniversary of the End of World War II, Germany](#)
- [Day of Liberation, Norway](#)
- [Day of Victory Over Fascism, Slovakia](#)

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