



On This Date

1670 – England’s King Charles II granted a charter to the Hudson’s Bay Company, establishing a trading monopoly under royal patronage for London merchants and French explorers in the Hudson Bay waterway.

1979 – Based on the Who’s 1973 rock opera, *Quadrophenia* debuted in London. Among the cast was Sting, lead singer of British rock band the Police, who were just beginning to enjoy mainstream airplay.



1997 – Labour Party leader Tony Blair became the United Kingdom’s prime minister. He was the youngest to serve in this capacity since 1812. Blair’s ten-year tenure made him the longest-serving member of the Labour Party to serve as prime minister.

Did You Know?

Tony Blair’s political nickname was Bambi, a reference to his youthful appearance and doe-eyed optimism.

Quote of the Day

“I recorded songs with a great deal of meaning, songs of lasting material. That’s the legacy I want to leave behind— a legacy of love.”

~ *Engelbert Humperdinck*

Happy Birthday!

Engelbert Humperdinck, born in 1936, is a renowned British pop singer with a distinctive voice, charisma, and



suave stage presence.

Humperdinck rose to fame in the 1960s, establishing himself as a captivating crooner with hits like “Release Me,” “A Man Without Love,” and “The Last Waltz.” With a successful career that includes numerous chart-topping singles and albums, he has become a symbol of timeless romantic balladry. This year marks the nonagenarian’s final planned stage performances with his “The Last Waltz” Farewell Tour.