



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

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On This Date

1915 – The British ocean liner *Lusitania* was torpedoed by a German U-boat off the coast of Ireland. The ship sank in just 18 minutes, and 1,198 lives were lost. The resulting outrage helped push the U.S. into World War I.

1969 – The Canadian Broadcasting Corporation banned tobacco advertising on its radio and TV networks. Billboards and ads in print media continued until 1988.

1983 – Sunny's Halo became the second Canadian horse to win the Kentucky Derby. He retired to Texas, where he became that state's leading sire by progeny earnings. (The first Canadian horse to win was Northern Dancer in 1964.)

Lusitania Fact

New York millionaire Alfred Vanderbilt was a passenger aboard the *Lusitania*. Witnesses described the socialite helping women and children into lifeboats and giving up his own life vest to a mother and infant.

Quote of the Day

“Whether for good or bad, Godzilla decided the course of my life.”

~ *Ishirō Honda*

Happy Birthday!

Ishirō Honda (1911–1993) was a Japanese film director best known for his significant contributions to the *kaiju* (“monster”) genre. Honda played a pivotal role in shaping the landscape of Japanese cinema. Most



notably, he directed and cowrote the original *Godzilla* (1954), establishing the iconic character and laying the foundation for numerous kaiju films. Honda's storytelling and vision extended beyond monster movies, covering various genres as he explored themes of humanity, nature, and the consequences of scientific advancements. Honda and his wife, Kimi, were married for 54 years and they had two children.