

Wednesday January 25, 1950



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Overview

January 25, 1950 (Wednesday)

- Minimum wage in the United States was increased from 40 cents an hour to 75 cents an hour, the largest percentage increase (87.5 percent) in the wage ever. The amendment to the Fair Labor Standards Act had been signed into law by U.S. President Truman on October 26, 1949. In 2016 terms, an 87.5% increase from \$7.25 per hour would be \$13.59 per hour.
- Alger Hiss was sentenced to five years imprisonment at the federal penitentiary in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, following his conviction for perjury. After entering prison on March 22, 1951, he would serve 44 months and would be released on November 27, 1954.
- Actress Ingrid Bergman filed a "Mexican divorce" against her husband of more than 12 years, Dr. Peter Lindstrom, in order to free her to marry film director Roberto Rossellini.
- **Born:** Gloria Naylor, African-American novelist, in Robinsonville, Mississippi; Virginia Johnson, African-American dancer and choreographer, in Washington, DC
- **Died:** Constanca de la Mora, 43, Spanish Communist author, in an auto accident.

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