



Today in History

September 17, 1918

▲ **Chaim Herzog, Israeli ambassador to the United Nations from 1975-78 and president of Israel from 1983-93, was born in Belfast. He immigrated to Palestine in 1935**

1683: Dutch biologist Antonie van Leeuwenhoek described seeing living animalcules (bacteria) when he examined the plaque between his teeth with his microscope

2000: More than a million people along the Mekong River were left homeless by the worst flooding for 40 years

2002: Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi met North Korea's Kim Jong-il in an attempt to mend diplomatic relations broken off in 1948