



Today in History

October 19, 1987

▲ **Wall Street stocks plunged a record 22.6% on “Black Monday”, worse even than the crash of 1929 which heralded the Great Depression**

1863: Alfred Nobel was granted his first patent, a Swedish patent for the preparation of nitroglycerin

1872: The largest nugget of gold ever found, weighting 82.11 kgs, was found in New South Wales, Australia

1931: English novelist John Le Carré, known for books such as Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy was born

2011: Tens of thousands began a two-day general strike in Greece against the austerity measures