



Today in History

February 6, 1952

▲ Queen Elizabeth II acceded to the throne of the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Afrika, Pakistan and Ceylon and became Head of the Commonwealth

1932: Filmmaker Francois Truffaut, the most famous of the 1950s French New Wave movement, was born

1993: Belgium became a federal state with separate regions of Wallonia, Flanders and Brussels

2000: Vladimir Putin announced that Russian forces had captured Grozny, capital city of Chechnya

2005: Cuba, the world's best known cigar-producing country, introduced a ban on smoking in public places