



Today in History

May 15, 1928

▲ **Australia's Flying Doctor service was launched in the state of Queensland, and flew over 20,000 miles in 50 flights in the first year alone**

1957: Britain detonated its first hydrogen bomb, on Christmas Island

1988: The Soviet Union withdrew the first of its estimated 115,000 forces from Afghanistan after nine years of occupation

1996: Right-wing leader Atal Bihari Vajpayee became India's first Hindu nationalist prime minister

2003: Nine people were killed in clashes between Kurds and Arabs in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk