



## Today in History

*September 16, 1977*

▲ **Legendary operatic soprano Maria Callas, renowned for her bel canto technique, wide-ranging voice and dramatic talent, died in Paris at the age of 53**

**1963:** Sabah, Sarawak and Singapore united with independent Malaya to form the Federation of Malaysia

**1987:** The Montreal Protocol led to ozone depleters such as CFCs being phased out in items like aerosols

**2003:** Moscow's Bolshoi Ballet fired leading ballerina Anastasia Volochkova claiming that she was overweight

**2009:** Venezuela and China agreed a \$16bn oil exploration deal allowing China to drill in the Orinoco basin