



Today in History

October 12, 1928

▲ The first use of an “iron lung” took place to treat a young patient suffering from polio. The medical ventilator enabled polio sufferers to breathe more normally

1810: Crown Prince Ludwig of Bavaria married Princess Therese of Saxony. The event evolved into the Oktoberfest

1823: Scotsman Charles Macintosh sold his first waterproof raincoat

1983: Soviet astronomers used the world's largest mirror telescope to track Halley's Comet as it approached Earth

2009: A group of fossils found in China, including a duck-billed dinosaur, was confirmed as the biggest of its kind in the world