



Today in History

November 7, 1990

▲ Dublin lawyer Mary Robinson became Ireland's first woman president, revitalising a previously low-profile political office during her seven year tenure

1865: The first pocket cigarette lighter was manufactured in the U.S.

1992: Amid widespread protests the Japanese freighter Akatsuki Maru set sail from France for Yokohama carrying 1.7 tons of plutonium

2002: The people of Gibraltar voted "No" in a referendum on whether Britain and Spain should share sovereignty

2009: Scientists in New Zealand discovered dinosaur footprints thought to be 70 million years old