



Today in History

December 29, 1938

▲ A coelacanth, a prehistoric fish previously believed to have been extinct for 65 million years, was caught off the Indian Ocean coast of South Africa

1940: German incendiary bombs in WW2 caused the worst fire damage in London since the great fire of 1666

1989: Playwright Vaclav Havel was elected Czechoslovakia's first non-Communist president in 41 years

2001: A blaze started by fireworks in Lima, Peru, killed 291 people

2006: A 25sq-mile (66sq-km) chunk of the Ayles Ice Shelf was found to have broken away from Ellesmere Island in the Canadian Arctic