



Today in History

January 10, 1840

▲ Over 100,000 letters were sent in London on the first day of the “penny post”. Pre-paid stamps ended payment by the receiver and were soon adopted worldwide

1929: Cartoon reporter Tintin and his faithful dog Snowy, created by Belgian artist Hergé (Georges Remi), first appeared in the Brussels-based newspaper *Le Vingtième Siècle*

1949: RCA and Columbia launched the first vinyl records

1971: Influential French fashion designer Coco Chanel died

1993: Italy’s new highway code banned kissing and other amorous effusions at the wheel