



Today in History

February 16, 1959

▲ **Fidel Castro was sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after heading up a guerrilla campaign that forced right-wing dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile**

1959: Volatile American tennis star John McEnroe was born

1994: Queen Elizabeth accepted an invitation from Boris Yeltsin to visit Russia, healing a rift caused by the murder of the Russian Tsar in 1918

2005: A guitar owned by Jimi Hendrix sold for £100,000 (\$166,000) at auction

2006: A UN report said treatment of suspected terrorists in the U.S. prison of Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, violated human rights conventions