



## Today in History

*March 5, 1963*

▲ The modern plastic hula-hoop, inspired by the bamboo hoops Australian children twirled around their waists in gym class, was patented by a U.S. toy company

**1918:** Moscow replaced Petrograd as the new capital of Russia

**1930:** American food scientist Clarence Birdseye developed the quick-freeze technique

**1981:** Sinclair's ZX81, a pioneering British home computer which sold over 1.5 million units worldwide, was launched

**1984:** Scientists warned that the increased production of CO<sub>2</sub> was heating up the earth's atmosphere