



Today in History

April 17, 1989

▲ **Thousands of Chinese students marched into Tiananmen Square in Beijing, calling for democracy following the death of purged liberal reformer Hu Yaobang**

1960: U.S. rock star Eddie Cochran, aged 21, was killed in a car crash while on tour in the United Kingdom

1986: UK journalist John McCarthy was kidnapped in Beirut. He was released by Islamic Jihad in 1991

1993: The discovery of a 75 million-year-old fossil provided a link between dinosaurs and birds

2009: Botswana halved its output of diamonds as a result of the global economic crisis