



Today in History

May 17, 1954

▲ **The U.S. Supreme Court outlawed racial segregation in the state school system, although many southern states refused to implement the new legislation**

1814: The Constitution of Norway was signed at Eidsvoll, declaring Norway an independent nation. It is the second oldest constitution after that of the U.S.

1981: Italians voted in a referendum in favour of a right to abortion

1989: The Communist government of Czechoslovakia freed dissident playwright Vaclav Havel from prison

2004: Massachusetts was the first U.S. state to issue legal marriage licenses to same-sex couples