



## Today in History

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▲ The world's biggest tropical national park, home to at least eight species of primate and 350 bird species in 3.9m hectares of rainforest, was created in Brazil

**1642:** The English Civil War began between supporters of King Charles I, and Parliament, led by Oliver Cromwell

**1846:** The Second Federal Republic of Mexico was established.

Politically unstable, it lasted less than 17 years and had 14 presidents

**1864:** The Geneva Convention for the protection of the wounded in times of war was signed

**1939:** The first U.S. patent for an aerosol spray was issued