



## Today in History

*September 10, 1989*

▲ Hungary opened its border to the West, prompting a mass exodus of East German refugees which led eventually to the toppling of the Berlin Wall

**1914:** U.S. film director Robert Wise, whose movies included *The Sound of Music*, and *West Side Story*, was born

**2002:** Switzerland joined the United Nations, breaking with its traditional policy of neutrality

**2006:** King Taufa'ahau Tupou IV of Tonga, ruler of the South Pacific nation for 41 years, died aged 88

**2009:** The Dubai Metro, the first mass transit system on the Arabian Peninsula, was officially opened