



Today in History

February 5, 1852

▲ **The New Hermitage Museum in Saint Petersburg, Russia, founded by Catherine the Great in 1764 and one of the largest museums in the world, opened to the public**

1940: Glenn Miller and his orchestra recorded the song Tuxedo Junction, selling 115,000 copies in its first week

1985: Gibraltar's 1.2km (0.75 miles) frontier with Spain reopened for the first time since 1969

1988: Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev rehabilitated 21 "un-persons" executed and erased from history by former dictator Joseph Stalin

1995: Italian police arrested the first Mafia "godmother" in Sicily