



## Today in History

*February 21, 1972*

▲ Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to visit China, a key step in normalising relations and ending 25 years of separation between the two countries

**1842:** The first sewing machine was patented by John Greenough

**1960:** President Fidel Castro of Cuba nationalized all private businesses in the country

**1965:** Civil rights activist Malcolm X was shot dead at a rally in New York

**2014:** Ukrainian President Viktor Yanukovich fled Kiev after more than 100 people were killed in the city in the latest clash between riot police and protesters