



Today in History

February 26, 1935

▲ **Robert Watson-Watt first demonstrated the potential of radar (radio detection and ranging) to detect aircraft. It proved critical to the defence of Britain in WWII**

1815: Napoleon escaped from the island of Elba in an attempt to regain the throne of France

1980: Egypt and Israel established diplomatic relations, marking the end of 30 years of war between them

1990: The Soviet Union agreed to withdraw all its 73,500 troops from Czechoslovakia within five months

1995: Barings Bank, Britain's oldest merchant bank, collapsed after a trader ran up \$1.4 billion in losses