



Today in History

March 13, 1990

▲ **The Soviet parliament voted to approve a multi-party political system, ending the political monopoly of the Communist Party after 72 years**

1995: British war heroine Odette Hallowes, the first woman awarded the George Cross for her work in occupied France in World War II, died

1995: The UN social summit ended with 182 countries pledging to wipe out global poverty

2000: British ministers agreed to give BAE Systems £500m to develop the Airbus A3XX (later A380) superjumbo

2010: He Pingping, 21, the world's shortest man at 74.6cm (2ft 5in), died