



Today in History

May 1, 1961

▲ Cuban leader Fidel Castro declared the country a socialist nation and abolished elections, the first Communist one-party state in the Western hemisphere

1915: The Cunard liner Lusitania left New York despite a German warning that ships carrying a British flag were liable to be attacked

1925: Cyprus officially became a British colony

1960: American pilot Gary Powers was captured after his U-2 spyplane was shot down over the Soviet Union

2010: Expo 2010, the largest ever World's Fair, opened in Shanghai. It welcomed over 73 million visitors