



Today in History

May 6, 1840

▲ The world's first adhesive postage stamp, the Penny Black, was introduced in Britain. The recipient had previously paid postage on delivery

1895: Silent screen idol Rudolph Valentino was born

1990: Soviet authorities agreed to open for just one day eight crossing points along the Romanian border

1990: Former president P.W. Botha quit South Africa's ruling National Party as a protest against apartheid reforms

2000: Hopes for peace in Northern Ireland soared after the IRA agreed to put its guns "beyond use" in internationally supervised arms bins