



Today in History

October 17, 1855

▲ **Henry Bessemer patented a process using oxygen in air blown through molten pig iron to burn off the impurities and create steel inexpensively**

1915: American playwright Arthur Miller was born

1945: Colonel Juan Peron addressed 300,000 people in Buenos Aires after being released from custody by Argentina's military government

1995: At the age of 120 years and 238 days, Frenchwoman Jeanne Calment became the longest-living human

1995: Actor Christopher Reeve made his first appearance in public after a riding accident left him paralysed