



Today in History

November 7, 1990

▲ Dublin lawyer Mary Robinson became Ireland's first woman president, revitalising a previously low-profile political office during her seven year tenure

1865: The first pocket cigarette lighter was manufactured in the U.S.

1874: An elephant was first used as a symbol for the U.S. Republican Party in a cartoon in Harper's Weekly

1885: Canada's first trans-continental railway, the Canadian Pacific, was completed in British Columbia

2010: The people of Burma voted in the country's first national elections for 20 years, but the main opposition party boycotted the poll