



Today in History

December 19, 1915

▲ French singer Edith Piaf, nicknamed the “Little Sparrow”, was born. Notable songs include *La Vie en Rose* and the legendary *Non, Je ne Regrette Rien*

960: The reconstruction of Japan’s Imperial Palace in Kyoto began

1965: Charles de Gaulle won a second term as president of France

2005: Brazil and Barcelona playmaker Ronaldinho was voted FIFA World Footballer of the Year for the second successive year

2010: Alexander Lukashenko was reelected president of Belarus. Three other candidates and hundreds of opposition supporters were arrested