



Today in History

January 9, 1816

▲ The Davy safety lamp, created to reduce the danger of explosions due to the presence of methane and other flammable gases in coal mines, was first put to use

1923: Spanish inventor Juan de la Cierva successfully flew the first autogyro, forerunner of the helicopter

1937: Expelled Soviet dissident Leon Trotsky arrived in Mexico

2004: Libya agreed to pay \$170 million compensation for the 1989 bombing of a French aircraft over Niger that killed 170 people

2009: The MV Sirius Star, the biggest supertanker ever hijacked, was released with all crew unharmed