



Today in History

February 23, 1981

▲ **Lieutenant-Colonel Antonio Tejero and a group of civil guards burst into the Spanish parliament in Madrid, firing shots in a failed coup attempt**

1836: Several thousand Mexican troops besieged the Alamo, held by just 145 Texans including Davy Crockett

1898: French novelist Emile Zola was imprisoned for writing his "J'accuse" letter, accusing the government of anti-semitism

1917: Riots in Russia marked the start of the "February Revolution"

1941: Plutonium-238 was identified but its discovery was not published until after World War II