



Today in History

May 9, 1901

▲ **Australia opened its first federal parliament in Melbourne. It was based in the city until 1927, when it moved to the new national capital of Canberra**

1785: British inventor Joseph Bramah patented the beer-pump handle

1996: President Yoweri Museveni won a landslide victory in Uganda's first presidential election in 16 years

2001: The diary of Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, the first man in space, was sold in New York for \$170,000

2004: Construction began in Istanbul on the first tunnel under the Bosphorus. The \$4.5bn Marmaray rail tunnel opened in October 2013