



Today in History

June 16, 1963

▲ **Soviet cosmonaut Valentina Tereshkova became the first woman to be launched into space when she blasted off aboard the spacecraft Vostok 6**

1961: Russian dancer Rudolf Nureyev requested political asylum in the West while visiting Paris with the Kirov Ballet

1976: The Soweto Uprising began over plans to teach in Afrikaans in black South African schools

1977: Oracle Corporation, a multinational specialising in Oracle database software, was incorporated

2003: The world's first offshore tidal-energy turbine was launched off the coast of southwest England