



Today in History

October 15, 2003

▲ **Chinese astronaut Yang Liwei orbited the Earth 14 times in his Shenzhou 5 spacecraft as China became only the third country to launch a man into space**

1581: The Ballet Comique de la Reine, often considered to be the first major ballet, was staged in Paris

1881: P.G. Wodehouse, British author and humourist who created Jeeves and Wooster, was born

1917: Mata Hari, Dutch exotic dancer and courtesan, was executed by a French firing squad for being a German spy during World War One

1996: Pop star Madonna gave birth to her first child, a daughter