

A black and white photograph of two men, Ira Gershwin and George Gershwin, standing in front of an airplane. Ira Gershwin is on the left, wearing a suit and tie, looking towards the camera. George Gershwin is on the right, wearing a suit and glasses, holding a hat and looking slightly away from the camera. The airplane's tail fin with the letters 'TV' is visible in the background.

Today in History

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▲ **U.S. lyricist Ira Gershwin (above right), who with his composer brother George wrote some of the best loved songs of the 20th century, was born**

1921: The Irish Free State was set up as Ireland's 26 southern counties gained independence from Britain

1971: India recognised Bangladesh as an independent state from Pakistan

1978: A referendum on Spain's future approved a constitutional monarchy and parliamentary form of government

1992: Germany tightened its asylum laws in an effort to refuse entry to economic migrants