



Today in History

February 16, 1937

▲ **DuPont received a patent for its new synthetic “miracle” fibre, named nylon. Commercial production of nylon for stockings started in 1939**

1932: Fianna Fail, led by Eamon De Valera, won Ireland’s general election

1959: Fidel Castro was sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after ousting Fulgencio Batista

1992: Mick Jagger was refused entry into Japan because of a drugs arrest made 23 years earlier

1992: Replicas of Christopher Columbus’ three sailing ships arrived in Miami 500 years after his discovery of the new world