



Today in History

March 17, 1938

▲ **Russian ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev was born. He defected to the West in 1961, where he formed a celebrated partnership with Margot Fonteyn**

1845: The elastic band, made from vulcanized rubber, was patented by Stephen Perry of London

1974: A crippling oil crisis was eased as the OPEC nations agreed to lift a five-month embargo on the West

2010: A controversial mega-dam on the Mekong River in Laos began to generate electricity

2016: Radar scans revealed two concealed chambers adjoining Tutankhamun's tomb