



Today in History

April 9, 1937

▲ **The Kamikaze, a Mitsubishi Ki-15 Karigane aircraft sponsored by the newspaper Asahi Shimbun, became the first Japanese-built plane to fly to Europe**

1682: French explorer Robert Cavelier de La Salle discovered the mouth of the Mississippi River

1977: Spain's Communist Party was legalised following a 38-year ban

2003: Iraqis and Americans celebrated the fall of Saddam Hussein by toppling a statue of the president in Baghdad

2007: Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad announced that Iran was capable of producing nuclear fuel on an industrial scale