

A sepia-toned photograph of Orson Welles. He is wearing a white dress shirt, a dark tie, and striped suspenders. He has a large headset with a microphone over his ears and is looking down at a script or document he is holding. The background is slightly out of focus, showing what appears to be a radio studio setting.

## Today in History

*October 30, 1938*

▲ **Orson Welles' radio play *The War of the Worlds* caused mass panic when millions of Americans mistakenly believed that Martians had invaded the Earth**

**1892:** Legendary bodybuilder Charles Atlas was born in Acri, Italy

**1961:** The Soviet Union tested the hydrogen bomb Tsar Bomba, at 50 megatons the largest explosive device ever detonated

**1990:** A census in China showed the population had topped one billion

**1996:** Wang Dan, one of the student leaders of the Tiananmen Square protests in 1989, was jailed for subversion for 11 years