



Today in History

January 26, 1939

▲ **General Franco's Nationalist forces captured Barcelona during the Spanish Civil War. The fall of the Republican capital hastened the end of the three-year conflict**

1500: Spain made landfall in Brazil but was unable to claim it due to a treaty between Spain and Portugal dividing the New World along geographical lines

1875: American inventor **George F. Green** of Kalamazoo, Michigan, patented the electric dental drill

1993: Vaclav Havel was elected first president of the new Czech Republic

2017: Scientists at Harvard reported the creation of metallic hydrogen using a diamond anvil cell