



Today in History

February 24, 1938

▲ The first nylon bristle tooth brush went on sale. It rapidly replaced hogs hair, the oldest known example being from the Chinese Tang Dynasty (619-907)

1980: The shekel replaced the pound as the currency of Israel

1986: Ferdinand Marcos fled the Philippines, Corazon Aquino having won the presidential election

1997: The funeral of Deng Xiaoping, who after Mao's death led China towards a market economy, was televised throughout China

2010: Toyota apologised for vehicle safety issues that led to a number of fatal accidents and worldwide recalls