



Today in History

April 22, 1952

▲ **An atomic test was broadcast live on U.S. national television for the first time. The 31-kiloton bomb was dropped from a B-50 plane over the Nevada desert**

1760: John Joseph Merlin, a Belgian inventor, wore the first known pair of roller skates at a party in London

1889: Oklahoma's famous land rush began as around 50,000 would-be settlers raced into the territory

1977: Optical fibre was first used for live telephone traffic, revolutionising the telecommunications industry

2003: Russia's Yukos Oil purchased its rival Sibneft to become the world's fifth largest public oil company