



Today in History

October 19, 1901

▲ **Brazilian aviator Alberto Santos-Dumont successfully piloted an airship around the Eiffel Tower. The 30-minute trip made him an international celebrity**

1856: The first efficient working prototype of the internal combustion engine was produced in Florence, Italy

1863: Alfred Nobel was granted his first patent, for the preparation of the explosive nitroglycerin

1943: Streptomycin, the first antibiotic cure for tuberculosis, was isolated by a graduate student in the United States

1983: The U.S. Senate passed a bill making Martin Luther King's birthday a public holiday