



Today in History

October 28, 1918

▲ **Czechoslovakia came into existence on the dissolution of Austria-Hungary. Tomas Masaryk became the first president of the new republic**

1420: Beijing, meaning Northern Capital, was officially designated the capital of China's Ming dynasty

1628: La Rochelle and its Huguenot population surrendered to Cardinal Richelieu after a lengthy siege

1868: Thomas Edison's first patent was recorded in the U.S., for the first "Electrographic Vote Recorder"

2006: Scientists announced that the genome of the honeybee *Apis mellifera* had been fully sequenced