



Today in History

December 20, 1933

▲ The dance partnership of Fred Astaire and Ginger Rogers was born in the movie *Flying Down To Rio*. They made 10 films, including *Roberta* (above), from 1933-49

1699: Peter the Great announced a reorganisation of the Russian calendar decreeing that the New Year begin on January 1 rather than September 1

1803: The United States took formal possession of the territory of Louisiana from France

1998: The first set of octuplets to be born alive in the U.S. were delivered

2013: Bolivia's Chinese-built Tupac Katari 1 telecommunications satellite was successfully launched in China