



Today in History

March 15, 1909

▲ **Entrepreneur Harry Gordon Selfridge opened London's first American-style department store, at the then-unfashionable western end of Oxford Street**

1964: Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton were married after meeting during filming of the movie Cleopatra

1994: An asteroid passed within 100,000 miles of earth, a near miss in cosmic terms

2004: Astronomers identified Sedna, a planetary object orbiting the sun more than three billion kilometres beyond Pluto

2011: Protests were held across Syria against the Assad regime. Events soon spiralled into a brutal civil war