



Today in History

October 9, 1759

▲ The Eddystone Lighthouse, off England's southwest coast, was completed. Modelled on the shape of an oak tree, it had a major influence on lighthouse design

1946: The first electric blanket went on sale in the United States

1969: Following anti-Soviet protests Czechoslovakia closed its frontiers to tens of thousands of citizens bound for the West

1998: Russia appealed for international humanitarian aid as economic collapse was compounded by a bad harvest

2009: New U.S. President Barack Obama was an unexpected choice as the winner of the Nobel Peace Prize