



Today in History

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▲ An exhibition by 12 French Impressionist painters opened in Beijing, the first time China had shown such paintings on this scale. It attracted 300,000 visitors

1919: The first airline meals were served on a flight from London to Paris, costing three shillings

1939: U.S.-based scientists warned President Roosevelt that Germany could develop an atomic bomb

1976: China's "Gang of Four", including Jiang Qing, the widow of Mao Zedong, were arrested and charged with plotting a coup

1999: America's famous gunmaker Colt stopped producing handguns