



Today in History

December 15, 1939

▲ The epic Hollywood movie **Gone with the Wind**, set in the American South against the backdrop of the Civil War, had its world premiere in **Atlanta, Georgia**

1654: A meteorological office in Tuscany, Italy, began taking the first daily temperature readings

1859: Ludwig Zamenhof, Polish linguist who created the language of Esperanto, was born

1970: Venera 7, the first spacecraft to land successfully on the surface of another planet (Venus) was launched

2000: The last reactor at Chernobyl was officially shut down, almost 15 years after the explosion of 1986