



Today in History

December 29, 1911

▲ **Sun Yat Sen was elected as the first president of a republican China following the Xinhai Revolution that overthrew China's last imperial dynasty**

1937: The constitution of the Republic of Ireland came into effect

1939: U.S. inventor William Shockley had the idea that an amplifier could be made using a semiconductor rather than a vacuum

1952: The first transistor hearing aid was marketed in the United States. It weighed only 3.5oz

1989: Playwright Vaclav Havel was elected Czechoslovakia's first non-Communist president for 41 years