



Today in History

February 16, 1937

▲ **DuPont received a patent for its new synthetic “miracle” fibre, named nylon. Commercial production of nylon for stockings started in 1939**

1994: A prototype European Union police force, Europol, was launched

2005: The Kyoto Protocol came into force, obliging 55 industrialised nations to cut greenhouse gas emissions

2005: North America’s entire NHL ice-hockey season was cancelled after negotiations broke down between owners and the players’ union

2019: Swiss actor Bruno Ganz, best known for his portrait of Hitler in the film *Downfall*, died aged 77