



Today in History

April 28, 1770

▲ Captain James Cook's ship Endeavour reached the east coast of Australia, dropping anchor at Botany Bay, named for the unique specimens collected there

1920: Azerbaijan, the world's first Muslim-majority and secular republic, was incorporated into the Soviet Union

2005: An ivory-billed woodpecker, thought to have been extinct since 1944, was seen in a U.S. wildlife refuge

2009: Swine flu, first detected in Mexico, quickly spread worldwide

2010: U.S. authorities instigated a controlled burn of vast amounts of oil leaking into the Gulf of Mexico after the Deepwater Horizon disaster