

A photograph of a United Airlines Boeing 737 aircraft on a tarmac. The plane is white with blue accents and the word "UNITED" is visible on the fuselage. A large, stylized United logo, consisting of a globe with blue and gold stripes, is overlaid on the left side of the image. The text "Today in History" is written in white at the bottom of the image.

Today in History

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▲ U.S. carriers United and Continental announced a \$3.2bn merger deal, creating the world's largest airline, to fly under the United name and Continental logo

1375BC: The Babylonians observed the first recorded eclipse

1810: English poet Lord Byron swam the Dardanelles strait in Turkey

1921: Ireland was partitioned into Northern and Southern Ireland, with the intention that each would be granted home rule but remain within the United Kingdom

2001: The U.S. failed to win re-election to the UN Human Rights Commission for the first time