



Today in History

May 13, 1950

▲ The first Formula One World Championship grand prix was held at Silverstone in England. The winner was Italy's Giuseppe Farina, driving for Alfa Romeo

1265: Italian poet Dante Alighieri is believed to have been born in Florence

1637: Cardinal Richelieu of France created the first table knife, rounded at the tip, to replace the use of daggers to cut meat

1830: The Republic of Ecuador was founded with Juan Flores as president

1940: Winston Churchill told Britain's wartime coalition he could offer "nothing but blood, toil, tears and sweat"