



Today in History

October 19, 1970

▲ **BP discovered a large oilfield in the British sector of the North Sea to the east of Aberdeen, Scotland. It was the first major discovery of oil in British waters**

1990: Soviet President Gorbachev won approval to switch from communist central planning to a market economy

1995: A Moscow museum unveiled art treasures taken from Germany by Soviet troops after World War II

2005: Deposed Iraqi president Saddam Hussein went on trial for ordering the killing of 143 Shia Muslims in Dujail

2010: More than a million people demonstrated against planned pension changes in France