



## Today in History

*October 21, 2013*

▲ **Smog with record levels of harmful particulates grounded aircraft and closed schools and roadways in Harbin, China, a city of more than 10 million people**

**1940:** Ernest Hemingway's novel *For Whom The Bell Tolls* was published

**1950:** Forces of the People's Republic of China entered Tibet, offering self-government if it agreed to be part of China

**1983:** A metre was redefined as the distance that light travels in a vacuum in  $1/299,792,458$  of a second

**2014:** Oscar Pistorius was jailed for the culpable homicide of his girlfriend, later upgraded to murder