



## Today in History

*February 5, 1971*

▲ **A British soldier shot dead during riots in Belfast became the first serving soldier to be killed in action since troops went to Northern Ireland in 1969**

**1909:** The first synthetic plastic, Bakelite, was reported by Belgian chemist Leo Baekeland

**1936: Modern Times, Charlie Chaplin's last silent movie, opened to rave reviews**

**2011:** Thousands of Italians demanded the resignation of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi over his latest sex scandal

**2020: President Donald Trump was acquitted in his impeachment trial, ending a bid to remove him from office**