



Today in History

January 29, 1957

▲ Danish architect Joern Utzon won a competition to design the Sydney Opera House. The striking roof line resembles gleaming sails above the waters of the harbour

1730: Russian Tsar Peter II died of smallpox on the day of his wedding

1987: Mikhail Gorbachev called for greater democracy and openness, or glasnost, in the Soviet Union

1998: For the first time a top tobacco company executive acknowledged the health risk of tobacco products

2005: China and Taiwan resumed the first direct flights since 1949, when Mao Zedong took control and Chiang Kai-shek fled to Taiwan