



Today in History

February 16, 1937

▲ DuPont received a patent for its new synthetic “miracle” fibre, named nylon. Commercial production of nylon for stockings started in 1939

1932: Fianna Fail, led by Eamon De Valera, won Ireland’s general election

1978: The first computer bulletin board system was created in Chicago, allowing users to connect to a server to read news and download software or data

2005: The Kyoto Protocol came into force to cut greenhouse gas emissions to reduce the onset of global warming

2009: Sharia law was implemented in Pakistan’s Swat valley