



## Today in History

*March 15, 1937*

▲ The first central blood bank, to preserve blood for transfusion by refrigeration, was set up at a hospital in Chicago. It paved the way for modern surgery

**1933:** Adolf Hitler proclaimed the Third Reich in Germany, prompting an exodus of Jews from the country

**2003:** The WHO issued an alert on SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome) as it swept the Far East

**2007:** Scientists discovered that if the polar ice cap on Mars melted water would cover the entire planet

**2019:** 1.4m school students went on strike to protest climate change, led by 16-year-old Greta Thunberg