



## Today in History

*May 9, 1962*

▲ **The Beatles signed a recording contract with EMI's Parlophone label. Original drummer Pete Best was still in the line-up rather than Ringo Starr**

**1901:** Australia opened its first federal parliament in Melbourne. It moved to the new capital, Canberra, in 1927

**1972:** Israeli troops stormed a hijacked jet in Jerusalem, freeing 92 passengers held hostage by Palestinian terrorists

**2002:** Women were allowed to vote for the first time in elections in Bahrain, the kingdom's first poll in almost 30 years

**2012:** U.S. President Barack Obama declared his support for gay marriage