



Today in History

October 11, 1957

▲ Britain's Jodrell Bank radio telescope, then the largest in the world, went into operation, just in time to track Sputnik 1, the world's first artificial satellite

1492: Explorer Christopher Columbus first set eyes on the New World, reaching what is now the Bahamas

1871: The Great Fire of Chicago was finally extinguished after three days. At least 300 people lost their lives

1992: Californian couples began giving each other gift vouchers for Aids tests

2002: The U.S. Senate backed the use of force against Iraq, as Saddam Hussein continued to resist UN weapons inspections