



# Today in History

*February 12, 2003*

▲ Scientists said the monarch butterfly population appeared to have made an almost complete recovery from the massive die-off of the previous winter

**1953:** The Soviet Union broke off diplomatic relations with Israel after a bomb exploded at the Soviet Legation in Tel Aviv

**1973:** The first group of U.S. prisoners of war were freed from North Vietnam

**1973:** The first metric road signs in the U.S. were erected in Ohio, with distances in both miles and kilometres

**2013:** North Korea said it had detonated a third nuclear bomb