



Today in History

May 29, 1953

▲ **New Zealander Edmund Hillary and his Sherpa guide, Tenzing Norgay, became the first men to top the summit of Mount Everest, the world's highest peak**

1453: An Ottoman army captured Constantinople, capital of the Byzantine Empire, after a 53-day siege

1900: The Otis company registered its Escalator trademark, the Latin word “scala” meaning stairs, or ladder

1986: The European flag, showing a circle of 12 golden stars on a blue background, was first raised

2008: The World Bank announced a \$1.2 billion package to fight the global food crisis