



Today in History

June 21, 1948

▲ **Columbia Records introduced the first successful long-playing records, made of Vinylite plastic and rotating at 33 and a third revolutions per minute**

1985: Forensic scientists confirmed that a skeleton exhumed in Brazil was that of Auschwitz doctor Josef Mengele

1990: Hungary officially relaunched the Budapest stock exchange 42 years after its closure by Communists

2003: Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix, J.K. Rowling's fifth book about the schoolboy wizard, went on sale

2007: The Japanese island of Iwo Jima was renamed Iwo To, as it was known before World War II