



Today in History

October 12, 1823

▲ **Scottish chemist Charles Macintosh sold his first raincoat after patenting a waterproof fabric. The “mackintosh”, as it was soon known, began production in 1824**

1928: An “iron lung” was used for the first time to help a polio sufferer to breathe more normally

1973: Juan Peron was inaugurated as Argentine president for the third time, with his wife, Isabel, as vice-president

1983: Soviet astronomers used the world’s largest mirror telescope to track Halley’s Comet as it approached Earth

2008: European leaders guaranteed bank deposits for five years to help recapitalize Europe’s banks