



## Today in History

*February 16, 1959*

▲ Volatile American tennis star John McEnroe was born. Now a respected commentator, he won the U.S. Open four times and Wimbledon three times

**1937:** DuPont received a patent for its new synthetic “miracle” fibre, named nylon

**1959:** Fidel Castro was sworn in as prime minister of Cuba after heading up a guerrilla campaign that forced dictator Fulgencio Batista into exile

**1994:** A Jerusalem court found former heads of Israel’s top four banks guilty of fraud in a 1983 bank shares scandal

**1994:** A prototype European Union police force, Europol, was launched