



Today in History

February 21, 1613

▲ **Mikhail Romanov was elected Tsar of Russia, marking the start of the dynasty's 300-year rule that ended with the execution of Tsar Nicholas II in 1918**

1848: The Communist Manifesto, an analysis of the class struggle and the problems of capitalism by Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, was published

1972: U.S. President Richard Nixon visited China ending 25 years of separation between the two countries

1994: In Britain the age of consent for homosexuals was lowered from 21 to 18

1996: The addictive effect of cigarettes was reported to be due to increased dopamine in the brain