



Today in History

May 22, 2004

▲ **Crown Prince Felipe of Spain married TV journalist Letizia Ortiz. When Felipe became king in 2014 she was the first commoner in Spanish history to become queen**

1972: Richard Nixon became the first U.S. President to visit the Soviet Union

1972: Ceylon, which gained independence from Britain in 1948, became a republic and took the new name of Sri Lanka

1990: Former Marxist South Yemen and conservative North Yemen merged into a single state

2015: Ireland became the first nation to legalise same-sex marriage in a referendum