



Today in History

October 5, 1954

▲ Irish musician and political activist Bob Geldof was born. The Boomtown Rats frontman is now best known for his efforts to combat famine relief in Africa

1969: Monty Python's Flying Circus, a TV show that achieved cult status worldwide, premiered in Britain

1914: One of the first aerial battles took place early in WWI, between French and German aircraft

1964: Fifty-seven East German refugees escaped to the West by tunnelling under the Berlin Wall

1999: Vladimir Putin claimed Russia was in control of one third of the breakaway republic of Chechnya