



Today in History

October 9, 1759

▲ The Eddystone Lighthouse, off England's southwest coast, was completed. Modelled on the shape of an oak tree, it had a major influence on lighthouse design

1946: The first electric blanket went on sale in the United States

1969: Following anti-Soviet protests Czechoslovakia closed its frontiers to tens of thousands of citizens bound for the West

1998: Russia appealed for international humanitarian aid as economic collapse was compounded by a bad harvest

2004: Hamid Karzai was elected president of Afghanistan, three years after the overthrow of the Taliban