



Today in History

October 11, 1957

▲ Britain's Jodrell Bank radio telescope, then the largest in the world, went into operation, just in time to track Sputnik 1, the world's first artificial satellite

1844: American food-products manufacturer Henry John Heinz, who founded H.J. Heinz Co., was born

1919: The first airline meals were served on a flight from London to Paris, costing three shillings

1939: U.S.-based scientists warned President Roosevelt that Germany could develop an atomic bomb

1976: China's "Gang of Four", led by Mao Zedong's widow Jiang Qing, were arrested for plotting a coup