



Today in History

October 12, 1928

▲ The first use of an “iron lung” took place to treat a young patient suffering from polio. The medical ventilator enabled polio sufferers to breathe more normally

1823: Scottish chemist Charles Macintosh sold his first raincoat after patenting a waterproof fabric

1901: The U.S. presidential residence was formally renamed the White House

1964: The first spaceship to carry a multiple crew, the Soviet Voskhod-1, was launched into orbit around Earth

2009: A group of fossils found in China was confirmed as the biggest of its kind in the world