



## Today in History

*October 19, 1997*

▲ The dramatic new Guggenheim Museum, designed by U.S. architect Frank Gehry, was opened by King Juan Carlos in the Spanish city of Bilbao

**1856:** The first efficient working prototype of the internal combustion engine was produced in Florence, Italy

**1863:** Alfred Nobel was granted his first patent for nitroglycerin

**1943:** Streptomycin, the first antibiotic cure for tuberculosis, was isolated by a PhD student at Rutgers University

**1954:** Britain and Egypt signed a new Suez Canal pact, calling for withdrawal of British troops from the canal zone within 20 months