



THE DAILY CHRONICLE

TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2022

On This Date

1930 – The Adler Planetarium, the first planetarium in the western hemisphere, opened to the public in Chicago. The planetarium is still open for visitors every day.



1940 – Winston Churchill became the British prime minister. On that same day, Hitler invaded Belgium, Luxembourg, and the Netherlands. Three days later, Churchill inspired his country, proclaiming, “I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat.”

1994 – Former revolutionary and prisoner Nelson Mandela was inaugurated as South Africa’s first Black president.

Film Quiz

What was a studio executive’s evaluation of Fred Astaire’s screen test?

Answer: “Can’t sing. Can’t act. Slightly balding. Can dance a little.”

Quote of the Day

“I just put my feet in the air and move them around.”

~ Fred Astaire

Happy Birthday!

Fred Astaire (1899–1987) was a film and Broadway actor, ballroom dancer, singer, and songwriter. His stage and subsequent film career spanned a total of 76 years, during which he made 31 musical films. He is particularly associated with his sister Adele and Ginger Rogers, with whom he danced in 10 films, including 1930s classics *Flying*



Down to Rio, *The Gay Divorcee*, and *Roberta*. In 1947, he founded the Fred Astaire Dance Studios, which he sold in 1966. He and

his wife Phyllis had two children. His daughter, Ava, has worked to promote her late father’s legacy.