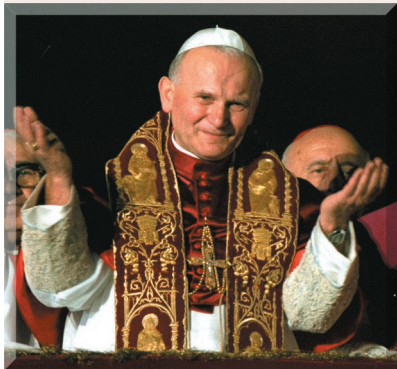


**Monday, October 16**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1978:** Cardinal Karol Wojtyla of Poland became Pope John Paul II, the first non-Italian pope since 1542

**1846:** The first public demonstration of the use of anaesthesia took place in Boston when a surgeon used ether to remove a tumour from a patient's jaw

**1923:** English watchmaker John Harwood patented the self-winding wrist watch

**1964:** China exploded its first nuclear bomb at the Lop Nor test site

**2003:** The UN Security Council passed a U.S. and British resolution endorsing a U.S.-led multinational force in Iraq