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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2003:** Mikhail Khodorkovsky, head of Russia's Yukos oil company, was charged with fraud and tax evasion; he was later sentenced to nine years in jail

1839: The world's first railway timetable was published in England

1955: A revolution in world cooking began when the first microwave oven for home use went on sale

1976: Transkei became the first of South Africa's black homelands to be given its independence

2005: The number of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq since the invasion of March 2003 passed 2,000