## Tuesday, November 21

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 2005: Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon left the ruling far-right Likud Party to establish a new centrist party – Kadima – which would allow him to carry out his policy of unilateral disengagement

**1551:** Jesuit Francis Xavier completed the first missionary journey to Japan

1787: Shipowner Samuel Cunard was born in Nova Scotia, Canada

**1953:** The 1912 discovery in southern England of the prehistoric "Piltdown Man" skull was revealed to be a hoax

2004: Leading creditor nations agreed to cancel 80 percent of Iraq's \$39 billion debt