ON THIS DAY

Première ascension
du ballon à air chaud
des frères Montgolfier
en 1783.

▲ **1783: The Montgolfier Brothers gave the first public demonstration of their hot-air balloon in a 10-minute flight over Annonay, France**

1873: Under pressure from the British, the Sultan of Zanzibar signed a treaty abolishing slavery

1945: Germany was divided into four occupation zones at the end of World War Two

1988: Kay Cottee sailed into Sydney Harbour to become the first woman to circle the globe alone

2008: Peter Robinson succeeded the Reverend Ian Paisley as First Minister of Northern Ireland

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