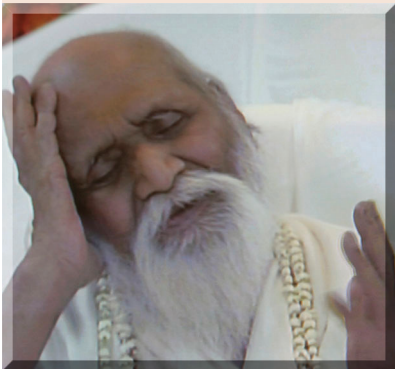


Friday, February 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Indian guru Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, who introduced the West to transcendental meditation, died at his home in the Netherlands**

1631: Roger Williams and his wife arrived in Boston from England; he would later found the U.S. state of Rhode Island

1920: Germany defaulted on war payments to the Allies

1987: Iran launched a missile attack on the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, in a “war of the cities” that would last two weeks

2009: The Bank of England reduced the base rate of interest to a new historic low of 1%