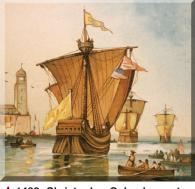# ON THIS DAY

▲ **1492:** Christopher Columbus set sail from Spain with three ships, the *Nina*, the *Pinta* and the *Santa Maria*, on his first voyage to the New World

1904: The 13th Dalai Lama fled as British troops entered the Tibetan capital, Lhasa

1940: Lithuania was formally annexed by the Soviet Union as the Lithuanian Soviet Socialist Republic

2000: Former President Suharto of Indonesia was indicted on charges of embezzling $570 million

2009: An outbreak of pneumonic plague in Qinghai, China, killed two people

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