

**Thursday, September 9**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1968:** Tennis star Arthur Ashe won the inaugural U.S. Open tournament, becoming the first African-American to win a Grand Slam event

**1585:** Powerful French statesman Armand-Jean Du Plessis, Cardinal-Duc de Richelieu, was born

**1839:** British scientist John Herschel took the first photograph using a glass plate

**1944:** Internal Communist elements in Bulgaria seized power in a coup a day after Soviet troops entered the country

**2002:** Slovenian Martin Strel became the first man to swim the full 2,360-mile length of the Mississippi River