

Monday, December 20

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2002: Grote Reber, regarded as the father of radio astronomy, died at age 90. He constructed the world's first radio telescope in 1937**

1860: South Carolina seceded from the United States, leading to the Civil War

1973: Spanish prime minister Luis Carrero Blanco was assassinated by a car bomb in Madrid

1995: NATO troops took over UN peacekeeping duties in Bosnia

2009: A U.S. Army general in Iraq, complaining he was losing people with critical skills, added pregnancy to the reasons a soldier under his command could face court martial