

Sunday, March 20

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1999:** Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones completed the first non-stop journey around the world in their *Breitling Orbiter 3* balloon

1602: The powerful Dutch East India company was established

1934: Dr Rudolph Kuenhold carried out the first practical tests of radar at Kiel Harbour in Germany

1973: The voting age in federal elections in Australia was lowered from 21 to 18

2010: The Vatican published a letter aimed at defusing anger in Ireland over a sex abuse scandal in the Roman Catholic Church