



# Today in History

*August 26, 1952*

▲ **The Soviet Union said it had conducted the first successful tests of an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching any port of the world**

**1856:** William Henry Perkin applied for a British patent for the invention of aniline dye, the first synthetic dye

**1883:** A massive two-day eruption of Krakatoa began with an explosion loud enough to be heard in Australia

**2002:** The U.S. called for U.S. action against Iraq, warning that Baghdad would soon have nuclear weapons

**2011: Australian Scientists announced the discovery of a planet made entirely of diamond orbiting a**