



# Today in History

*June 17, 2000*

▲ A replica Viking ship set sail from Iceland to recreate the legendary 2,600-mile voyage of Leif Eriksson to North America in around 1000AD

**1823:** Charles Macintosh patented his waterproof cloth for making raincoats

**1925:** The Geneva Protocol, banning the use of poisonous gases in war, was signed by 29 countries

**1972:** Five men were arrested trying to bug U.S. Democratic Party offices in Washington's Watergate building

**1988:** Jamaican poet Dennis Lobban was found guilty of murdering reggae star Peter Tosh, for which he received life imprisonment