



## Today in History

*October 19, 1863*

▲ **Alfred Nobel was granted his first patent, for the preparation of nitroglycerin. He followed this in 1868 with a patent for dynamite which was safer to handle**

**1952:** Alain Bombard crossed the Atlantic in a small boat without provisions, demonstrating the ability of a shipwrecked person to survive

**1983:** The U.S. Senate passed a bill making Martin Luther King's birthday a public holiday

**2005:** The trial began of deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, charged with ordering the killing of 143 Shia Muslims

**2006:** The Dow Jones index broke the 12,000 barrier for the first time