



## Today in History

*November 3, 1957*

▲ A Russian dog named Laika became the first ever space traveller when the Soviet Union launched Sputnik II, the second spacecraft to enter Earth orbit

**1493:** Christopher Columbus discovered the island of Dominica

**1706:** The town of Abruzzi, in Italy, was devastated by an earthquake that killed around 15,000 people

**1863:** A U.S. patent for an antifouling paint to prevent corrosion, barnacle and seaweed growth reduced the need to scrape ships' hulls every six weeks

**1961:** Burma's U Thant was elected acting UN Secretary General after the death of Dag Hammarskjöld