



Today in History

July 16, 1969

▲ **Apollo 11, with astronauts Neil Armstrong, Michael Collins and Buzz Aldrin on board, blasted off from Cape Kennedy on the first mission to land on the moon**

1661: The Bank of Stockholm issued the first banknotes in Europe

1918: Russia's last Tsar, Nicholas II, was murdered by the Bolsheviks. His wife, children and entourage also died in the hail of bullets

1989: Austrian conductor Herbert von Karajan, one of the great music conductors of the 20th century, died

1999: U.S. multinational corporation Microsoft became the world's first company valued at over \$500 billion