



Today in History

September 6, 1552

▲ The Vittoria (replica shown above), which sailed from Seville under Ferdinand Magellan in 1519, returned to port after making the first circumnavigation of the world

1666: The Great Fire of London was finally extinguished after four days

1914: The First Battle of the Marne began during World War I

1978: U.S. scientists announced the production of human-type insulin by a genetically engineered strain of E. coli

2000: A chance encounter between Fidel Castro and Bill Clinton at the UN led to the first-ever handshake between Cuba's Communist leader and a sitting U.S. President