



## Today in History

*September 27, 2004*

▲ **British entrepreneur Richard Branson founded a new company, Virgin Galactic, offering suborbital spaceflights to space tourists at \$250,000 per seat**

**1910:** A patent for the production of ammonia enabled the synthesis of many other nitrogen compounds

**1962:** The Yemen Arab Republic was proclaimed after an army coup

**2002:** A large tract of land in Australia, procured by the British government in the 1950s for use as a missile test range, was returned to local Aborigines

**2009:** Angela Merkel won a second term as Chancellor in Germany's federal election