



Today in History

October 7, 1919

▲ KLM, the national airline of the Netherlands and the world's oldest existing airline, was founded in The Hague. Its first flight took place in May 1920

1959: The Soviet Lunik III relayed the first pictures of the far side of the moon

1985: Palestinian guerrillas seized the Italian ship Achille Lauro and threatened to blow it up if Israel did not free 50 Palestinian prisoners

1994: Australia assured Vietnam vets that it would consider compensation for those exposed to Agent Orange

2010: Peruvian-Spanish writer Mario Vargas Llosa was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature