



Today in History

December 1, 1959

▲ **The Antarctic Treaty, intended to preserve the region for scientific research, was signed by the 12 countries whose scientists were active in and around Antarctica**

1959: The first colour photograph of the Earth from outer space was taken from the nose of a Thor missile

1989: Mikhail Gorbachev became the first Soviet leader to visit the Vatican and meet with the Pope, ending 72 years of Kremlin atheist ideology

1994: President Ernesto Zedillo took office in Mexico

1998: The merger of Exxon and Mobil created the world's largest publicly-traded oil company