



## Today in History

*December 24, 1989*

▲ Panama's deposed strongman, General Manuel Antonio Noriega, turned himself in to the Vatican Embassy in Panama and requested political asylum

**1524:** Portuguese navigator Vasco da Gama, who discovered the sea route to India via the Cape of Good Hope, died

**1924:** Led by Ahmet Zogu, Albania's parliament proclaimed a republic

**1968:** The Apollo 8 astronauts were the first men to orbit the moon, capturing the first picture of Earth in its entirety

**1969:** Charles Manson and four of his followers were charged with the murder of actress Sharon Tate and six other people in Los Angeles