



## Today in History

*December 10, 1520*

▲ German theologian Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation, publicly burned the papal bull excommunicating him for refusing to recant his beliefs

**1845:** British civil engineer Robert Thompson patented the pneumatic tyre

**1920:** Mamie Smith's *Crazy Blues* was the first record by a black singer; it sold over a million copies

**1990:** Toyehiro Akiyama, the first journalist and Japanese national to go into space, returned to Earth

**1995:** NASA scientists received the first data from the space probe Galileo, a message beamed over 2.3 billion miles (3.7 billion km)