



Today in History

December 26, 1975

▲ **The Soviet Union's Tupolev-144 became the first supersonic aircraft to go into regular service, carrying mail and freight from Moscow to Alma Ata**

1865: U.S. inventor James H. Nason patented a coffee percolator

1990: Romania expelled ex-King Michael only hours after he had returned from exile lasting 43 years

2004: A magnitude 9.1 earthquake under the Indian Ocean triggered devastating tsunamis which killed around 230,000 people from Indonesia to the coast of Africa

2009: China opened the world's longest high-speed rail route