Today in History

April 22, 1500

▲ Navigator Pedro Alvares Cabral landed in Brazil and claimed it for Portugal under the terms of a treaty that divided the New World between Portugal and Spain

1972: British rowers John Fairfax and Sylvia Cook became the first people to row across the Pacific Ocean

1977: Optical fibre was first used for live telephone traffic, revolutionising the telecommunications industry

1984: Scientists announced they had isolated the AIDS virus, which acts by weakening the body's immune system

1991: International agreement was reached on a 50-year moratorium on mineral exploration in Antarctica

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