



Today in History

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▲ Thor Heyerdahl's raft Kon-Tiki reached Polynesia 101 days after leaving Peru, indicating pre-Incan people could have colonised the area by drifting on ocean currents

1819: Simón Bolívar triumphed over Spain at the Battle of Boyacá

1944: IBM dedicated the first program-controlled calculator. It could do three additions per second

1955: Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering, later renamed Sony, sold its first transistor radios

1958: The U.S. submarine Nautilus arrived in Iceland after making the first voyage by a vessel under the Polar ice cap