



# Today in History

*October 18, 1867*

▲ **The United States purchased Alaska from Russia for \$7.2m, or approximately two cents an acre. The handover ceremony, in Sitka, is commemorated each year**

**1922:** The British Broadcasting Company, better known as the BBC, officially came into being

**1955:** The first antiprotons, a new atomic subparticle, were detected

**1967:** The Soviet Venera 4 spacecraft entered Venus's atmosphere, sending back data before contact was lost

**2004:** Notorious Indian bandit Veerappan, thought to have killed over 100 people, was killed in a shootout with police