



## Today in History

*March 21, 1963*

▲ **Alcatraz, a maximum security jail in San Francisco Bay which once housed gangster Al Capone, closed when the last 27 prisoners were transferred to other prisons**

**1908:** French aviator Henri Farman flew over Paris with the first air passenger on board

**1918: The Second Battle of the Somme, the last German offensive in World War One, began**

**1960:** South African police opened fire on black demonstrators, killing 69 people in the Sharpeville Massacre

**2003:** Over 1,000 missiles rained down on Baghdad as the U.S.-led coalition began its “shock and awe” campaign