



Today in History

July 2, 1853

▲ **The Russian army crossed into the Danubian Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia, then part of the Ottoman Empire, instigating the Crimean War**

1963: U.S. President John F. Kennedy met Pope Paul VI at the Vatican

2001: A patient in Louisville, Kentucky, received the first fully-implantable artificial heart

2004: The Cassini spacecraft transmitted its first close-up pictures of Saturn's giant moon Titan

2008: Former Colombian presidential candidate Ingrid Betancourt, held captive by FARC guerillas for six years, was freed