



Today in History

March 02, 1939

▲ **Pope Pius XII was elected. He remains a controversial figure due to his public silence over the fate of the Jews during the Holocaust in World War II**

1949: The first non-stop flight round the world was completed in a Boeing B-50A Superfortress, refuelled in mid air

1989: The first Vietnamese boat people to volunteer to return home left Hong Kong

1995: U.S. physicists isolated the “top quark”, a vital sub-proton particle hitherto unobserved

2004: Europe’s Rosetta spacecraft was launched on a 10-year mission to land a probe on the surface of a comet