



## Today in History

*November 2, 1959*

▲ The first stretch of the M1, Britain's first motorway, was opened. Initially it had no speed limits, no central reservation or crash barriers, and no lighting

**1917:** The Balfour Declaration proclaimed British support for the "establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people"

**1964:** King Saud of Saudi Arabia abdicated in favour of his brother, Crown Prince Faisal

**1988:** A U.S. student released the first significant computer "worm"

**2004:** Dutch film director Theo van Gogh was murdered by an Islamic extremist in Amsterdam