



Today in History

August 7, 1947

▲ Thor Heyerdahl's raft Kon-Tiki reached Polynesia 101 days after leaving Peru, indicating pre-Incan people could have colonised the area by drifting on ocean currents

1955: Tokyo Telecommunications Engineering, later renamed Sony, sold its first transistor radios

1995: British triple jumper Jonathan Edwards leapt 18.29m (60ft), the first person to leap over 18 metres

2000: The discovery of nine more planets outside our solar system raised the known number to over 40

2010: Fidel Castro warned Cubans of the risk of a nuclear war between the United States and Iran