



Today in History

December 26, 1975

▲ **The Soviet Union's Tupolev-144 became the first supersonic aircraft to go into regular service, carrying mail and freight from Moscow to Alma Ata**

1865: U.S. inventor James H. Nason patented a coffee percolator

1990: Romania expelled ex-King Michael only hours after he had returned from exile lasting 43 years

2003: A devastating earthquake in the Iranian city of Bam destroyed the 2000-year-old citadel, the world's largest mud-brick structure

2007: Six French charity workers were convicted in Chad of trying to kidnap 103 children for adoption