



Today in History

June 20, 1597

▲ Dutch explorer Willem Barents died after a year stranded in the Arctic on an expedition to search for the Northeast passage. The Barents Sea is named after him

1819: The Savannah became the first steamship to cross the Atlantic, taking 27 days 11 hours

1895: The Kiel Canal, which links the North Sea to the Baltic Sea through northern Germany, was opened

1963: The White House and the Kremlin agreed to establish a hot-line telephone link

1973: Juan Peron, former president of Argentina, returned after 18 years in exile