



## 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

**1819:** Simon Bolivar's victory at the Battle of Boyaca led to the independence of Colombia from Spain

**1944:** IBM dedicated the first program-controlled calculator. It could do three additions per second

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

**1958:** The U.S. submarine Nautilus arrived in Iceland after making the first voyage under the Polar ice cap