



Today in History

December 23, 1972

▲ **Andrei Tupolev, Soviet aircraft designer, died. He designed both military and commercial aircraft and Russian aircraft today still bear his name**

1672: Italian astronomer Giovanni Cassini discovered Rhea, a satellite of the planet Saturn

1888: In a fit of depression Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh cut off his left ear

1958: The Tokyo Tower, the world's highest tower until 1967, was dedicated

1972: Sixteen people were rescued from a plane that crashed in the Andes, having survived 72 days by eating the flesh of dead companions