



# Today in History

*September 24, 1852*

▲ **French engineer Henri Giffard made the first powered flight in a dirigible. The steam-powered airship travelled 27km (17 miles) from Paris to Trappes**

**1776:** The St Leger, the world's oldest classic horse race, founded by Anthony St Leger, was first run in England

**1983:** Five Italian businessmen were jailed for the 1976 Seveso explosion that released a cloud of dioxin gas

**1993:** Norodom Sihanouk reclaimed the throne of Cambodia that he had given up in 1955

**1998:** Troops from South Africa and Botswana arrived to restore calm after two days of fierce fighting in Lesotho