



Today in History

March 20, 1999

▲ **Bertrand Piccard and Brian Jones completed the first non-stop circumnavigation of the world by balloon, in their craft Breitling Orbiter 3**

1602: The Dutch East India Company, the world's first joint stock company, was granted a charter

1792: Revolutionary France adopted the guillotine as the official means of execution

1934: The first practical tests of radar, which played a major role in WWII, were carried out in Germany

2004: Princess Juliana, former Queen of the Netherlands, died at the age of 94