



Today in History

July 15, 1954

▲ The Boeing 707, the first successful commercial passenger jet, made its maiden flight. Faster and larger than propeller aircraft, jets soon dominated air travel

1606: Rembrandt van Rijn, one of the great Dutch masters, was born in Leiden in the Netherlands

1834: The infamous Spanish Inquisition, established in 1478, was officially dissolved

1869: Margarine was patented and named after the Greek word for pearl, margaritari, owing to its pearl-like lustre

1870: The Hudson's Bay Company sold the North-Western Territory to the Dominion of Canada