



Today in History

July 25, 1959

▲ The hovercraft made its first crossing of the English Channel. The SR-N1 crossed from Calais to Dover in two hours, with inventor Christopher Cockerell on board

1814: British engineer George Stephenson designed and built the world's first steam locomotive

1952: The European Coal and Steel Community, the forerunner of the European Union, came into force

1984: Svetlana Savitskaya became the first woman to walk in space, almost 19 years after the first man, Alexey Leonov

1994: Israeli premier Yitzhak Rabin and Jordan's King Hussein ended 46 years of war between their countries