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▲ Thor Heyerdahl's raft Kon-Tiki reached Polynesia 101 days after leaving Peru, indicating pre-Incan people could have colonised the area by drifting on ocean currents

**1944:** IBM dedicated the first program-controlled calculator. It could do three additions per second

**1959:** The Explorer 6 satellite, the first to transmit photographs of the Earth, was launched from Cape Canaveral

**2014:** The U.S. launched limited airstrikes on ISIS after the group seized the Iraqi city of Mosul

**2023:** Canada, battling its worst ever wildfires, said four percent of its entire forest area had been burned