



Today in History

December 24, 1524

▲ **Vasco da Gama, Portuguese explorer and navigator who discovered the sea route to India via the Cape of Good Hope in 1497, died from malaria**

1914: Britain suffered its first ever air raid when a German monoplane dropped a single bomb on Dover

1924: Led by Ahmet Zogu, Albania's parliament proclaimed a republic

1974: The Beatles' partnership was legally dissolved when all four band members signed a contract that severed their last legal ties

1994: Cave paintings around 30,000 years old were discovered in the Ardeche region of southern France