

Thursday, March 2

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2003:** The Swiss yacht *Alinghi* defeated *Team New Zealand* to win the prestigious America's Cup

1917: Tsar Nicholas II of Russia was forced to abdicate

1946: Ho Chi Minh was elected president of North Vietnam

1995: Rogue trader Nick Leeson, who brought down Barings Bank, was arrested at Frankfurt airport eight days after fleeing his base in Singapore

2004: The European Space Agency's *Rosetta* spacecraft was launched from Kourou, French Guiana, on a 10-year mission to land a robot on the surface of a comet