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ON THIS DAY



▲ 1998: Frenchman Benoit Lecomte reached the coast of Brittany after swimming 5,950km (3,716 miles) across the Atlantic from Cape Cod

1513: Spanish explorer Vasco Nunez de Balboa crossed the Panama isthmus and became the first European to set eyes on the Pacific Ocean

1897: Britain's first motorised bus service started in Bradford

1959: Sri Lankan prime minister Solomon Bandaranaike was assassinated in Colombo

2005: Parliamentary elections in Poland resulted in a sweeping victory for the centre-right