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## HIGHLIGHTS

# ON THIS DAY

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009**

**1963 - The Yang di-Pertuan Agong signs a proclamation invoking the National Service Ordinance 1952 — the first step to a call-up for the 600,000 male Federal citizens in the 21 to 28 age bracket to register for national service. This is the second time the ordinance has been invoked since independence. The first, in March 1958, was when the government went flat out to end the Emergency**

**1973 - Malaysia Shipyard and Engineering Sdn Bhd is launched by Deputy Prime Minister Datuk Hussein Onn in Pasir Gudang, Johor**

**1986 - The world's first Kentucky Fried Chicken outlet fully operated by the hearing-impaired opens in Kuala Lumpur with a 15-man team of partially and totally deaf employees**

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### EVENTS

- ▶ **1477** William Caxton produces the first printed book in the English language, *The Dictes and Sayengis of the Phylosophers*
- ▶ **1987** Fire sweeps through Kings Cross tube station in London, killing 31 people
- ▶ **1991** Terry Waite, the last British hostage in Lebanon, is freed by Islamic Jihad after 1,763 days in captivity
- ▶ **1993** It is reported that AIDS has become the leading killer for men aged 25-44 in the United States
- ▶ **1997** The FBI inquiry into the crash of Flight TWA 800 off New York in 2006 rules out sabotage as a cause of the disaster, which killed 230 people
- ▶ **2006** Hollywood superstar Tom Cruise marries actress Katie Holmes at the 15th-century Odescalchi Castle in Bracciano, Italy

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### BIRTHS

- ▶ **1923** Alan Shepard, who in 1961, became the first American to fly into space

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### DEATHS

- ▶ **2002** James Coburn (*pic*), character actor whose movies included *The Magnificent Seven* (1960) and *The Great Escape* (1963), in Los Angeles at the age of 74

