

Friday, May 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1923:** The first Le Mans 24-hour race was run; it has since evolved into the world's most famous sports car endurance race

1865: The last Confederate resistance of the American Civil War ended

1908: The first major oil strike in the Middle East was made in Persia

1971: The Soviet Union's answer to *Concorde*, the *TU-144*, was first seen in the West at the Paris Air Show

1999: Skirmishes between Indian army troops and Pakistani-backed militants along the disputed Kashmir border flared into open warfare as Indian forces attacked from the air