



## Today in History

*December 25, 1818*

▲ **The Christmas carol Silent Night, now translated into over 140 languages, was sung for the first time at the Church of Saint Nikolaus in Oberndorf, Austria**

**1926:** Emperor Hirohito acceded to the throne of Japan

**1989:** Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu and his wife were executed for genocide after a secret trial

**1990:** British Scientist Tim Berners-Lee made the first internet communication via the World Wide Web

**1991:** The Soviet Union officially ceased to exist with the resignation of President Mikhail Gorbachev