

A sepia-toned portrait of Leon Trotsky, showing him from the chest up. He has dark hair, a mustache, and is wearing round-rimmed glasses. He is looking slightly to the right of the camera with a serious expression.

## Today in History

*January 31, 1929*

▲ **Marxist revolutionary Leon Trotsky, founder of the Red Army, was expelled from the Soviet Union after losing a power struggle against Josef Stalin**

**1918:** The Soviet Union used the Julian calendar for the last day, adopting the “New Style” Gregorian calendar

**1957:** The 335-mile Trans-Iranian pipeline from Abadan to Tehran was completed

**1994:** German luxury car-maker BMW purchased Britain’s Rover group

**1999:** Scientists confirmed that the HIV virus originated in a subspecies of chimpanzee found in central Africa