



## Today in History

*August 1, 1834*

▲ An estimated 770,280 slaves gained their freedom as the Slavery Abolition Act, passed the previous year, came into force throughout the British Empire

**1774:** British chemist Joseph Priestley identified a gas which would later come to be known as oxygen

**1894:** War broke out between China and Japan over control of Korea. Japan's more modernised forces won victory in under eight months

**1939:** U.S. band leader Glenn Miller recorded In the Mood

**1974:** The first nuclear-powered submarine designed and built in China entered service