

A sepia-toned photograph showing a line of Soviet soldiers in dark uniforms and peaked caps, marching and holding rifles with bayonets fixed to the barrels. In the background, a large, ornate statue is visible under a bright sky.

# Today in History

*August 31, 1994*

▲ Troops of the former Soviet Union took part in a farewell ceremony in Berlin, ending half a century of military presence on German soil

**1944:** Russian troops captured the Romanian capital, Bucharest

**1955:** The first solar-powered car, a 15-inch Sunmobile, was publicly demonstrated in Chicago

**1979:** Tracy Austin, 16, beat Andrea Jaeger, 14, to reach the third round of the U.S. Open. She went on to win the title, becoming its youngest ever winner

**1999:** French farmers picketed McDonald's restaurants in protest at heavy U.S. taxes on French products