



## Today in History

*January 23, 1978*

▲ **Sweden became the first nation to ban the use of aerosol spray cans because of fears that fluorocarbon gases contained in them depleted the ozone layer**

**971:** In China, Song dynasty troops armed with crossbows defeated the war elephant corps of the Southern Han

**1719:** Liechtenstein became an independent principality within the Holy Roman Empire

**1931:** Celebrated Russian prima ballerina Anna Pavlova died

**2004:** The European Space Agency's Mars Express orbiter confirmed the presence of water ice at the south pole of Mars