



Today in History

March 4, 1877

▲ Tchaikovsky's ballet **Swan Lake**, about a princess turned into a swan by an evil magician's curse, was first performed at the Bolshoi Theatre in Moscow

1927: Some 25,000 diggers rushed to stake their claims in new diamond fields at Grasfontein, South Africa

1964: The UN Security Council adopted a resolution to establish a peace-keeping force in Cyprus

1977: The first Freon-cooled Cray-1 supercomputer was installed to serve the U.S. defence industry

1980: Robert Mugabe's ZANU-PF party won a decisive election victory in Zimbabwe-Rhodesia