



Today in History

July 19, 1900

▲ **The Paris Metro opened.** Europe's second-busiest subway system after Moscow, its Art Nouveau-influenced architecture was designed by Hector Guimard

1980: Over 45 nations boycotted the Moscow Olympics in protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

2001: Mount Etna began erupting in Sicily, with high speed lava flows threatening the town of Nicolosi

2004: A mining company confirmed it had found a massive 182-carat diamond in Guinea, in West Africa

2010: China surpassed the United States to become the world's biggest energy consumer