



# Today in History

*August 20, 1968*

▲ Troops from the Soviet Union and other Warsaw Pact nations invaded Czechoslovakia to crush the “Prague Spring” reform movement

**1882:** Tchaikovsky’s 1812 Overture received its premiere in Moscow

**1940:** Soviet revolutionary Leon Trotsky was fatally wounded with an ice axe by a Spanish communist in Mexico City

**1961:** East Germany began to erect a five-foot-high wall along the border with the West

**2008:** Poland agreed to a U.S. missile defense base on its territory despite opposition from Russia