



## 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

**1993:** Around 200,000 people marched through Vienna, Austria, to protest at racism and xenophobia

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

**2004:** World Health Organization alarm rose as Thailand reported its first case of bird flu virus in humans