



## Today in History

*January 31, 1918*

▲ The newly established Soviet Union used the Julian Calendar for the last day, bringing it into line with other countries using the Gregorian Calendar

**1865:** The House of Representatives passed an amendment abolishing slavery in the United States

**1908:** The Count of Monte Cristo, the first movie made in California, was released

**1955:** The first musical synthesizer was demonstrated by RCA

**2012:** Japan imposed a 40-year cap on the life of nuclear reactors following the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear disaster