

A photograph of Chuck Berry performing on stage. He is wearing a red, sequined shirt, a black cap, and a colorful patterned scarf. He is holding a guitar and singing into a microphone. The background is dark with colorful stage lights (red, yellow, green) visible.

## Today in History

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▲ Rock and roll pioneer Chuck Berry died aged 90. He introduced musical elements and techniques that defined generations of rock music to follow

**1923:** Germany decreed butter could no longer be served in restaurants as the price had become so inflated

**1965: Soviet Alexei Leonov became the first man to walk in space**

**1968:** The U.S. Congress repealed the requirement for a gold reserve to back U.S. currency

**2014: Russia formally annexed Crimea after a referendum in which 97 percent of voters chose to secede from Ukraine**