



## Today in History

*June 26, 1948*

▲ The Berlin Airlift began after the Soviets imposed a blockade on West Berlin. Over the next year the Western allies flew in over 8,000 tonnes of food and fuel a day

**1917:** The first U.S troops arrived in France during World War I

**1959:** The St Lawrence Seaway, connecting the Great Lakes with the Atlantic Ocean, was opened

**1963:** President John F. Kennedy visited West Berlin, where the city's residents famously heard him claim, *"Ich bin ein Berliner"*

**2000:** Two rival teams of scientists announced that they had deciphered the structure of the human genome