



## Today in History

*January 18, 1654*

▲ **Ukrainian Cossack leader Bohdan Khmelnytsky accepted the Muscovite Tsar as overlord, thus uniting the newly created state of Ukraine with Russia**

**1919:** The peace conference after World War One opened at Versailles

**1944:** The World War II siege of Leningrad, during which almost one million civilians died, was broken

**1997:** Norwegian Borge Ousland completed a 1,675-mile trek to make the first solo crossing of Antarctica

**2016:** For the second year in a row, no African-American actors were nominated for acting Oscars, sparking calls to boycott the event