



*March 18, 2014*

▲ **Russia formally annexed Crimea after a referendum in which 97 of voters chose to secede from Ukraine. The West refused to recognise the vote**

**1944:** The first alarm clocks went on sale in Chicago since the start of World War II

**1949:** The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, or NATO, was formed

**2009:** Actress Natasha Richardson died from head injuries sustained in a skiing accident in Canada

**2018:** Russian President Vladimir Putin won a landslide re-election victory, extending his rule for another six years