



Today in History

August 23, 1989

▲ **Citizens of the Baltic states formed a 300km human chain to mark 50 years since the signing of a Soviet-Nazi pact that saw them absorbed into the Soviet Union**

1754: King Louis XVI of France, who would be guillotined during the French Revolution, was born at Versailles

1999: Germany's parliament moved back to Berlin after 50 years in Bonn

2002: An asteroid up to 100 times larger than the one that wiped out the dinosaurs was reported to have hit Earth some 3.5 billion years ago

2006: Kidnap victim Natascha Kampusch escaped after eight years in a windowless cell near Vienna