



Today in History

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▲ **Burt Reynolds, movie heart-throb of the 1970s famed for his moustache, easy charm and wisecracking delivery, died at the age of 82**

1980: The 17km St Gotthard road tunnel, at the time the longest in the world, was opened in Switzerland

1991: The constitution of the Soviet Union was virtually abolished

1995: France conducted an underground nuclear test on Mururoa Atoll, provoking worldwide condemnation

2018: British authorities charged two Russian nationals over the novichok poisonings in the city of Salisbury six months earlier