



## Today in History

*October 17, 2009*

▲ The government of the Maldives held the world's first underwater cabinet meeting to highlight the threat of global warming to the low-lying Indian Ocean nation

**1849:** Polish composer Frederic Chopin died of tuberculosis in Paris

**1989:** The worst earthquake to hit the San Francisco Bay area since 1906 killed 67 people

**1994:** UN mediators said the Angolan government and UNITA rebels had reached agreement in principle to end nearly 20 years of civil war

**1994:** Queen Elizabeth II became the first British monarch to visit Russia