



Today in History

August 17, 1962

▲ **Peter Fechter, 18, was shot by East German guards as he tried to flee across the Berlin Wall. He bled to death in the most notorious case in the history of the wall**

1970: Venera 7, the first spacecraft to land successfully on the surface of another planet, was launched

1982: The first Compact Discs (CDs) were released in Germany

2004: Serbia reinstated the coat of arms and national anthem it used before 1918, when the country became part of Yugoslavia

2007: Russia resumed long-range patrols by nuclear-capable bombers after a 15-year hiatus