

A sepia-toned photograph of a woman with dark, wavy hair, wearing a white button-down shirt. She is holding a small aerosol can in her right hand and spraying its contents. The spray is visible as a fine mist. She is looking upwards and to the right. In the background, there is a window with a wooden frame and a small, dark object hanging from the top right corner. The overall tone is warm and historical.

## Today in History

*January 23, 1978*

▲ **Sweden became the first nation to ban the use of aerosol spray cans because of fears that fluorocarbon gases contained in them depleted the ozone layer**

**1963:** British journalist Kim Philby, the third man in the Burgess-Maclean spy scandal, disappeared in Beirut

**1973: President Richard Nixon told the American public that the war in Vietnam had ended**

**2003:** Some 40 librettos of operas by Haydn, believed lost, were found in a second-hand bookshop in Budapest

**2020: The Chinese city of Wuhan was placed in quarantine as a new strain of coronavirus spread widely**