

## Today in History: March 15

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Presidents Mikhail Gorbachev and George H.W. Bush signing agreements to end chemical weapon production and to destroy stockpiles in Washington on June 1, 1990, only 2 1/2 months after Gorbachev's election.

Twenty-three years ago today, in March 15, 1990, Mikhail Gorbachev was elected by lawmakers as the first and only president of the Soviet Union. Gorbachev lasted one year and nine months in the position, resigning in December 1991 as the Soviet Union collapsed.

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