

**Wednesday, April 12**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1994:** Rwanda's Hutu cabinet fled Kigali as Tutsi rebels advanced on the city and the country descended further into an orgy of bloodletting

**1861:** The American Civil War began when the Confederate Army attacked Fort Sumter in South Carolina

**1944:** King Victor Emmanuel of Italy announced his intention to abdicate when the Allies entered Rome

**1961:** Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gargarin became the first man to fly in space

**1999:** Support for NATO attacks on Serbia wavered after ten civilians were killed when two missiles struck a passenger train crossing a bridge