ON THIS DAY

▲ **2004:** **The 508m (1,667ft) Taipei 101 skyscraper in Taiwan was declared the world's tallest building**

1850: The city of San Francisco was incorporated

1942: **The British government banned embroidery on women's underwear and nightwear as a war-time economy measure**

1998: Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader who instigated a reign of terror in Cambodia, died under house arrest

2005: **Fire destroyed a Paris hotel, killing 24 people, mostly African immigrants installed in the hotel by social service agencies**

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