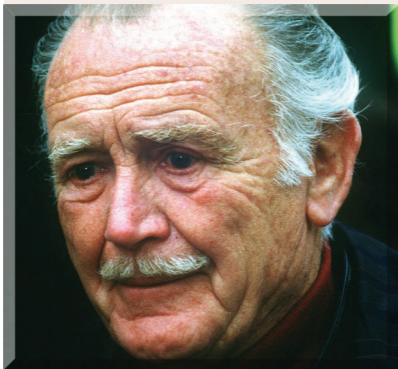


Sunday, April 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Sir John Mills, one of Britain's best-loved actors and the star of over 100 films, died aged 97

1791: The Marquis de Sade published a controversial novel which claimed pain could bring sexual pleasure

1935: Joseph Stalin opened the Moscow underground system, the world's largest underground railway

1998: James Earl Ray, convicted of the murder of Martin Luther King, died in prison

2005: The Shebeli River in Ethiopia flooded, inundating a large area and killing at least 134 people, around 20 of whom were eaten by crocodiles