

Thursday, June 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ 2004: The Transit of Venus, when the tiny black silhouette of the planet moves across the disc of the sun, was seen for the first time since 1882

1929: Margaret Bondfield became Britain's first woman cabinet minister

1942: Japanese bombers attacked Australia, striking at Sydney and Newcastle

1947: Argentina's Eva Peron was enthusiastically welcomed in Madrid by General Franco, a rare greeting by the Spanish dictator for a foreign dignitary

1996: China carried out a nuclear explosion at the Lop Nor test site in northwestern Xinjiang