

**Saturday, June 17**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **1823:** Charles Macintosh patented the waterproof cloth he was to use for making raincoats

**656:** Caliph Uthman, the third caliph to rule after the death of the Prophet, was assassinated at his home in Medina

**1939:** The last person to be publicly guillotined in France, murderer Eugen Weidmann, was executed before a large crowd at Versailles

**1996:** Mount Ruapehu volcano in New Zealand erupted, covering the nearby town of Turangi in a layer of ash

**2003:** Manchester United star David Beckham announced he was leaving Old Trafford to join Real Madrid