

Sunday, June 25

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1910:** The first performance of Igor Stravinsky's ballet *The Firebird* was staged in Paris

1867: The first barbed wire was patented by Lucien B. Smith of Ohio

1903: British novelist George Orwell, whose works included *Animal Farm* and *1984*, was born as Eric Arthur Blair in Bengal, India

1991: The last Soviet troops left Czechoslovakia 23 years after the invasion to crush the Prague Spring

2005: At least 51 people died and several others were blinded in Kenya after drinking homebrew made with methanol from a drinks stall