

Monday, December 11

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Smoke blanketed much of southern England after explosions at the Buncefield fuel depot caused the largest fire in peacetime Europe

1769: The Venetian blind was patented in London by Edward Beran

1894: Nine exhibitors took part in the world's first motor show in Paris

1963: Frank Sinatra paid a ransom of \$240,000 to release his kidnapped son

2005: Racial violence erupted in Sydney, Australia, as thousands of young white men converged on Cronulla Beach and attacked people of Arabic and Mediterranean background