

Wednesday, July 16

## ON THIS DAY



▲ **1948:** The world's first turbine-propeller airliner, the Vickers Viscount, made its maiden flight

**1790:** The District of Columbia was established as the seat of the United States government

**1917:** The Bolsheviks were defeated in their first attempt to seize power in Petrograd

**1989:** Austrian conductor Herbert von Karajan, one of the great conductors of the 20th century, died

**2007:** China punished 95 officials for allowing workers and children to labour in slave-like conditions in brick kilns

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