

**Saturday, October 4**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1957:** The Soviet Union launched the space race when the world's first man-made satellite, *Sputnik*, blasted into orbit 500 miles above the Earth

**1830:** Belgium formed itself into an independent state, having been part of the Netherlands since 1815

**1895:** Buster Keaton, one of the great comedians of the silent film era, was born

**1943:** The liberation of Corsica by the Free French forces was completed

**2007:** The leaders of North and South Korea signed a joint declaration calling for a peace treaty to replace the 1953 ceasefire