

**Saturday, October 11**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2004:** An exhibition of 51 French impressionist masterpieces opened in Beijing, the first time China had shown such paintings on this scale

**1871:** The Great Fire of Chicago was finally extinguished after three days

**1939:** Albert Einstein and other U.S scientists informed President Roosevelt of the possibilities of developing an atomic bomb

**1970:** In Canada, Quebec Labour Minister Pierre Laporte was kidnapped and murdered by Quebec separatists

**2007:** British author Doris Lessing was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature