

Wednesday, October 15

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2007:** The Communist Party of China began its National Congress in Beijing, to determine policy for the next five years and likely indicate Hu Jintao's successor as president

**1730:** French soldier and explorer Antoine Laumet de La Mothe died; he founded the U.S. city of Detroit in 1701

**1954:** William Golding's influential novel *Lord of the Flies* was first published in Britain

**1964:** Soviet premier Nikita Khrushchev was ousted from power by ministers led by his former right-hand man, Leonid Brezhnev, who succeeded him, with Alexei Kosygin becoming premier