

Sunday, April 12

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1961: Soviet cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin became the first man in space, making a single orbit of the Earth in the spacecraft *Vostok 1***

1606: Britain's King James I ordered a Union Flag combining the crosses of Saint George and Saint Andrew

1861: The American Civil War began when the Confederate Army attacked Fort Sumter in South Carolina

1980: Samuel Doe was installed as head of state in Liberia after President Tolbert was assassinated in a coup

2008: Norway's King Harald V opened the country's new national opera house in Oslo