

Saturday, April 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1906:** A devastating earthquake struck San Francisco, leaving over 1,000 dead and 200,000 homeless

1946: The League of Nations was dissolved and all its assets handed over to the United Nations

1951: France, West Germany, Italy and the three Benelux countries set up the European Coal and Steel Community, forerunner of the European Union

1966: The Academy Award for Best Film was won by *The Sound Of Music*

2002: Norwegian adventurer Thor Heyerdahl, who in 1947 crossed the Pacific on the raft *Kon-Tiki*, died