

Thursday, July 9

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1938: Over 35 million gas masks were issued to British civilians in anticipation of World War II

1850: U.S. President Zachary Taylor died from acute gastroenteritis just 16 months into his term

1874: A Belgian aeronaut was killed at Chelsea while trying to descend in his flying machine from a balloon

1992: Chris Patten was sworn in as the last British governor of Hong Kong

2008: Iran test-fired nine long- and medium-range missiles, and warned the U.S. and Israel it was ready to retaliate if they attacked Iran over its disputed nuclear projects