

Thursday, July 16

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1948: The world's first turbine-propeller airliner, the Vickers Viscount, made its maiden flight

1439: Kissing was banned in England in an attempt to stop the spread of pestilence and disease

1661: The Bank of Stockholm issued the first banknotes in Europe

1917: The Bolsheviks were defeated in their first attempt to seize power in Petrograd

2008: Israel released five Lebanese prisoners in exchange for the bodies of two Israeli soldiers seized by Hezbollah in a cross border raid that triggered a 33-day war in 2006