

**Monday, August 17**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** American swimmer Michael Phelps won his eighth gold medal in Beijing, setting a new record for the most golds won at a single Olympics

**1585:** Spanish forces, led by the Duke of Parma, captured Antwerp after a 14-month siege

**1863:** Federal ships bombarded Fort Sumter in Charleston harbour during the American Civil War

**1962:** Peter Fechter, 18, was shot by East German guards as he tried to escape across the Berlin Wall

**2008:** Former president Chen Shui-Bian was barred from leaving Taiwan over corruption charges