

Monday, April 5

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** Hollywood star Charlton Heston, best known for his role in the Oscar-laden *Ben Hur*, died at 84

1827: British surgeon Joseph Lister, whose use of antiseptics revolutionised modern surgery, was born

1941: Allied forces re-captured Addis Ababa in Ethiopia in World War II

1995: Israel launched its first spy satellite, the *Ofek 3*, which blasted into space aboard an Israeli Shavit rocket

2009: President Vladimir Voronin's Communist Party won an absolute majority in Moldova's parliamentary election, sparking violent protests in the capital, Chisinau