

Monday, July 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1903: Maurice Garin won the first ever Tour de France cycle race**

1949: Laos became an independent state within the French Union

1980: Over 45 nations boycotted the Moscow Olympics in protest against the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan

1990: Iraqi troops began massing on the border with Kuwait, following threats over disputed territory

2009: Henry Surtees, son of British motor racing legend John Surtees, was killed in a freak accident during a Formula Two race. Surtees, 18, was struck by a wheel which flew off another driver's car