

Friday, July 23

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1951: Marshal Petain, French First World War hero who later led the collaborating Vichy government in World War II, died in prison**

1875: Isaac Merritt Singer, inventor of the first practical sewing machine, died

1952: King Farouk of Egypt was deposed in an army coup led by General Neguib

1967: British cyclist Tom Simpson, 29, collapsed and died on Mont Ventoux during the Tour de France

1999: King Hassan of Morocco, one of the Arab world's most influential leaders, died from a heart attack following a 38-year reign