

**Tuesday, August 31**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2005: Sir Joseph Rotblat, one of the scientists recruited to build the atomic bombs which ended World War II, died at the age of 96**

**1821: German scientist Herman von Helmholtz, inventor of the ophthalmoscope, was born**

**1944: Russian troops captured the Romanian capital, Bucharest**

**1969: Former world heavyweight boxing champion Rocky Marciano was killed in an air crash in Iowa**

**1999: Farmers throughout France picketed McDonald's restaurants in protest at punitive American duties on products like roquefort cheese**