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ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Cuban hurdler Dayron Robles set a new world record of 12.87 seconds for the 110m hurdles at a meet in Ostrava, Czech Republic**

1667: The world's first successful blood transfusion, using blood from a sheep, was carried out in France

1944: Chinese Communist leader Mao Zedong announced he would support Nationalist leader Chiang Kai-shek in the war against Japan

1991: The citizens of Leningrad voted to change the city's name back to its pre-revolutionary title of St Petersburg

2010: Egon Ronay, Hungarian-born food critic, died aged 94