

Thursday, July 6

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** London beat off stiff competition from four other cities to host the 2012 Olympic Games

1944: Inept fire-eaters sparked a fire in the big top of the Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Connecticut, killing 167 people

1964: Nyasaland became the independent state of Malawi with Dr Hastings Banda as its first president

1971: Eminent jazz trumpeter Louis Armstrong died

2005: Over 200,000 people marched through Edinburgh calling for action to combat poverty in Africa as the G8 summit opened in Scotland