

Wednesday, July 12

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** Prince Albert II was formally proclaimed the new ruler of the principality of Monaco

**1906:** French artillery officer Alfred Dreyfus, who had been falsely accused of treason, received a full pardon

**1962:** *The Rolling Stones* played their first official gig at London's Marquee Club

**1979:** Kiribati, formerly the Gilbert Islands, achieved independence after 80 years of British rule

**2000:** The Zvezda service module, living quarters for the first three-man crew of the International Space Station, blasted off from Kazakhstan