

Friday, August 18

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1933:** Oscar-winning movie director Roman Polanski was born in Paris of Polish parents

1587: Virginia Dare became the first child of English parents to be born on American soil

1825: Scotsman Alexander Gordon Laing became the first European to reach Timbuktu, now in Mali. He was murdered there the following month

1965: *Operation Starlite*, the first major U.S. ground operation in Vietnam, began

2004: Maoist rebels in Nepal declared a blockade on all roads leading to the capital, Kathmandu