

Saturday, April 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2005:** MG Rover, Britain's last major car manufacturer, ceased production after last ditch efforts to save the ailing company failed

1513: Juan Ponce de Leon discovered Florida and claimed it for Spain

1913: The opening of China's first parliament took place in Peking, now renamed Beijing

1950: Legendary Russian ballet dancer Vaslav Nijinsky, the greatest male dancer of the 20th century, died

2005: More than 200 world leaders, together with millions of pilgrims from around the world, attended the funeral of Pope John Paul II in Rome