ON THIS DAY

▲ **2007:** Yasuo Fukuda, the son of a former prime minister and a veteran party leader, was chosen to head the government of Japan following the resignation of Shinzo Abe

63BC: Augustus Caesar, first emperor of Rome, was born

1846: German astronomer Johann Galle discovered the planet Neptune

1973: Pablo Neruda, Chilean poet and diplomat, died. One of the most noted Spanish-language poets, he also served as consul to Burma, Argentina and Mexico

1991: Armenia declared its independence from the Soviet Union