

Friday, May 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: The Beijing Olympics torch relay reached the summit of Mount Everest**

1846: American troops led by General Zachary Taylor defeated Mexican forces at the Battle of Palo Alto

1876: The last full-blood Aborigine from Tasmania, Truganini, died

1961: Former British diplomat George Blake was jailed for 42 years for spying for the Soviet Union

2008: Ping-pong diplomacy returned when Hu Jintao, the first Chinese President to visit Japan in a decade, played Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda at table tennis