

Friday, May 29

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1953: Edmund Hilary and Sherpa Tensing became the first men to reach the summit of Mount Everest

1884: The first cable tramway in Europe began operating on Highgate Hill in north London

1900: The Otis company officially registered its Escalator trademark

1979: Bishop Abel Muzorewa was sworn in as the first black prime minister of Zimbabwe-Rhodesia

2008: The World Bank announced a \$1.2 billion package to fight the global food crisis including \$200 million in grants for those most at risk in Third World countries