

Wednesday, August 19

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008: Zambian leader Levy Mwanawasa died in a Paris hospital after suffering a stroke in June**

AD14: Augustus, first Emperor of Rome and adopted son of Julius Caesar, died

1930: A major engineering feat was achieved as the north and south arches of the Sydney Harbour Bridge were joined together after five years under construction

1960: The Soviet Union launched the *Sputnik 5* satellite into Earth orbit, carrying two dogs named Belka and Strelka

2008: Egypt's upper house of Parliament was gutted in a huge fire