

Tuesday, October 27

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1811: U.S. inventor and manufacturer Isaac Singer, who developed the first practical sewing machine, was born**

1807: France and Spain signed the Treaty of Fontainebleau, providing for the division of Portugal into three parts

1904: The first section of the New York Subway was opened

1986: The “Big Bang” revolutionised the London Stock Exchange as computerised dealing was introduced

2008: Fighting in the D.R. Congo between rebel leader Laurent Nkunda and Congolese forces threatened to engulf the region