

**Saturday, February 13**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2008: Australia's Parliament issued a formal apology to the indigenous "Stolen Generation", forcibly removed as children from their families and Aboriginal culture**

**1668: Spain recognised the independence of Portugal under the Treaty of Lisbon**

**1920: Switzerland was admitted to the League of Nations**

**1971: South Vietnamese troops, aided by U.S. forces, entered Laos**

**1990: Nelson Mandela, newly released from a South African jail, got a hero's welcome on his return to the black township of Soweto**