

Tuesday, March 2

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2008:** Dmitry Medvedev was elected President of Russia. His predecessor Vladimir Putin became prime minister

1717: *The Loves of Mars and Venus* became the first ballet staged in Britain

1801: The War of the Oranges between Spain and Portugal began

1962: The Burmese army, led by Ne Win, seized power in a coup, ousting Prime Minister U Nu

2009: President Joao Bernardo Vieira of Guinea-Bissau was shot dead by renegade soldiers hours after a bomb blast killed his rival, the armed forces chief of staff