

Saturday, May 8

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2009:** The White House official who authorized a flyover by an Air Force One plane of the Statue of Liberty that terrified thousands of New Yorkers, reviving memories of the 9/11 attacks, resigned his post

1876: The last full-blood Aborigine from Tasmania, Truganini, died

1924: Afrikaans became the official language of South Africa

1961: Former British diplomat George Blake was jailed for 42 years for spying for the Soviet Union

2009: The UN condemned the ongoing military incursion in eastern Chad by Chadian rebels via Sudan