

**Sunday, May 9**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1901: Australia opened its first parliament in Melbourne** (*above is original plan, but dome was never built*)

**1671:** Irish adventurer Colonel Thomas Blood was caught trying to steal the crown jewels from the Tower of London

**1850: Joseph-Louis Gay-Lussac, French chemist and physicist who established the fact that all gases expand equally with heat, died**

**1946:** King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy abdicated in favour of his son, who became Umberto II. The monarchy was abolished barely a month into his reign

**2009: Jacob Zuma was inaugurated as President of South Africa**