

**Wednesday, May 19**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2009: UK House of Commons Speaker Michael Martin resigned over the issue of MPs' expenses. He was the first Speaker effectively forced from office for 300 years**

**1588: The Spanish Armada set sail, intending to conquer England**

**1971: American humorist and writer Ogden Nash died in Baltimore**

**1986: South African forces raided what they claimed were ANC bases in Botswana, Zambia and Zimbabwe**

**2009: India's Congress-led government was swept back to power in the party's biggest election victory in nearly two decades**