

**Tuesday, February 22**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **1879: Frank Winfield Woolworth opened his first Five-and-Ten-Cent Store store in Utica, New York**

**1512: Amerigo Vespucci, Italian explorer of the New World for whom the American continents are named, died**

**1980: The shekel replaced the pound as the currency of Israel**

**1991: Saddam Hussein ordered more than 150 Kuwaiti oil wells to be set alight ahead of an allied ground war**

**2010: China hosted a surprise 86th birthday party for Robert Mugabe in Harare, the first time Mugabe had visited a foreign embassy since Zimbabwe's independence in 1980**