

**Wednesday, April 27**

# *ON THIS DAY*



▲ **2009:** An ill-advised publicity flight for Air Force One sparked panic in New York, reviving memories of 9/11 and prompting an apology from a furious President Obama

**1880:** The first electronic hearing aid for the deaf was patented

**1896:** Wallace Carrothers, who developed nylon, was born

**1992:** Zambia's national football team perished when their plane crashed into the Atlantic off Gabon

**2010:** Greece's sovereign credit rating was downgraded to junk status, four days after Athens asked to activate a €45bn EU-IMF bailout