

**Wednesday, May 25**

# *ON THIS DAY*



**▲ 1935:** At an athletics meeting in Michigan, Jesse Owens, the greatest athlete of his era, set five world records in just 45 minutes

**1521:** The Edict of Worms outlawed Martin Luther and his followers

**1889:** Russian-born aeronautical engineer Igor Sikorsky, who invented the helicopter, was born

**1989:** Mikhail Gorbachev was elected president of the Soviet Union

**2010:** South African opera star Siphiso Ntshebe, chosen by Nelson Mandela to sing at the World Cup opening ceremony, died suddenly at age 34 after contracting meningitis