

**Friday, May 27**

# ON THIS DAY



▲ **2010: The Gulf of Mexico oil spill was declared the worst oil spill in U.S. history, surpassing the *Exxon Valdez* wreck off Alaska in 1989**

**1900: Belgium became the first country to elect a government by proportional representation**

**1967: Australia voted overwhelmingly to allow Aborigines constitutional recognition**

**1994: Alexander Solzhenitsyn returned to Russia to an emotional welcome after 20 years in exile**

**2010: Spain's parliament approved by one vote a €15 billion austerity package to rein in the budget deficit**