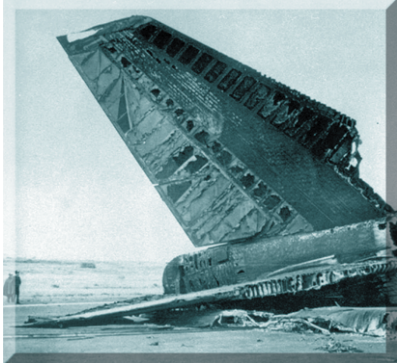


Monday, March 27

ON THIS DAY



▲ **1977:** Two jumbo jets collided on the runway in Tenerife, claiming 583 lives in the world's worst air disaster

1836: The first Mormon temple was dedicated in the U.S. state of Ohio

1914: The first successful blood transfusion took place in Brussels

1964: Britain's Great Train Robbers were sentenced to a total of 307 years in prison

1993: Communist Party leader Jiang Zemin became president of China

2005: Pope John Paul II appeared at his window in St Peter's Square to give his traditional Easter blessing but was unable to speak due to his failing health
