

Saturday, August 26

ON THIS DAY



▲ 1959: The Mini car, destined to become a symbol of the swinging sixties, was launched in Britain

1789: The French Assembly adopted the Declaration of the Rights of Man

1952: The Soviet Union said it had conducted the first successful tests of the Intercontinental Ballistic Missile

1998: Colonel Gaddafi of Libya agreed to send the two Lockerbie bombing suspects for trial in the Netherlands

2005: Northern Ireland politician Gerry Fitt, first leader of the moderate republican SDLP, died at the age of 79