## Sunday, August 27

## ON THIS DAY



▲ 1883: Tidal waves resulting from the cataclysmic eruption of Krakatoa killed 36.000 in Java and Sumatra

**55BC:** Ten thousand men of the 7th and 10th Roman legions under Julius Caesar landed in southern England

1576: Venetian Renaissance master Titian died, aged around 90

**1975:** Haile Selassie, deposed as emperor of Ethiopia the previous year, died while under house arrest

2003: Mars passed within 55,758,004km (34,646,418 miles) of the Earth, the closest the two planets had been to each other in some 60,000 years