

Monday, August 28

ON THIS DAY



▲ **2004:** The Vatican returned a valuable icon, *Our Lady of Kazan*, to the Russian Orthodox Church. It had disappeared from Russia in the turmoil of 1917 and had hung in the pope's private chapel for 30 years

1850: Richard Wagner's opera *Lohengrin* was premiered at Weimar, Germany, under the direction of Franz Liszt

1994: Russia withdrew the kopek, a coin worth a hundredth of a rouble or three millionths of one penny

2005: Iraq's political leaders presented the text of a draft constitution to the National Assembly