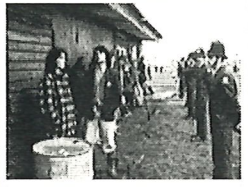


## Today in History

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1977 Occupation of Bastion Point begins

Joe Hawke leads an occupation of Takaparawhā (Bastion Point reserve), Auckland, to protest against the Crown's decision to sell land that Ngāti Whātua maintained had been wrongly taken from them.

The occupation began after the government announced plans for a housing development on former Ngāti Whātua reserve land. The land had been gradually reduced in size by compulsory acquisition, leaving the Ngāti Whātua ki Orākei tribal group holding less than 1 ha. Police evicted the occupiers after 506 days. Following a Waitangi Tribunal inquiry and recommendations, much of the land was returned to or vested with Ngāti Whātua.

Read more about the eviction of protestors and the return of the Bastion Point land.

Image: Bastion Point protest

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4 April 2001  
Silvia Cartwright becomes Governor General



5 April 1932  
Death of Phar Lap



6 April 1864  
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7 April 1856  
First state secondary school opens in Nelson



8 April 1873  
Julius Vogel becomes Premier



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Unemployed disturbances in Dunedin



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## Julius Vogel

Premier Julius Vogel's great plan was to borrow heavily to build infrastructure and to lure migrants. It was controversial, but the money and migrants stimulated the economy and created a viable consumer market for producers.

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