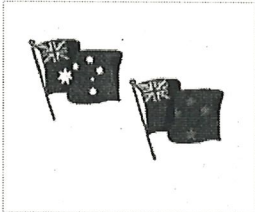




Today in History

21 January



1944 NZ and Australia sign the Canberra Pact

In the wake of Japan's expansion across the Pacific Ocean during the Second World War, the New Zealand and Australian governments saw the value of working together more closely to enhance their joint influence. The Australia–New Zealand Agreement ('Canberra Pact') was an undertaking by both countries to co-operate on international matters, especially in the Pacific. In particular they agreed to:

- a framework for consultation on matters of common interest
- assert their right to be involved in setting peace terms and in the creation of any postwar international organisation
- the creation of a regional defence zone stretching across the Pacific from Australia to Western Samoa and the Cook Islands
- support the principle of trusteeship for the remaining Pacific island colonies
- set up a regional commission to advance economic, political and social development in the 'South Seas'.

The Canberra Pact was received unenthusiastically by the British and with hostility by the United States. Even its promise of closer cooperation between Australia and New Zealand was largely unfulfilled. But the two countries were closely involved in the creation of the United Nations; and a South Pacific Commission was set up in 1947.

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28 February 1945 Kiwi soldier faces Nazi firing squad



1 March 1901 Skippers' Bridge opened



2 March 1865 Missionary Carl Volkner killed at Opotiki



3 March 1960 Barry Crump's novel *A good keen man* published



4 March 1855 Legendary sheep rustler James Mackenzie caught



5 March 1830 Outbreak of the Girls' War at Kororareka



6 March 1947 Debut performance of NZ Symphony Orchestra

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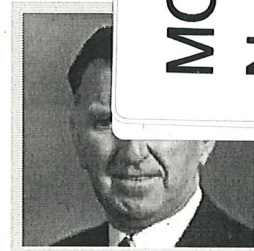
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