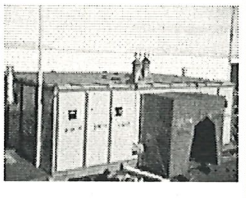


Today in History

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1957 Scott Base opened in Antarctica

Scott Base, New Zealand's permanent Antarctic research station, was declared established by Captain Harold Ruegg, the Administrator for the Ross Dependency. Ruegg gave a short speech to a small crowd which included Admiral Dufek and other officers from the nearby American logistical support base. Appropriately, as the base was named after the British explorer Robert Falcon Scott, the New Zealand flag was then raised on a flagstaff that had been used by Scott at Hut Point in 1903.

The base was originally established to support the privately run Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic Expedition (TAE) of 1955-8. It was to accommodate both the New Zealand party of the TAE and a party of New Zealand scientists attached to the expedition who also contributed to the International Geophysical Year (IGY). These parties were the first to winter over at Scott Base. By agreement with the Ross Sea Committee of the TAE, the base became the property of the New Zealand government at the completion of the expedition.

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Image: The Mess (A Hut) Scott Base, 1957

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Silvia Cartwright becomes Governor General



5 April 1932
Death of Pharo Lap



6 April 1864 Pai
Marire ambush in Taranaki



7 April 1856 First
state secondary school opens in Nelson



8 April 1873
Julius Vogel becomes Premier



9 April 1932
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10 April 1968
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Premier Julius Vogel's great plan was to borrow heavily to build infrastructure and to lure migrants. It was only after the money and migrants stimulated the economy and created a viable consumer market for producers.

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