

**Today in AMERICAN HISTORY**



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The New York Stock Exchange opens its offices on **January 4, 1865** at 10-12 Broad Street, near Wall Street.

Philippine President Manuel Quezon (1878-1944) arrives in Washington, D.C. on **January 4, 1934** for a state visit



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**Today in WORLD HISTORY**



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Arabs and Jews battle for control of the Wailing Wall on **January 4, 1948**. The Wailing Wall, located in the old city of Jerusalem (also known as The Western Wall) is considered to be the holiest shrine in the city.

Edmund Hillary (Sir Edmund Percival Hillary; 1919-2008) arrives at the South Pole on **January 4, 1958**, the first explorer to visit this remote area since Robert Falcon Scott in 1912. Hillary and Sherpa mountaineer Tenzing Norgay were the first to climb Mt. Everest, the world's highest peak, in 1953.



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**Today in AVIATION**

At left, SB2U-1 Vindicator scout dive bomber manufactured by Chance-Vought with a PWA R-1535-96 engine (750 hp); top speed: 242 mph; length: 34'; span: 42'; gross weight: 6,777 lbs; is first delivered to the U.S. Navy on **January 4, 1936** (170 were purchased from 1936 to July 1941).



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At right, a PBY Catalina flying boat scouts the Aleutians on **January 4, 1942**, which Japanese forces invaded at Kiska and Attu on June 6-7, 1942.



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**Today in POLITICS**



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Lyndon B. Johnson (1908-1973), 36th President (Democrat) of the U.S., announces his "Great Society" in his State of the Union speech on **January 4, 1965**.

Nancy Pelosi (1940- ), at right, Democratic Congresswoman from the 8th Congressional District of California since 1987, becomes the first female Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives on **January 4, 2007**.



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## Today in INVENTIONS



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Samuel Colt (1814-1862), American inventor and industrialist, sold his first revolver pistol to the U.S. government on **January 4, 1847**. Colt went on to produce a wide assortment of firearms. One of the most widely purchased was the pocket-sized automatic .25-caliber pistol, as shown in a 1913 advertisement.

## ARRIVALS



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Actress Barbara Rush  
Born **January 4, 1927**  
Shown with husband/actor  
Jeffrey Hunter, California, 1954.

Actor Julian Sands  
Born **January 4, 1958**  
Shown with Twiggy  
in *The Doctor and  
the Devils* (1985)



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## DEPARTURES



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Actor James Edwards  
Born March 6, 1918  
Died **January 4, 1970**  
Shown as a G.I. in  
*The Steel Helmet* (1953).

Actor Iron Eyes Cody  
Born April 3, 1907  
Died **January 4, 1999**  
Shown at right menacing  
Robert Mitchum in  
*Blood on the Moon* (1948)



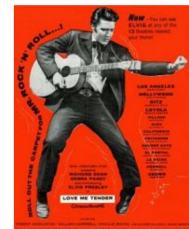
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## Bet You Didn't Know...



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Elvis Presley (Elvis Aron Presley, 1935-1977) recorded his first demo record on **January 4, 1954**, a 10-minute demo at Sun Records in Memphis Tennessee of his own songs (he had made an acetate recording of the same songs for his mother in 1953). In July 1954, the young singer, who became "The King" of Rock 'n' Roll, made his first commercial recording with a song entitled "That's All Right (Mama)"—a song originated by black blues musician Arthur Crudup. Presley became a worldwide phenomenon, making his first film in 1956, *Love Me Tender* (right). He went on to make many more movies. He was inducted into four music halls of fame.



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