



Today in History

January 5, 1841

▲ An expedition led by British explorer James Clark Ross was the first to enter Antarctic pack ice. The Ross Sea and Ross Ice Shelf were later named after him

1889: The word “hamburger” was first used in print in a U.S. newspaper

1968: Alexander Dubcek became leader of Czechoslovakia. His policy of political liberalisation led to the invasion by Warsaw Pact forces

1972: U.S. President Richard Nixon signed a bill instructing NASA to begin research on a manned space shuttle

2004: Astronomers reported that the giant star LBV 1806-20 was at least 150 times bigger than the sun