



# Today in History

*December 30, 2019*

▲ **Thousands of people fled to a local beach awaiting evacuation near Mallacoota, Victoria, amid the most destructive bushfire season in Australian history**

**1937:** A three-month strike began in the U.S. car industry. It led to recognition of the Automobile Workers union

**1997: South Africa and China established diplomatic relations**

**2015:** A freak weather system saw temperatures around the North Pole briefly surpass 32°F (0°C), far higher than usual

**2018: The Trans-Pacific Partnership, the world's third largest free-trade area, came into effect**