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Embarked New Zealand Science Party K-12 and one passenger for Campbell Island. Forward gyro declared unusable for the remainder of the trip.

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Volunteer cargo handling detail returned aboard. Underway to test seismic gear.

7 FEB 80

Assisted successful unmooring of USNS TOWLE. Ice Wharf towed clear of Winter Quarters Bay and set adrift two miles north of Hut Point.



McMURDO STATION

Located on Ross Island is the continent's largest base, McMurdo Station. Constructed in 1955 as a staging base for inland research projects, McMurdo was not used for scientific research until after the International Geophysical Year. Today McMurdo serves as the headquarters for Operation DEEP FREEZE during the austral summer for both the Commander of Task Force 199 and the National Science Foundation. Scientific programs at McMurdo include but are not limited to earth sciences, biology, glaciology, oceanography and geology. McMurdo is also the sorting house for all supplies destined for use by U.S. scientists on the continent.