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## Hawaii Now Officially A Territory Of United States

### PRES. MCKINLEY NOTES BIRTH OF SPENCER TRACY



#### NEWS OF ARRIVAL REACHES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The President of the United States, William McKinley, proclaimed that today be a day of national celebration, heralding the birth of Spencer Tracy on Thursday, April 5, 1900.

The White House sent a bouquet of sweet peas, the flower for the month of April, to the family.

### NEWS AROUND THE WORLD Making Headlines In 1900



- The Boer War Continues in South Africa
- Average Age at Death in USA is 47
- Firestone Tire Founded
- Excavation Begins on A New York Subway
- Brownie Camera Introduced for a Dollar

### Celebrities Share April 5th Birthday

April 5th seems to be a popular day to be born, at least according to the impressive list of rich and famous people born on that day! Also born this date are Roy Clark, Melvyn Douglas, Bette Davis, Spencer Tracy, Gregory Peck, and Arthur Hailey.

It's interesting to note that Spencer Tracy was also born in 1900. That means both Spencer Tracy and Spencer were born 41,273 days ago!

### Hawaii is Territory

HONOLULU - Hawaii is now officially a territory of the United States. A chain of islands near the center of the N. Pacific Ocean, Hawaii had sought annexation by the U.S. for some years. In 1898, America agreed to annex the islands and grant territorial status. President McKinley had pushed for territorial status.



### Congress Debates Consumer Prices

CAPITOL HILL (UPI) - Heated discussion marked the House floor today as Congress debated the state of consumer prices. Many congressmen complained that the average American just can't afford a new house at today's price of \$3,880.00.

Split along party lines, many Republicans felt that fourteen cents for a half gallon of milk was a solid consumer bargain, while Democrats pointed out that fourteen cents for a pound of bacon was too expensive for many. Since the average U.S. worker now earns a record annual wage of \$490.00, many members of the House felt that four cents for a loaf of bread was quite affordable.

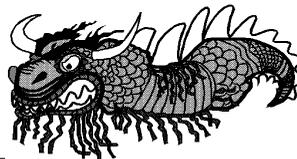
President William McKinley noted that while ten pounds of potatoes had risen to fourteen cents, he said that the American public had, in 1900, more buying power than ever before.

### Chinese Celebrate Year of the Rat

CHINATOWN - It only seems natural that the birth of Spencer Tracy might be a cause for great joy in the Chinese community.

After all, this lucky person was born during the Chinese Lunar year of 4,567, the year of the Rat, a very auspicious year! Persons born in this year are said to be ambitious, honest and free spending.

Today's fortune cookie says, "New Romance Looms On The Horizon!"



### Astronomers Note First Quarter Moon

U.S. NAVAL OBSERVATORY - Heralding the birth of Spencer Tracy was the first quarter moon. Because Spencer was also born during the month of April, this moon is also known as a so-called "Pink Moon".

Today, Thursday, one-half of the Moon appears to be illuminated by direct sunlight. The fraction of the Moon's disk that is illuminated is increasing. The right half of the Moon appears lighted and the left side of the Moon appears dark. During the time between the New Moon and the First Quarter Moon, the part of the Moon that appears lighted gets larger and larger every day.



### Music, Music, Music The Top Hits of 1900

What a year it has been for the music industry! With hit songs like "Come Back, Ma Honey Boy, To Me," and "My Tiger Lily," success was assured. Who could forget the enchanting melody of "Sweet Fleur-De-Lis," or stop humming, "A Bird In A Gilded Cage," one of the year's most popular songs? Yes, the tunes of 1900 will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.