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At the beginning of the Antarctic endeavor of the International Geophysical Year, it is a privilege for the United States to join Norway, the United Kingdom and New Zealand in dedicating the first South Pole IGY Station on behalf of more than fifty nations participating in this promising cooperative study of man's environment.

It is fitting that our countries be represented here in the establishment of the Antarctic program of the IGY. The explorers of Norway, the United Kingdom, New Zealand and the United States share a great tradition in this area. Roald Amundsen, the Norwegian, was the first man to reach the South Pole. He was followed by Captain Robert F. Scott, the British explorer of heroic memory who is revered in the annals both of his native Britain and of New Zealand. Later, Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd began the American series of modern expeditions to the Antarctic.

In the name of science and mankind, I join you in paying tribute to the pioneers Amundsen and Scott. I salute also the new pioneers who are working with skill and courage during the International Geophysical Year. For the services they are rendering to the peaceful advancement of the world, I am sure they will win an honored place with the heroes of old.

Best wishes and congratulations to you all.

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