

World News Chronology for 1956

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MEDFORD (OREGON) MAIL TRIBUNE—THREE

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JANUARY

- 1—No. 3 Democratic politician Frank Hague, 79, died.
- 5—In State of Union Message, President Eisenhower called upon Congress to strengthen U.S. and its allies.
- 5—Prince Rainier - Grace Kelly engagement announced.
- 12—U.S. Justice Dept. announced that Brink's robbery solved.
- 12—Deputy Sam Langford died at 75.
- 13—U.S. Navy and Air Force announced they would launch first man-made satellite into outer space from Air Force base in Florida.
- 17—Ford Motors stock sold to public for first time.
- 22—Santa Fe commuter train en route to San Diego derailed at Los Angeles; 29 killed, 150 injured.
- 23—Movie producer Alexander Korda, 62, died.
- 23—President Eisenhower rejected Soviet bid for 20-year franchise pact.
- 29—Author-critic H. L. Mencken, 75, died.
- 30—President Eisenhower, Sir Anthony Eden opened three-day round of discussions on work problems in Washington.

FEBRUARY

- 2—Comedian Bob Burns died at 60.
- 6—Athena J. Lucy, first Negro student at University of Ala., suspended to curb anti-Negro demonstrations.
- 8—Connie Mack, grand old man of baseball, died at 93.
- 19—Donald MacLean and Guy Burgess, British ex-diplomats who vanished in 1951 denied espionage charges in Moscow interview.
- 14—President Eisenhower's physicians reported him fit to run.
- 15—Urho Kekkonen elected president of Finland.
- 17—White House announced suspension of arms shipments from U.S. to Middle East.
- 17—President Eisenhower vetoed natural gas bill.
- 17—Forty Marines killed in plane crash in Alameda county, Calif.
- 18—Fifty killed when plane carrying British troops from Egypt to England crashed at Malta.
- 18—Defense Minister Georgi K. Zhukov warned U.S. on atomic war.
- 18—President Eisenhower lifted U.S. embargo on arms shipments to Middle East.
- 19—Composer Gustave Charpentier died at 95.
- 20—French strifter, enroute from Saigon to Paris, crashed near Cairo, 52 dead, 12 survivors.
- 21—Bela Kun, Hungarian revolutionary, posthumously restored to place of honor in Communist history.
- 21—More than 100 persons indicted by grand jury for involvement in boycott of Montgomery's (Ala.) buses by Negroes.
- 21—Edwin Franke Goldman, bandmaster-composer, died at 78.
- 22—Uranium valued at one billion dollars released by President Eisenhower for peaceful purposes here and abroad.
- 22—Designer Hattie Carnegie, 60, died.
- 27—Elsie Janis, "Sweetheart of the AEF," died at 66.
- 27—Italian President Giovanni Gronchi began Washington visit.
- 29—President Eisenhower said he would seek second term.
- 29—Epidio Quirino, former president of Philippines, died at 65.

MARCH

- 1—Athena J. Lucy "permanently expelled from University of Ala."
- 1—Lt. Gen. John Bagot Glubb, British commander of Arab Legion, ousted by Jordan.
- 3—USAF C-124 Globemaster, en route from Iceland to New York, crashed in North Atlantic; all 17 U.S. servicemen killed.
- 5—Supreme Court extended segregation ban to colleges.
- 6—President Eisenhower asked Russia to join U.S. in halting production of fissionable materials for war.
- 6—British deported Archbishop Makarios from Cyprus.
- 10—Egyptis crippled in protest strike over exile of Makarios; anti-British rioting in Greece.
- 12—Engagement of Margaret Truman to newspaperman Milton Eisenhower announced.
- 15—Georgi Malenkov, former Russian premier, arrived for London visit.
- 15—Prince Ernst Rudiger von Starbemberg, 56, died in Austria.
- 16—Earthquake shook Lebanon; 127 killed.
- 17—Comedian Fred Allen died at 51.
- 17—Miss Lane Joliet-Curie, 58, died.
- 18—Author Louis Bromfield, 59, died.
- 20—Westinghouse Electric's 156-day strike ended.
- 26—Supreme Court upheld constitutionality of immunity Act of 1954.
- 28—Swedish parliament called for withdrawal of U.S. troops.
- 29—Lazio Rajk, executed as traitor, cleared by Hungary.

APRIL

- 1—TransWorld airliner, leaving Pittsburgh for Newark, N. J., crashed seconds after takeoff; 22 dead, 14 survivors.
- 2—Supreme court ruled out trials by states in sedition cases.
- 2—Alfred P. Sloan Jr. retired as chairman of General Motors.
- 3—Traicho Kostov, executed for high treason in 1949, restored to grace by Bulgaria.
- 5—Victor Riesel, labor columnist, blinded in acid attack by unknown assailant in New York city.
- 7—Soviet press (for first time) blamed Stalin for war defeats.
- 7—Spain, Morocco signed declaration recognizing Morocco's right to full freedom.
- 7—250 killed in anti-rebel drive in Algiers.
- 8—Six Marine recruits drowned in tidal swamp off Parris Island Marine Base (S. C.) during night march; ordered and led by S/Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon, 31.
- 12—Egyptian plane flying over Israel's Negev desert area, shot down by Israeli jet fighters; Israel charged "uninterrupted Egyptian aggression."
- 13—Gen. Lauris Norstad named to succeed Gen. Alfred M. Gruenther as head of NATO command; Gruenther to retire at end of 1956.
- 14—Aircraft carrier Saratoga commissioned.
- 15—In Independence Day broadcast, Premier David Ben-Gurion said Egypt was planning to "slight" Israel.
- 15—Tornado ripped Alabama region; 17 killed, 200 injured.
- 16—President Eisenhower vetoed farm bill.
- 16—Bulgarian Premier Vulko Chervenkov resigned; Anton Yugov succeeded.
- 16—Grace Kelly married to Prince Rainier III in civil ceremony in Monaco.
- 18—Israel, Egypt agreed to enforce UN truce.
- 21—Margaret Truman wed to Clifton Daniel.
- 21—Playwright Charles MacArthur died at 60.
- 23—Supreme Court sustained lower court ruling that segregation on bus lines in South Carolina is unconstitutional.
- 23—In Birmingham, Eng., Nikita S. Khrushchev warned that Russia would make a guided missile with a hydrogen bomb warhead capable of hitting any target in the world.
- 26—Vice-President Nixon announced he would accept re-nomination.
- 26—Actor Edward Arnold, 66, died.
- 27—Rocky Marciano, heavyweight champion, announced his retirement.
- 28—New York City's new Coliseum officially opened.
- 29—Cuban government post at Matanzas attacked by rebels; uprising quelled with loss of 10 lives.
- 30—U.S. Sen. Alben W. Barkley, 78, died.

MAY

- 5—Needles won \$167,550 Kentucky Derby.
- 11—Russia received British apology for unauthorized sniping by Royal Navy frogman near Soviet warships at Portsmouth.
- 12—Actor Louis Calhern, 61, died.
- 14—Soviet Union announced plan to reduce armed forces by 1,200,000 within year.
- 16—President Sukarno of Indonesia arrived in Washington on state visit.
- 18—Communist newspaper in Moscow published in part Lenin's warning against Stalin.
- 19—Sir Max Beerbohm, essayist and critic, died at 83.
- 21—First U.S. hydrogen bomb dropped from a plane exploded over Namu Island in the Bikini atoll.
- 26—Ball player Al Simmons died at 55.
- 28—President Eisenhower signed farm bill.
- 28—Swiss mountaineers announced scaling Mt. Everest twice; also reported first ascent of twin peak, Lhotse.
- 28—Fred A. Seaton nominated by President Eisenhower to succeed Douglas McKay as secretary of interior.
- 28—Dr. Jesus de Galindez, Spanish-Basque lecturer at Columbia University, reported to have been murdered on freighter, Dr. de Galindez missing since March 12.

JUNE

- 1—Jesse H. Jones, financier, died at 82.
- 1—V. M. Molotov resigned as Soviet foreign minister.
- 2—President Tito of Yugoslavia arrived in Moscow.
- 2—Actor Jean Hersholt, 69, died.
- 5—Federal court in Alabama ruled that racial segregation in city buses in Montgomery violated federal constitution.
- 9—President Eisenhower operated on for relief intestinal obstruction—ileitis.
- 10—Attempted Peronist coun-

ter revolution smashed by

- 26—Nuclear weapon exploded by Soviet Union Aug. 24 in Soviet Central Asia, White House announced.
- 28—Sec. Dulles said Communist China admitted downing plane at about time and place where a U.S. plane was lost last week.
- 29—U. S. India signed record \$360,100,000 food-loan pact.

SEPTEMBER

- 3—U. S. Atomic Energy Commission revealed explosion of atomic fuel by Soviet Union in Soviet Central Asia; occurred Sept. 2.
- 3—New violence in Tennessee over integration.
- 5—Santa Fe Chief, enroute from Chicago to Los Angeles, crashed into parked mail train near Springer, N. M.; 20 killed.
- 6—Body of 6-week-old Cynthia Ruotolo, kidnapped Sept. 1, found in Lake Whitney (Conn.).
- 7—Johnny Dio and six others indicted on charge of conspiracy in acid-blinding of Victor Riesel.
- 7—Sherman Minton announced retirement from Supreme Court.
- 8—Soviet government announced its first guarantee of minimum wage, effective Jan. 1, 1957.
- 9—Suez talks in Cairo ended in failure.
- 15—Freighter Pelagia broke in two and sank in Arctic storm off Norway; 31 of 36 crewmen perished.
- 18—New York Yankees clinched American League pennant.
- 21—Nicaraguan President Anastasio Somoza wounded by assassin in Managua.
- 25—First telephone cable opened between North America and Europe.
- 27—Mrs. Mildred (Babe) Didrikson Zaharias, 42, died.
- 27—Marshal Tito flew to Russia with Nikita S. Khrushchev on undisclosed mission.
- 29—William Joseph Brennan Jr. named to succeed retiring Supreme Court Justice Sherman Minton.
- 29—President Somoza of Nicaragua died of wounds.
- 30—Brooklyn Dodgers won National League championship.

OCTOBER

- 1—Suez Canal Users' Association formed in London.
- 7—American Labor Party dissolved after 20 years.
- 8—Yankee pitcher Don Larsen hurled first no-hit, perfect game in World Series history in fifth game. Score, 2-0.
- 10—N. Y. Yankees captured 1956 World Series, defeating Dodgers in seven games.
- 14—Playwright Owen Davis, 82, died.
- 19—Soviet Union, Japan signed pact ending 11 years of state of war.
- 21—Dr. Julio Lozano Diaz ousted in Honduras by military junta in bloodless revolution.
- 23—Hungarian police fired on rioting Budapest demonstrators protesting presence of Soviet troops in Hungary.
- 26—Rebel forces seized control of most of Hungary.
- 29—Israeli troops invaded Egypt.
- 31—British and French joined Israelis in attack on Egypt.

NOVEMBER

- 1—President Eisenhower signed new Social Security Bill.
- 2—Albert Woolson, last Union Army veteran, died at 109.
- 4—Marine S/Sgt. Matthew C. McKeon sentenced in Parris Island swamp case.
- 6—Seven-year ban on visits by U. S. correspondents to Communist China lifted.
- 7—Peiping radio reported typhoon struck provinces of Chekiang, Honan and Hopeh previous week; 2,161 killed.
- 7—Dynamite blast in Cali, Colombia, killed an estimated 1,200; damage to business, industry estimated at \$40,000,000.
- 8—Fire in Casier du Bois coal mine in Marcinelle, Belgium, killed 262 miners.
- 13—Arthur Bliss Lane, former diplomat, died at 62.
- 16—Adlai E. Stevenson nominated for president on first ballot by Democrats in Chicago.
- 17—Estes Kefauver nominated for vice-president by Democrats.
- 17—Victor Riesel acid-throwing episode reported solved by FBI.
- 22—President Eisenhower, Vice-President Nixon renominated by Republicans in San Francisco.
- 23—Angelo John LaMarca confessed kidnaping Peter Weinberger.
- 24—Body of kidnaped Peter Weinberger found on Long Island.
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DECEMBER

- 1—Iraq placed under martial law by king's decree.
- 3—Fire and explosion at Brooklyn pier of Luckenbach Steamship Lines killed 10 persons, injured 246; damage estimated at \$15,000,000.
- 4—Douglas MacArthur 2nd named U. S. ambassador to Japan.
- 5—Hungary rejected proposed Dec. 16 visit by UN's Dag Hammarskjold.
- 8—Herbert Hoover Jr. resigned as under secretary of state; Christian A. Herter to replace.
- 9—Trans - Canadian Airlines plane, carrying 62 persons, unreported en route from Vancouver to Montreal.
- 10—World Fund granted Britain \$1.3 billion credit.
- 11—Hungarian Foreign Minister Imre Horvath walked out of the UN General Assembly, charging his government was "rudely and disgracefully offended" by debate on Hungarian issue.
- 12—Gen. Paul E. Magloire resigned as Haiti's provisional chief of state.
- 15—United States offers to share modern atomic weapons with NATO members. Egyptian commandoes attack British troops.
- 16—President Eisenhower announces \$4 million grant to help Austria care for Hungarian refugees. Hungarian

rebel hanged in Kadar's new "get tough" policy.

17—Twelve persons die as overloaded auto hits train at Phoenix, Ariz. Shepilov, Zhukov sign new defense pact with Poland.

18—Swiss police crack Communist espionage ring.

19—West Berlin newspaper reports strikes and demonstrations in Russia.

20—Egypt charges France with deporting war prisoners.

26—Orders given to start clearing Suez Canal.

27—Hungary drafting frame to work in coal mines.



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