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About 750 years ago, around **1260**, Jacob of Liège was born in Liège.

About 600 years ago, around **1410**, Jean de Ockeghem was born in St. Ghislain near Mons.

About 550 years ago, around **1460**, Antoine Brumel was born.

About 500 years ago, around **1510**, Pierre de Manchicourt was born in Béthune.

About 500 years ago, around **1510**, Antonio de Cabezón was born in Castrillo de Matajudíos near Burgos.

About 450 years ago, around **1560**, Lodovico Viadana was born in Viadana near Parma,

About 450 years ago, around **1560**, Nicholas Gombert died.

450 years ago, in **1560**, William Brade was born.

About 400 years ago, around **1610**, Henri Du Mont was born in Looz (Borgloon) near Hasselt.

350 years ago, in **1660**, Johann Joseph Fux was born in Hirtenfeld near St. Marein, Styria.

About 300 years ago, around **1710**, Domenico Alberti was born in Venice.

150 years ago, on **January 1, 1860**, Paris was organized into 20 arrondissements.

50 years ago, on **January 1, 1960**, the Republic of Cameroon was declared independent of France under President Ahmadou Babatoura Ahidjo.

50 years ago, on **January 3, 1960**, the Moscow State Symphony became the first Soviet orchestra to perform in the United States, in Carnegie Hall, New York.

300 years ago, on **January 4, 1710**, Giovanni Battista Pergolesi was born in Iesi, Marche.

50 years ago, on **January 4, 1960**, Albert Camus was killed in an automobile accident in Villeblerin, France.

100 years ago, on **January 6, 1910**, the string quartet "Voces intimae" op.56 by Jean Sibelius (44) was performed for the first time, in Berlin.

250 years ago, on **January 10, 1760**, Johann Rudolf Zumsteeg was born in Sachsenflur, near Mergentheim, son of a personal servant to Duke Carl Eugen of Wurttemberg.

50 years ago, on **January 10, 1960**, *Movements* for piano and orchestra, and *Tres sacrae cantiones*, both by Igor Stravinsky (77) were performed for the first time, at Town Hall, New York, under the baton of the composer.

100 years ago, on **January 13, 1910**, the first radio broadcast of opera was made from the stage of the Metropolitan Opera House in New York. Enrico Caruso sang arias by Pietro Mascagni (46) and Ruggero Leoncavallo (52).

100 years ago, on **January 14, 1910**, Arnold Schoenberg's (35) *Das Buch der hängenden Gärten* op.15, to words of Stefan George, *Three Piano Pieces* op.11, and excerpts from the unfinished *Gurre-Lieder* in a reduction for two pianos, eight hands were performed for the first time, in Vienna.

100 years ago, on **January 16, 1910**, in a memorable evening in Carnegie Hall, New York, Sergei Rakhmaninov (36) gave the third performance of his Piano Concerto no.3, with the New York Philharmonic under its new music director, Gustav Mahler (49).

100 years ago, on **January 19, 1910**, the National Institute of Arts and Letters was incorporated by the United States Congress.

100 years ago, on **January 22, 1910**, *Fireworks* op.4 for orchestra by Igor Stravinsky (27) was performed publicly for the first time, in St. Petersburg.

50 years ago, on **January 23, 1960**, Jacques Picard and Donald Walsh reach the ocean floor at a depth of 10.9 km aboard the bathyscaph *Trieste* 400 km southwest of Guam. It is a depth record which still stands.

50 years ago, on **January 24, 1960**, about 2,500 European extremists fired on security forces trying to remove them after an anti-de Gaulle rally in the Algiers Forum. Barricades went up, beginning a week of rioting in Algiers against President De Gaulle's policy of self-determination for Algeria and his removal of General Massu.

150 years ago, on **January 25, 1860**, Richard Wagner (46) conducted the first of three concerts of his music in Paris. Attending this day at the Théâtre-Italien were Daniel-François-Esprit Auber (77), Giacomo Meyerbeer (68), Hector Berlioz (56), Valentin Alkan (46) and Charles Gounod (41). The audience was enthusiastic but the press was merciless. Heard this day for the first time was the Prelude to *Tristan und Isolde* with the concert ending composed by Wagner. Alkan left at intermission, later saying "Wagner is not music; it's a sickness."

50 years ago, on **February 1, 1960**, the revolt by Europeans in Algiers collapsed as the rebels surrendered.

50 years ago, on **February 3, 1960**, the French National Assembly voted to grant decree power to President de Gaulle and his cabinet for one year for the maintenance of security in Algeria.

100 years ago, on **February 8, 1910**, *Five Movements* for string quartet op.5 by Anton von Webern (26) was performed for the first time, in Vienna.

150 years ago, on **February 10, 1860**, Johannes Brahms' (26) *Serenade no.2* for orchestra was performed for the first time, in the Wörmerscher Saal, Hamburg.

250 years ago, on **February 12, 1760**, Jan Ladislav Dussek was born in Cáslav, 70 km east of Prague, first of three children born to Jan Joseph Dussek, organist and composer, and Veronika Stebetová a harpist and daughter of a judge.

350 years ago, on **February 13, 1660**, Johann Sigismund Kusser was born in Pressburg (Bratislava).

50 years ago, on **February 13, 1960**, France exploded its first nuclear device, south of Reggane in the Sahara.

50 years ago, on **February 18, 1960**, the Eighth Winter Olympic Games opened in Squaw Valley, California, United States.

100 years ago, on **February 19, 1910**, Jules Massenet's (67) comédie héroïque *Don Quichotte*, to words of Cain after Le Lorrain, was performed for the first time, at the Opéra de Monte Carlo.

100 years ago, on **February 20, 1910**, "Ibéria" from *Images* for orchestra by Claude Debussy (47) was performed for the first time, in Paris.

50 years ago, on **February 25, 1960**, *Music for Amplified Toy Pianos* by John Cage (47) was performed for the first time, at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Connecticut.

50 years ago, on **February 28, 1960**, the Eighth Winter Olympic Games closed in Squaw Valley, California, United States. In eleven days of competition, 665 athletes from 27 countries took part.

50 years ago, on **February 29, 1960**, an earthquake centered near Agadir, Morocco, caused 12,000 deaths.

200 years ago, on **March 1, 1810** Fryderyk Franciszek Chopin was born in Zelazowa Wola in the Duchy of Warsaw, 47 km west of the capital, second of four children born to Nicholas Chopin, Alsatian tutor to the children of Countess Ludvika Skarbek, and Tekla Justyna Krzyzanowska, personal attendant to and distant relative of the countess.

100 years ago, on **March 2, 1910**, "Rondes de Printemps" from *Images* for orchestra by Claude Debussy (47) was performed for the first time, in Paris, conducted by the composer.

150 years ago, on **March 3, 1860**, *Serenade no.1*, in the setting for full orchestra by Johannes Brahms (26) was performed for the first time, in the Concert Hall of the Royal Theater, Hanover.

- 150 years ago, on **March 5, 1860**, Emperor Franz Joseph issued the March Patent, centralizing authority in Vienna and ignoring Hungarian demands for more autonomy.
- 100 years ago, on **March 9, 1910**, Samuel Osmond Barber II was born in West Chester, Pennsylvania, first of two children born to Roy Barber, a physician, and Marguerite McLeod Beatty, daughter of a minister.
- 100 years ago, on **March 10, 1910**, slavery was abolished in China.
- 200 years ago, on **March 11, 1810**, Emperor Napoléon, by proxy, married Archduchess Marie Louise, daughter of the Emperor Franz I of Austria, in Vienna.
- 300 years ago, on **March 12, 1710**, Thomas Augustine Arne was born in London.
- 150 years ago, on **March 13, 1860**, Hugo Filipp Jakob Wolf was born in Windischgraz, Styria (Slovenj Gradec, Slovenia), 70 km southwest of Graz, fourth of eight children born to Philipp Wolf, leather merchant and amateur musician, and Katharina Nussbaumer, daughter of a forge owner.
- 250 years ago, on **March 14, 1760**, Johann Anton Fils died in Mannheim, aged 26 years, five months and 21 days.
- 150 years ago, on **March 18, 1860**, the Duchies of Parma, Piacenza, Modena, Reggio and Ferrara along with Tuscany and Romagna were absorbed into the Kingdom of Sardinia.
- 100 years ago, on **March 19, 1910**, at his first "composer's evening", in Budapest, Béla Bartók's (28) *String Quartet no.1* is heard for the first time.
- 100 years ago, on **March 19, 1910**, Walter Damrosch and the New York Symphony read through the last three movements of Ives' (35) *First Symphony* in New York. Unable to negotiate the three against two in the second movement, Damrosch advised Ives to "make up your mind."
- 150 years ago, on **March 21, 1860**, the *Ballades* op.10/2-3 for piano by Johannes Brahms (26) were performed for the first time, in Vienna by Clara Schumann (40).
- 100 years ago, on **March 21, 1910**, Gustav Mahler (49) conducted his farewell performance at the Metropolitan Opera in New York. It is Tchaikovsky's (†16) *Queen of Spades*.
- 50 years ago, on **March 21, 1960**, in Sharpeville, near Johannesburg, South Africa, police fired into a crowd of 20,000 people protesting the pass laws. 69 people were killed, hundreds injured.
- 50 years ago, on **March 22, 1960**, the first patent for a LASER (light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation) was awarded to Arthur L. Schawlow of Madison, NJ and Charles Hard Townes of New York City. Both work for Bell Laboratories.
- 150 years ago, on **March 24, 1860**, in return for support against Austria, Sardinia ceded Nice and Savoy to France in the Treaty of Turin.
- 200 years ago, on **March 25, 1810**, the Commercial Bank of Scotland was founded in Edinburgh.
- 50 years ago, on **March 25, 1960**, a Federal Appeals Court in New York ruled that *Lady Chatterly's Lover* by D.H. Lawrence was not obscene and could be sent through the US Post Office.
- 50 years ago, on **March 26, 1960**, *Concerted Piece for tape recorder and orchestra* by Otto Luening (59) and Vladimir Ussachevsky (48) is performed for the first time, in New York, conducted by Leonard Bernstein (41).
- 250 years ago, on **March 28, 1760**, the first two volumes of *The Life and Opinions of Tristram Shandy* by Laurence Sterne were published, causing an immediate sensation.
- 100 years ago, on **March 30, 1910**, Theodor Wulf took an electroscope to the top of the Eiffel Tower and over the next four days discovered that the Earth is bombarded by high energy rays from outer space.
- 200 years ago, on **April 1, 1810**, Emperor Napoléon, in person, married Archduchess Marie Louise, daughter of the Emperor Franz I of Austria, in a civil ceremony at Saint Cloud. A cantata for the occasion by Johann Nepomuk Hummel (31) was performed.

50 years ago, on **April 1, 1960**, *Tiros I*, the first weather observation satellite, was launched from Cape Canaveral.

200 years ago, on **April 2, 1810** Emperor Napoléon married Archduchess Marie Louise, daughter of the Emperor Franz I of Austria, in a religious ceremony at the Louvre.

150 years ago, on **April 2, 1860**, the first Italian parliament met in Turin.

150 years ago, on **April 3, 1860**, riders inaugurated the Pony Express starting simultaneously from Sacramento, California and St. Joseph, Missouri.

350 years ago, on **April 6, 1660**, Johann Kuhnau was born in Geising, Erzgebirge.

100 years ago, on **April 6, 1910**, *A Somerset Rhapsody* op.21/2 for orchestra by Gustav Holst (35) was performed for the first time, in Queen's Hall, London, conducted by the composer.

150 years ago, on **April 8, 1860**, the British in Hong Kong leased five square kilometers of the Kowloon Peninsula in perpetuity for £160 per year.

50 years ago, on **April 8, 1960**, the Pan-Africanist Congress and the African National Congress were banned by the South African government.

50 years ago, on **April 9, 1960**, at a trade and farm fair in Johannesburg, white farmer David Pratt walked up to Prime Minister Henrik Verwoerd and shot him twice in the head. Pratt was immediately pounced upon by police and bystanders. Verwoerd was taken to Johannesburg General Hospital. He survived.

50 years ago, on **April 15, 1960**, the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee is founded in Raleigh, North Carolina.

200 years ago, on **April 19, 1810**, wealthy landowners in Caracas, refusing to recognize Joseph Bonaparte, overthrew the Spanish captain-general and formed a junta to rule in the name of Fernando VII.

100 years ago, on **April 20, 1910**, at the inaugural concert of the Société Musical Indépendente at the Salle Gaveau, the song cycle *La Chanson d'Eve* op.95 by the society's president Gabriel Fauré (64) to words of van Lerberghe, was given its first complete performance, the composer at the piano. Other premieres heard on this occasion were *Ma mère l'oye* by the force behind the new society, Maurice Ravel (35) for piano four hands, performed by two pianists aged six and ten, and Claude Debussy's (47) *D'un cahier d'esquisses*, performed by Maurice Ravel at the keyboard.

50 years ago, on **April 21, 1960**, Brasilia was inaugurated as the new capital of Brazil.

50 years ago, on **April 27, 1960**, the Republic of Togo was declared independent of France under President Sylvanus Epiphonio Olympio.

100 years ago, on **May 1, 1910**, the National Negro Committee, founded in 1909 by W.E.B. DuBois, was transformed into the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

50 years ago, on **May 1, 1960**, American U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers was shot down while flying a spy mission over Sverdlovsk, USSR.

50 years ago, on **May 1, 1960**, *The Fantasticks*, music by Schmidt, words by Jones after Rostand, opened at the Sullivan Street Playhouse, New York.

350 years ago, on **May 2, 1660**, Alessandro Scarlatti was born in Palermo.

200 years ago, on **May 3, 1810**, in emulation of Leander, George Gordon, Lord Byron swam the Hellespont.

100 years ago, on **May 3, 1910**, a patent was granted to Miller R. Hutchinson by the United States Patent Office for a motor-driven Diaphragm Actuated Horn and Resonator which will be marketed under the name "Klaxon."

50 years ago, on **May 5, 1960**, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev presented evidence to the Supreme Soviet that an American spy plane was shot down over the USSR. The US responds that the

plane had taken off from Turkey and was gathering weather information when it strayed off course into the Soviet Union.

- 150 years ago, on **May 6, 1860**, a declaration appeared in the *Berliner Musik-Zeitung Echo* signed by Johannes Brahms (26), Joseph Joachim, Julius Otto Grimm and Bernhard Scholz attacking Wagner's (46) ideals and the Music of the Future.
- 100 years ago, on **May 6, 1910**, King Edward VII of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, Emperor of India, died in London after a short illness. He was succeeded by his son, George V.
- 50 years ago, on **May 7, 1960**, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev announced to the Supreme Soviet that the pilot shot down on May 1 survived the incident, was captured alive, and had admitted to the espionage nature of his mission.
- 50 years ago, on **May 7, 1960**, Leonid Illyich Brezhnev replaced Kliment Efremovich Voroshilov as Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet of the USSR.
- 200 years ago, on **May 8, 1810**, Walter Scott's *The Lady of the Lake* was published.
- 250 years ago, on **May 10, 1760**, Johann Christoph Graupner died in Darmstadt, aged 77 years, three months and 27 days.
- 150 years ago, on **May 10, 1860**, the discovery of cesium by Germans Robert Bunsen and Gustav Robert Kirchhoff was announced.
- 50 years ago, on **May 10, 1960**, *USS Triton*, a nuclear submarine, surfaced off Rehoboth, Delaware, thus completing the first circumnavigation of the world underwater. The submarine left New London, Connecticut on February 16 and followed, as closely as possible, the route of Magellan.
- 150 years ago, on **May 11, 1860**, Garibaldi's makeshift army landed at Marsala at the westernmost point on Sicily.
- 50 years ago, on **May 11, 1960**, Israeli agents captured Adolf Eichmann as he was walking to his home in Buenos Aires.
- 150 years ago, on **May 15, 1860**, Garibaldi's army defeated Neapolitan royalist forces at Calatafimi, which allowed them to advance on Palermo, 50 km to the northeast.
- 50 years ago, on **May 15, 1960**, *String Quartet no.7 op.108* by Dmitri Shostakovich (53) was performed for the first time, in Glinka Concert Hall, Leningrad.
- 50 years ago, on **May 16, 1960**, the long-planned summit conference between leaders of the "Big Four" nations began in Paris. Present were Charles de Gaulle, President of France, Nikita Khrushchev, Chairman of the Council of Ministers of the USSR and General Secretary of the CPSU, Harold MacMillan, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, and Dwight Eisenhower, President of the United States. The meeting almost immediately collapsed when Khrushchev demanded that Eisenhower apologize for sending a U-2 spy plane over the Soviet Union and Eisenhower refused.
- 200 years ago, on **May 17, 1810**, after 16 years of occupation, Great Britain annexed the formerly French Seychelles Islands.
- 50 years ago, on **May 19, 1960**, Alan Freed and seven others are arrested in New York on charges of commercial bribery (payola).
- 50 years ago, on **May 20, 1960**, Israeli agents drugged Adolf Eichmann and flew him out of Argentina disguised as an injured El Al employee.
- 200 years ago, on **May 23, 1810**, the Kingdom of Imeret'i (in Georgia) was annexed by Russia.
- 50 years ago, on **May 23, 1960**, Prime Minister David Ben-Gurion announced in the Knesset that Adolf Eichmann had been captured and was being transported to Israel.
- 200 years ago, on **May 25, 1810**, following Napoléon's conquest of Spain, an assembly in Buenos Aires voted to create "a provisional junta of the Provinces of the Rio de la Plata," governing for

Fernando VII over what is now Argentina, Bolivia, Paraguay and Uruguay. Cornelio Saavedra was named president.

- 100 years ago, on **May 25, 1910**, some of the *Préludes* for piano (*Danseuses de Delphes*, *Voiles*, *La cathédrale engloutie*, *La danse de Puck*) by Claude Debussy (47) were performed for the first time, by the composer, in Paris.
- 150 years ago, on **May 27, 1860**, Garibaldi's army entered Palermo.
- 150 years ago, on **May 29, 1860**, Isaac Manuel Francisco Albéniz y Pascual is born in Camprodón, fourth of four children born to Angel Lucio Albéniz y Gauna, a customs official and published poet, and Dolores Pascual i Bardera, daughter of a soldier.
- 100 years ago, on **May 29, 1910**, Mily Alyekseyevich Balakirev died of pleurisy from a cold, in St. Petersburg, aged 73 years, four months and 27 days.
- 50 years ago, on **May 30, 1960**, Boris Leonidovich Pasternak died in Peredelkino near Moscow.
- 50 years ago, on **May 30, 1960**, Pope John XXIII announced that he was beginning to organize an ecumenical council, the first since 1869.
- 100 years ago, on **May 31, 1910**, Great Britain joined the former republics of the Transvaal and the Orange Free State with the Cape Colony and the Natal Colony to form the Union of South Africa.
- 100 years ago, on **June 4, 1910**, Alma Mahler met Walter Gropius for the first time, at Tobelbad, a spa specializing in women's ailments.
- 150 years ago, on **June 6, 1860**, Argentina and Buenos Aires were formally reunited.
- 200 years ago, on **June 8, 1810**, Robert Schumann was born in Zwickau, Saxony, 30 km southwest of Chemnitz, fifth and last child of August Schumann, a bookseller, publisher and author, and Johanna Christiane Schnabel, daughter of the chief surgeon to the city of Zeitz.
- 200 years ago, on **June 9, 1810**, Carl Otto Ehrenfried Nicolai was born in Königsberg (Kaliningrad), only child of the union of Carl Ernst Daniel Nicolai, a composer, and Christiane Wilhelmine Lauber.
- 150 years ago, on **June 9, 1860**, Concerto for cello and orchestra op.129 by Robert Schumann (†3) was performed for the first time, in Leipzig.
- 50 years ago, on **June 11, 1960**, *Kontakte* no.12 1/2 for electronic sound generators, piano and percussion on four-track tape by Karlheinz Stockhausen (31) was performed for the first time, in Cologne.
- 50 years ago, on **June 11, 1960**, *A Midsummer Night's Dream* op.64, an opera by Benjamin Britten (46) to words of Pears and the composer, after Shakespeare, was performed for the first time, in Jubilee Hall, Aldeburgh.
- 50 years ago, on **June 13, 1960**, *Don* for soprano and piano by Pierre Boulez (35) to words of Mallarmé was performed for the first time, in Cologne, as part of the first complete performance of *Pli selon pli*.
- 200 years ago, on **June 15, 1810**, incidental music for Goethe's play *Egmont* by Ludwig van Beethoven (39) was performed for the first time, in the Hofburg Theater, Vienna.
- 50 years ago, on **June 15, 1960**, *Variations I* for any number of players with any means of producing sounds by John Cage (47) was performed for the first time, in Cologne by David Tudor playing piano.
- 50 years ago, on **June 16, 1960**, *Psycho*, a film by Alfred Hitchcock, was released, in New York.
- 250 years ago, on **June 19, 1760**, the Prussian bombardment of Dresden during the Seven Years War destroyed the complete edition of the works of Johann Adolf Hasse (61) being prepared by Firma Breitkopf.

50 years ago, on **June 19, 1960**, *Apparitions* for orchestra by György Ligeti (37) was performed for the first time, in Cologne. It was wildly cheered and marked Ligeti's first great success as a composer.

50 years ago, on **June 20, 1960**, the Federation of Mali was declared independent of France under Chief of State Modibo Keita.

200 years ago, on **June 22, 1810**, Russian forces occupied Sukumi and declared a protectorate over Abkhazia.

100 years ago, on **June 22, 1910**, the German Zeppelin *Deutschland* became the first airship to transport passengers, in Berlin.

250 years ago, on **June 23, 1760**, Prussian forces received a crushing defeat at Landshut (Kamienna Góra), 65 km southwest of Breslau (Wrocław) during the Seven Years War.

100 years ago, on **June 24, 1910**, Japanese forces invaded Korea.

100 years ago, on **June 24, 1910**, The United States Congress required that radio equipment be aboard all American ships leaving American ports.

150 years ago, on **June 25, 1860**, Gustave Charpentier was born in Dieuze, Moselle, 80 km west of Strasbourg, the son of a baker.

100 years ago, on **June 25, 1910**, *The Firebird*, a ballet by Igor Stravinsky (28) to a scenario by Fokin, was performed for the first time, at the Paris Opéra.

50 years ago, on **June 26, 1960**, British Somaliland was declared independent.

50 years ago, on **June 26, 1960**, the Malagasy Republic was declared independent of France under President Philibert Tsiranana.

150 years ago, on **June 28, 1860**, a famous debate took place at Oxford between Samuel Wilberforce, Bishop of Oxford, and biologist Thomas Henry Huxley, on the merits of *Origin of Species*.

200 years ago, on **June 30, 1810**, Bayreuth was annexed by Bavaria.

50 years ago, on **June 30, 1960**, the Democratic Republic of the Congo was declared independent of Belgium under President Joseph Kasavubu and Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba.

100 years ago, on **July 1, 1910**, the Union of South Africa became a British dominion.

50 years ago, on **July 1, 1960**, the former British Somaliland joined with Italian Somaliland to form the independent Somali Republic under President Aden Abdullah Osman Dar and Prime Minister Muhammad Haji Ibrahim Egal.

150 years ago, on **July 2, 1860**, Russian troops founded Vladivostok as a military outpost.

200 years ago, on **July 3, 1810**, Louis Bonaparte, King of Holland, abdicated his throne in favor of either of his sons, Napoléon Louis or Louis Napoléon and protested actions by the emperor. That night he fled to Germany, making for Austria.

150 years ago, on **July 7, 1860**, Gustav Mahler was born in Kalischt, near Iglau, (Kaliste, near Jihlava, Czech Republic), 110 km southeast of Prague in the Royal Province of Bohemia, district of Humpoletz (Humpolec), second of 14 children born to Bernhard Mahler, distiller and owner of several taverns, and Marie Hermann, daughter of a soapmaker.

50 years ago, on **July 7, 1960**, Dr. Theodore Maiman of the Hughes Aircraft Co. Culver City laboratories announced his team had achieved the first true amplification of light with a laser (light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation).

200 years ago, on **July 9, 1810**, Napoléon annexed Holland to France, along with its overseas colonies.

150 years ago, on **July 9, 1860**, the Nightingale School of Nursing opened at St. Thomas Hospital in London by Florence Nightingale.

50 years ago, on **July 11, 1960**, *To Kill a Mockingbird* by Harper Lee was published.

50 years ago, on **July 14, 1960**, the United Nations Security Council voted (8-0-3) to send peace keeping troops to the Democratic Republic of the Congo and called on Belgium to withdraw its forces, seen as the cause of the unrest.

150 years ago, on **July 20, 1860**, Garibaldist forces defeated the Neapolitans at Milazzo, 25 km west of Messina.

50 years ago, on **July 27, 1960**, the United States, the Soviet Union and the United Kingdom agreed in Geneva to ban atmospheric nuclear testing and all underground testing over 4.5 on the Richter scale.

150 years ago, on **August 1, 1860**, a combined British-French expeditionary force landed at Pei Tang, China and took the fort there, abandoned by the Chinese.

50 years ago, on **August 1, 1960**, the Republic of Dahomey (Benin) was declared independent of France under President Hubert Maga.

150 years ago, on **August 2, 1860**, a French expeditionary force, accompanied by British and Russian warships, disembarked in Beirut in response to the massacre of 40,000 Christians in the area by Moslems.

50 years ago, on **August 3, 1960**, the Republic of Niger was declared independent of France under Prime Minister Hamani Diori.

100 years ago, on **August 4, 1910**, William Howard Schuman was born in New York, the second child of Samuel Schuman and Rachel Schuman.

50 years ago, on **August 5, 1960**, the Republic of Upper Volta (Burkina Faso) was declared independent of France under President Maurice Yaméogo.

50 years ago, on **August 6, 1960**, the first scientific description of a working laser appeared in *Nature*, written by Theodor Maiman.

50 years ago, on **August 7, 1960**, the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire was declared independent of France under President Félix Houphouët-Boigny.

450 years ago, on **August 10, 1560**, Hieronymus Praetorius was born in Hamburg.

50 years ago, on **August 11, 1960**, the Republic of Chad was declared independent of France under President François Tombalbaye.

50 years ago, on **August 12, 1960**, the first telecommunication satellite, *Echo I*, was launched by NASA. Its sole function was to bounce radio waves back to Earth.

50 years ago, on **August 13, 1960**, the Central African Republic was declared independent of France under President David Dacko.

200 years ago, on **August 14, 1810**, Samuel Sebastian Wesley was born at No.1 Great Woodstock Street in London, first of seven illegitimate children born to Samuel Wesley (44), musician and composer, and his housekeeper, Sarah Suter. Wesley also had three legitimate children by Charlotte Louisa Martin from whom he was estranged.

100 years ago, on **August 14, 1910**, Pierre Schaeffer was born in Nancy, the son of a violinist and a singing teacher.

50 years ago, on **August 14, 1960**, music was broadcast for the first time via artificial Earth satellite when a recording of *America the Beautiful* was bounced off *Echo I* from New Jersey to California.

250 years ago, on **August 15, 1760**, Prussian troops defeated the Austrians at Liegnitz (Lignica), 60 km west of Breslau (Wroclaw) during the Seven Years War.

50 years ago, on **August 15, 1960**, the Republic of Congo was declared independent of France under President Fulbert Youlou.

50 years ago, on **August 16, 1960**, the Republic of Cyprus was declared independent of Great Britain under President Archbishop Makarios.

50 years ago, on **August 17, 1960**, the Republic of Gabon was declared independent of France under President Gabriel Léon M'ba.

50 years ago, on **August 19, 1960**, a military tribunal in Moscow found Francis Gary Powers guilty and sentenced him to ten years in confinement, the first three years in prison.

- 50 years ago, on **August 20, 1960**, the Republic of Senegal withdrew from the Federation of Mali and became independent under Prime Minister Mamadou Dia.
- 50 years ago, on **August 20, 1960**, Soviet scientists recovered two dogs, Strelka and Belka, they sent into space yesterday aboard *Sputnik 5*. Accompanying the dogs were four mice, a rat, a jar of flies, germs, algae, fungi, plants, seeds and sections of human and rabbit skin. They were the first living creatures to return from space and show no immediate ill effects.
- 50 years ago, on **August 24, 1960**, an oral live-virus poliomyelitis vaccine was approved by the US Public Health Service. It was developed by Dr. Albert Sabin of Cincinnati.
- 150 years ago, on **August 25, 1860**, French and British forces captured Tientsin.
- 50 years ago, on **August 25, 1960**, the Games of the Seventeenth Olympiad of the Modern Era opened in Rome.
- 100 years ago, on **August 26, 1910**, upset about his relationship with his wife and after cancelling three previous appointments, Gustav Mahler (50) saw Sigmund Freud on approximately this date in Leyden, the Netherlands. They met at a hotel and then perambulated through the town for four hours.
- 100 years ago, on **August 28, 1910**, Prince Nikola I Petrovic-Njegos of Montenegro took on the title of king. The principality was now a kingdom.
- 100 years ago, on **August 29, 1910**, the Japanese annexation of Korea was made public.
- 100 years ago, on **September 1, 1910**, *Fantasia on English Folk Songs*, a work for orchestra by Ralph Vaughan Williams (37), was performed for the first time, in Queen's Hall, London.
- 50 years ago, on **September 1, 1960**, the "Manifesto of the 121" appeared in France, attacking the French army for using torture and other fascist techniques against Algerian rebels, and asserting the right of French conscripts to desert in Algeria. It was signed by mostly leftist famous people, including Jean-Paul Sartre, Simone de Beauvoir, Françoise Sagan, Simone Signoret and some veterans of the resistance. This changed the political climate in France.
- 50 years ago, on **September 5, 1960**, speaking on Léopoldville radio, Congolese President Joseph Kasavubu dismissed Prime Minister Patrice Lumumba and replaced him with Senate President Joseph Ileo. 90 minutes later, Lumumba made a counter broadcast claiming Kasavubu was no longer president and appealing to Congolese troops to support him.
- 150 years ago, on **September 6, 1860**, 5,000 Bavarians, constituting the Royal Neapolitan Army, fled from Naples before an Italian army led by Garibaldi about one-tenth their size.
- 100 years ago, on **September 6, 1910**, *Fantasia on a Theme by Thomas Tallis* for string orchestra, by Ralph Vaughan Williams (37) was performed for the first time, in Gloucester, conducted by the composer.
- 150 years ago, on **September 7, 1860**, only a few hours after King Francesco II fled to Gaeta, Garibaldi's troops entered Naples and secured the city.
- 250 years ago, on **September 8, 1760**, British forces captured Montreal, the last important French garrison in Canada, during the Seven Years War.
- 100 years ago, on **September 8, 1910**, the Violin Concerto of Edward Elgar (53) was performed for the first time, privately, in Gloucester.
- 150 years ago, on **September 11, 1860**, forces of King Vittorio Emanuele entered the Papal States in support of insurrections.
- 50 years ago, on **September 11, 1960**, the Games of the Seventeenth Olympiad of the Modern Era closed in Rome. In 18 days of competition, 5,338 athletes from 83 countries took part.
- 100 years ago, on **September 12, 1910**, *Symphony no.8 "of a thousand"* for three sopranos, two altos, tenor, baritone, bass, boys chorus, mixed chorus and orchestra by Gustav Mahler (50) to the medieval hymn Veni Creator Spiritus and words of Goethe, was performed for the first time, at the Neue Musik Festhalle, Munich, conducted by the composer.

- 250 years ago, on **September 14, 1760**, Luigi Carlo Zanobi Salvadore Maria Cherubini was born in Florence, tenth of twelve children born to Bartolomeo Cherubini, maestro al cembalo at the Teatro della Pergola in Florence. (The date of Cherubini's birth may be September 8)
- 50 years ago, on **September 14, 1960**, elements of the Congolese army led by Colonel Joseph Mobutu seized control of the government in Léopoldville. Mobutu declared that President Kasavubu and Prime Minister Lumumba could retain their positions but that he would run the government until early next year. He appealed for support to the UN. Prime Minister designate Joseph Ileo supported the coup and named Mobutu as army commander. Kasavubu and Ileo suspended Parliament for two months. Lumumba was arrested and taken to Camp Léopold II.
- 200 years ago, on **September 16, 1810**, *Silvana*, a romantic opera by Carl Maria von Weber (23) to words of Heimer after Steinsberg, was performed for the first time, in Frankfurt-am-Main, conducted by the composer.
- 200 years ago, on **September 16, 1810**, Father Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla placed himself at the head of a band of laborers, Indians and prisoners in Dolores, 270 km northwest of Ciudad México, to resist Spanish rule in Mexico. He inspired them with the cry "Long live religion, Long live Our Lady of Guadalupe! Long live the Americas and death to the corrupt government!" The act is seen as the beginning of the Mexican Revolution.
- 200 years ago, on **September 18, 1810**, a Chilean assembly in Santiago created a national government for the first time. This is celebrated as Chile's independence day.
- 150 years ago, on **September 18, 1860**, British and French forces captured Chang-chia-wan and plundered the city.
- 150 years ago, on **September 18, 1860**, Sardinian forces defeated papal troops at Castelfidaro, essentially ending the army of the Pope.
- 550 years ago, on **September 20, 1460**, Gilles de Bins, dit Binchois died in Soignes.
- 50 years ago, on **September 22, 1960**, the Republic of Mali was proclaimed, separate from Senegal.
- 50 years ago, on **September 26, 1960**, the first nationally televised debate between opposing US presidential candidates took place, originating in Chicago.
- 50 years ago, on **September 27, 1960**, *Monumentum pro Gesualdo di Venosa ad CD anum*, arrangements for orchestra by Igor Stravinsky (78) of three madrigals by Carlo Gesualdo (†347), was performed for the first time, in Venice, the composer conducting.
- 50 years ago, on **October 1, 1960**, Nigeria was declared independent of Great Britain under Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Abubakar Tafawa Balewa.
- 50 years ago, on **October 2, 1960**, *String Quartet no.8* by Dmitri Shostakovich (54) was performed for the first time, in Glinka Concert Hall, Leningrad.
- 150 years ago, on **October 4, 1860**, the French Ivory Coast-Gabon Colony was created.
- 100 years ago, on **October 4, 1910**, revolution in Portugal began as two rebellious gunboat crews shelled the royal palace in Lisbon. The army refused to intervene. King Manuel II fled the city by car.
- 100 years ago, on **October 5, 1910**, revolutionary troops landed at the Terreiro do Paço, Lisbon. At 7 a.m. the German chargé d'affaires requested an armistice to cover a retreat of German nationals. Under cover of this white flag, revolutionary forces took control of the city. A provisional republican government was established under Joaquim Teófilo Fernandes Braga. King Manuel fled to Britain.
- 150 years ago, on **October 6, 1860**, British and French troops completed the conquest of Peking.
- 50 years ago, on **October 6, 1960**, *Cartridge Music* for amplified sounds by John Cage (48) was performed for the first time, at Mary Bauermeister's Studio in Cologne. Among the

- performers were Cornelius Cardew (24), Christian Wolff (26), Nam June Paik and David Tudor. Simultaneously, the composer performed his *Solo for Voice 2*.
- 250 years ago, on **October 9, 1760**, Russian and Imperial troops captured Berlin and set it alight during the Seven Years War.
- 100 years ago, on **October 12, 1910** The *Symphony no.1 "A Sea Symphony"* by Ralph Vaughan Williams for soprano, baritone, mixed chorus and orchestra, to words of Whitman, was performed for the first time, in Leeds, conducted by the composer on his 38th birthday.
- 50 years ago, on **October 12, 1960**, when Philippine diplomat Lorenzo Sumulong made anti-Soviet statements in a speech to the UN General Assembly, Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev banged his shoe on his desk and shouted out that Sumulong was a lackey of imperialists. Later, with the meeting in an uproar, General Assembly President Frederick Boland banged his gavel so fiercely that it broke. He then suspended the meeting.
- 250 years ago, on **October 13, 1760**, with the arrival of Prussian troops from Silesia, Russian and Imperial forces withdrew from Berlin during the Seven Years War.
- 150 years ago, on **October 13, 1860**, what are believed to be the first extant aerial photographs were taken by James Wallace Black from a balloon operated by Samuel Archer King 350 meters over Boston Common.
- 150 years ago, on **October 14, 1860**, after burning down in January, 1859, the permanent home of the Russian Opera reopened in St. Petersburg and was named the Mariinsky Theater.
- 100 years ago, on **October 15, 1910**, Prime Minister Teófilo Braga was named the first president of the Republic of Portugal.
- 100 years ago, on **October 17, 1910**, the provisional government of Portugal abolished monarchy and banished the royal family.
- 50 years ago, on **October 17, 1960**, 14 winners of television quiz shows in the US, including Charles Van Doren, were arrested for falsely testifying that they never received answers in advance.
- 50 years ago, on **October 17, 1960**, four US chain stores announced that lunch counters in 150 stores in 112 southern cities would be integrated.
- 50 years ago, on **October 17, 1960**, *The Rise and Fall of the the Third Reich* by William L. Shirer was published.
- 150 years ago, on **October 18, 1860**, the British set the Summer Palace near Peking, and its 200 buildings, on fire.
- 150 years ago, on **October 20, 1860**, the October Diploma was signed (published October 24). It claimed as the basic law of the Austrian Empire, the unrestricted authority of the monarch.
- 150 years ago, on **October 20, 1860**, *String Sextet no.1* by Johannes Brahms (27) was performed for the first time, in the Saal des Museums, Hanover.
- 150 years ago, on **October 21, 1860**, a plebiscite in Naples favored union with Sardinia.
- 50 years ago, on **October 21, 1960**, *Time Cycle* for soprano and orchestra by Lukas Foss (38) to words of Nietzsche, Auden, Housman and Kafka, was performed for the first time, in Carnegie Hall.
- 150 years ago, on **October 24, 1860**, with British and French forces occupying the city, the Chinese government signed the Convention of Peking ending the Second Opium War. China agreed to all concessions in the Treaty of Tientsin of 1858, legalized the opium trade, gave part of Kowloon to Great Britain, opened Tientsin to trade, granted full rights to Christians, allowed emigration and agreed to pay quadruple the indemnity called for in the Treaty of Tientsin.
- 150 years ago, on **October 24, 1860**, a plebiscite in Sicily favored union with Sardinia.
- 250 years ago, on **October 25, 1760**, George II, King of Great Britain and Elector of Hanover died in London and was succeeded in both positions by his grandson, George III.
- 150 years ago, on **October 25, 1860**, Benevento was annexed by the Kingdom of Sardinia.

150 years ago, on **October 26, 1860**, Garibaldi met King Vittorio Emanuele of Sardinia at Teano, north of Naples, and proclaimed him to be King of Italy.

50 years ago, on **October 26, 1960**, Wesleyan University Press published the first collected thought of John Cage (48), *Silence*.

200 years ago, on **October 27, 1810**, President Madison annexed the western part of West Florida (between the Perdido and Mississippi Rivers) to the United States.

50 years ago, on **October 28, 1960**, *Carré* no.10 for four orchestras and four choruses by Karlheinz Stockhausen (32) was performed for the first time, over the airwaves of Norddeutsche Rundfunk, originating in Hamburg.

50 years ago, on **November 2, 1960**, a London court exonerated Penguin Books for publishing *Lady Chatterley's Lover* by D.H. Lawrence. They find it is not obscene.

250 years ago, on **November 3, 1760**, Prussian forces defeated Imperial troops at Torgau during the Seven Years War. As a result, the Emperor evacuated all of Saxony except Dresden.

150 years ago, on **November 4, 1860**, a plebiscite in Umbria favored union with Sardinia.

150 years ago, on **November 5, 1860**, a plebiscite in the Legations favored union with Sardinia.

100 years ago, on **November 5, 1910**, *Suite from "The Firebird"* for orchestra by Igor Stravinsky (28) was performed for the first time, in St. Petersburg.

100 years ago, on **November 5, 1910**, a newly constructed building to house the Institute of Musical Art (Juilliard School) was dedicated at the corner of Claremont Avenue and 122nd Street in New York.

150 years ago, on **November 6, 1860**, voting in the United States ensured the election of Abraham Lincoln, the candidate of the anti-slavery Republican Party, as president.

150 years ago, on **November 7, 1860**, Giuseppe Garibaldi officially handed southern Italy and Sicily over to King Vittorio Emanuele of Sardinia in a ceremony in Naples.

250 years ago, on **November 8, 1760**, British troops destroyed the fortifications at Louisbourg, Cape Breton, during the Seven Years War.

100 years ago, on **November 8, 1910**, the State of Washington granted its female citizens the right to vote.

50 years ago, on **November 8, 1960**, the legislature of the State of Louisiana passed 28 laws designed to prevent racial integration in the public schools.

150 years ago, on **November 9, 1860**, Garibaldi and two close friends left Naples for his home in Caprera and intended obscurity.

100 years ago, on **November 10, 1910**, the Violin Concerto of Edward Elgar (53) was performed publicly for the first time, in Queen's Hall, London.

150 years ago, on **November 14, 1860**, Russia annexed the Maritime (Primorsky) province from China.

100 years ago, on **November 14, 1910**, Lt. Eugene Ely, USN became the first person to fly an airplane off a ship, the cruiser *USS Birmingham* in Hampton Roads, Virginia.

50 years ago, on **November 14, 1960**, the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries was formed.

50 years ago, on **November 14, 1960**, four black children were enrolled in white New Orleans schools to the jeers of angry whites. They are the first Louisiana schools to be integrated.

50 years ago, on **November 15, 1960**, the *USS George Washington* sailed from Charleston, South Carolina, the first submarine equipped with nuclear missiles.

200 years ago, on **November 19, 1810**, Piano Concerto no.1 by Carl Maria von Weber was performed for the first time, in Mannheim, the composer at the keyboard.

300 years ago, on **November 22, 1710**, Wilhelm Fridemann Bach was born in Weimar.

50 years ago, on **November 25, 1960**, *Harvest of Shame*, chronicling the horrific conditions of migrant farm workers in the United States, aired for the first time on CBS.

250 years ago, on **November 26, 1760**, Franz Joseph Haydn (28) married Maria Anna Aloysia Apollonia Keller in St. Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna.

50 years ago, on **November 28, 1960**, the Islamic Republic of Mauritania was declared independent of France under President Moktar Ould Daddah.

250 years ago, on **November 29, 1760**, British troops and their Iroquois allies occupied Fort Detroit during the Seven Years War.

150 years ago, on **December 1, 1860**, *All the Year Round* published the first installment of *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens.

50 years ago, on **December 1, 1960**, Congolese troops captured Patrice Lumumba in Mweka, Kasai Province.

100 years ago, on **December 3, 1910**, neon tubes, recently invented by French physicist Georges Claude, were used for the first time to light sections of the Grand Palais in Paris.

50 years ago, on **December 3, 1960**, *Camelot* by Lerner and Loewe opened in New York.

350 years ago, on **December 4, 1660**, André Campra was born in Aix-en-Provence.

50 years ago, on **December 5, 1960**, the US Supreme Court ruled that racial discrimination in bus terminal restaurants is a violation of law.

50 years ago, on **December 5, 1960**, Osvaldo Noé Golijov was born in La Plata, Argentina.

150 years ago, on **December 8, 1860**, United States Secretary of the Treasury Howell Cobb of Georgia resigned, stating that the election of Abraham Lincoln justified secession.

100 years ago, on **December 8, 1910**, *The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom* for acappella chorus by Sergei Rakhmaninov (37) was performed for the first time, in Moscow.

100 years ago, on **December 10, 1910**, *La fanciulla del West*, an opera by Giacomo Puccini (51) to words of Civinini and Zangarini after Belasco, was performed for the first time, before a glittering audience (which includes Engelbert Humperdinck (56)) at the Metropolitan Opera, New York.

100 years ago, on **December 10, 1910**, Charles Martin Loeffler (49) married Elise Fay, member of a wealthy family and eight years his senior, in Boston.

150 years ago, on **December 12, 1860**, Secretary of State Lewis Cass of Michigan resigned because President Buchanan refused to reinforce the forts in Charleston harbor.

200 years ago, on **December 13, 1810**, Napoléon annexed the north coast of Germany (Bremen, Hamburg, Lübeck, Aremberg, Münster) to France in an attempt to tighten the blockade against Britain. Parts of the Kingdom of Westphalia were also annexed by France.

50 years ago, on **December 14, 1960**, representatives of 18 European and two North American nations signed the charter of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, in Paris.

150 years ago, on **December 17, 1860**, the Kingdom of Sardinia formally annexed the Kingdom of the Two Sicilies.

100 years ago, on **December 17, 1910**, the legislature of the new Union of South Africa opened.

150 years ago, on **December 18, 1860**, Edward Alexander MacDowell was born in New York City, the son of Thomas MacDowell and Frances Knapp.

150 years ago, on **December 20, 1860**, the legislature of South Carolina voted to secede from the United States.

50 years ago, on **December 20, 1960**, an organization to cover the communist insurrection in South Vietnam was formed, calling itself the National Liberation Front.

250 years ago, on **December 26, 1760**, *Artaserse*, an opera by Johann Christian Bach (25) to words after Metastasio, was performed for the first time, in the Teatro Regio, Turin.

150 years ago, on **December 30, 1860**, South Carolina troops occupied the federal arsenal and all federal property in Charleston except Fort Sumter.

250 years ago, on **December 31, 1760**, Austrian physician Leopold Auenbrugger wrote the preface to his masterpiece *Inventum Novum ex Percussione Thoracis Humani, ut Signo, Abstrusos Interni*

Pectoris Morbos Detegendi, (New Discovery for detecting, by means of percussion, the obscure diseases of the chest). It pioneered the diagnosis of medical ailments by tapping the chest.