

WHAT HAPPENED? 15 May

National Woman Suffrage Association

1869 National Woman Suffrage Association forms in New York, founded by Susan B. Anthony and Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Women's Rights Activist and Abolitionist

Elizabeth Cady Stanton

Suffragette

Susan B. Anthony

May Laws

1882 May Laws: Russian Tsar Alexander III bans Jews from living in rural Romania

Tsar of Russia

Alexander III

1883 Italy signs military treaty with Austria-Hungary & Germany

Louis Riel Captured

1885 Canadian Métis insurgent Louis Riel captured in the aftermath of the Battle of Batoche in Saskatchewan

Politician and Revolutionary

Louis Riel

Beatty Gets a Promotion

1886 British sailor David Beatty is promoted to midshipman

British Admiral of the Fleet

David Beatty

1891 British Central African Protectorate (now Malawi) forms

Grisélidis

1891 Jules Massenet's opera "Grisélidis" premieres in Paris

Composer

Jules Massenet

1891 Operations begin at Philips & Co in Holland

Rerum Novarum

1891 Pope Leo XIII publishes the encyclical "Rerum novarum" (Rights and Duties of Capital and Labor), addressing the condition of the working class

256th Pope

Leo XIII

1896 Tornado kills 78 in Texas

1897 Greek army retreats with heavy losses in the Greco-Turkish War

Scientific-Humanitarian Committee

1897 The Scientific-Humanitarian Committee is founded in Berlin by Magnus Hirschfeld, the first-ever LGBT rights organization

Physician and Gay Rights Advocate

Magnus Hirschfeld

1902 "Bailundo Revolt" begins after Ovimbundu kingdom & allies revolt against Portuguese Empire in Benguela Highlands, central Portuguese Angola

1902 Lyman Gilmore claims to be the first person to fly a powered craft, a steam-powered airplane with a heavy boiler and coal as a power source [1]

1905 Las Vegas founded in Nevada

Brazza Reaches Leopoldville

1905 Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza reaches Leopoldville in the Congo

Explorer of the Congo

Pierre Savorgnan de Brazza

1906 MLB New York Giants pitcher George "Hooks" Wiltse strikes out 4 Reds batters in 1 inning, as catcher dropped a third strike (Palace of the Fans, in Cincinnati, Ohio)

1908 Reich Association Law comes into force

1910 Last major earthquake on the Elsinore Fault Zone in Southern California

1911 British House of Commons accept Parliament Bill

1911 Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Indiana University, incorporates

1911 Supreme Court dissolves Standard Oil (Sherman Antitrust Act)

1911 The Georgios Averof cruiser is bought by Greece

Cobb Suspended

1912 Ty Cobb rushes a heckler at a NY Highlander game & is suspended

MLB Legend

Ty Cobb

1914 Bolivia becomes a signatory to the Buenos Aires copyright treaty.

1914 Henri Rabaud's opera "Mârrouf, savetier du Caire" (Marouf, the Cairo Cobbler) premieres in Paris

1914 US Colonel Edward House sails for Europe to persuade major powers to reduce armies and navies; from Germany, House reports: 'Everybody's nerves are tense; it only needs a spark to set the whole thing off'

1916 Asiago, Italy, falls when Austrian troops attack the Italian front

1916 Claiming that the USA must act to quell dangerous disorder, the government orders US Marines to land in Santo Domingo; the American occupation will continue until 1924
1917 The first officer's training camp is opened in the US, as the country prepares for war
1918 1st regular US airmail postal service between NY, Philadelphia & Washington, D.C.
1918 Finnish Civil War ends
1918 Greeks troops land at the Ottoman-held city of Smyrna (Izmir) beginning the Greco-Turkish War
1918 Washington Senator Walter Johnson pitches 1-0, 18 inning game
1919 Beginning of the Winnipeg General Strike as more than 30,000 workers walk off the job in the largest strike in Canadian history (ends 25 June) [1]
1919 Cincinnati Reds score 10 runs in top of the 13th to beat The Brooklyn Robins, 10-0 at Ebbets Field in Brooklyn, New York City
1920 Soccer team ADO '20 forms in Heemskerk
1921 British Legion formed to care for ex-servicemen

Italian General Election

1921 Italian General Election: National Bloc, including Mussolini's fascists 35 seats, win most seats but not a majority

Italian Dictator

Benito Mussolini

1922 Germany turns over the Upper Silesia region to Poland under Allied pressure and despite a plebiscite in favor of merging with Germany
1923 Cooperation of Dutch Molen forms

Roosevelt Hotel Opens

1927 Hollywood landmark the Roosevelt Hotel opens in Los Angeles by Douglas Fairbanks, Mary Pickford, and Sid Grauman, site of the first Academy Awards ceremony in 1929 [1]

Actor, Screenwriter and Producer

Douglas Fairbanks

Actress

Mary Pickford

1928 Mickey Mouse makes his first appearance in the silent film "Plane Crazy"
1929 Fire in X-ray film stock kills 125 at Crile Clinic (Cleveland, Ohio)
1930 Ellen Church becomes 1st female airline stewardess aboard a United flight from San Francisco to Cheyenne

Quadragesimo Anno

1931 Pope Pius XI publishes the encyclical "Quadragesimo Anno" on the dangers to human freedom and dignity from unrestrained capitalism, socialism, and communism

259th Pope

Pius XI

1932 The 15th May Incident: in an attempted coup d'état, the Prime Minister of Japan Inukai Tsuyoshi is shot and killed by Navy officers in his home
1933 1st voice amplification system to be used in US Senate
1934 Karlis Ulmanis names himself fascist dictator of Latvia
1934 US Department of Justice offers \$25,000 reward for Dillinger, dead or alive
1935 MLB Pittsburgh Pirates squeak past Phillies 20-5 at Philadelphia's Baker Bowl
1935 Moscow Metro opens to public; initial phase was 11 km (6.8 mi) long and included 13 stations

Johnson's Record Flight

1936 Amy Johnson arrives in Croydon, England having flown from South Africa in a record 4 days and 16 hours

Aviator

Amy Johnson

O'Neil's Negro League Debut

1938 Buck O'Neil makes his debut playing for the Negro league baseball team Kansas City Monarchs at Ruppert Stadium, Kansas City

Baseball Player and Coach

Buck O'Neil

1938 Paul-Henri Spak forms red coalition of Belgium
1940 German armoured division moves into Northern France
1940 German troops occupy Amsterdam, General Winkelman surrenders
1940 Nazis capture General Dutch Persbureau (ANP)
1940 Richard and Maurice McDonald open the first McDonald's restaurant in San Bernardino, California
1940 USS Sailfish (SS-192) recommissioned, originally the Squalus
1941 1st British turbojet flies
1941 English engineer Frank Whittle successfully tests his design for the first turbojet engine aboard a Gloster E.28/39 flying from RAF Cranwell [1]

DiMaggio Starts Streak

1941 New York Yankees Joe DiMaggio starts 56-game hitting streak, with the only RBI, in a 13-1 loss to visiting Chicago White Sox

Baseball Player

Joe DiMaggio

1941 WWII: British attack Halfaya-pass in Egypt and Fort Capuzzo in Italian Libya
1941 WWII: Nazi occupiers in Netherlands forbid Jewish music
1942 Gasoline 1st rationed in US (17 Eastern States)
1942 WWII: Nazi occupiers in Netherlands arrest 2,000 Dutch officers
1943 Halifax bombers sinks U-463

Stalin Dissolves Comintern

1943 Joseph Stalin dissolves the Comintern (or Third International) to avoid upsetting his Western allies with claims he was trying to foment revolution globally

Soviet General Secretary

Joseph Stalin

Munkacs Jews to Auschwitz

1944 14,000 Jews of Munkacs, Hungary, deported to Auschwitz

Nazi Physician

Eduard Wirths

1944 Cincinnati Red Clyde Shoun no-hits Boston Braves, 1-0

D-Day Planning

1944 Dwight D. Eisenhower, Bernard Montgomery, Winston Churchill and King George VI discuss the plan for D-Day

34th US President and WWII General

Dwight D. Eisenhower

King of the United Kingdom

George VI

British Prime Minister

Winston Churchill

1944 Sergei Aleksis becomes guardian of the Patriarch Throne of the Russian Orthodox Church

1945 World War II: The final skirmish in Europe is fought near Prevalje, Slovenia

1948 Australia scores 721 runs in one day v Essex, world record

1948 End of the British Mandate over Palestine after 28 years

1948 Troops from Egypt, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq and Saudi Arabia attack Israel

1948 WATV (now WNET) TV channel 13 in Newark, New Jersey (PBS) begins broadcasting

1950 Adnan Menderes elected Prime Minister of Turkey in the country's first democratic elections [1]

1951 AT&T becomes the first US corporation to have a million stockholders after young car salesman Brady Denton purchases seven shares worth \$1,078

First Vaginoplasty

1951 First vaginoplasty procedure (sex reassignment surgery) in the UK performed on Roberta Cowell by Harold Gillies

Father of Modern Plastic Surgery

Harold Gillies

1951 Polish cultural attache in Paris, Czesław Miłosz, asks the French government for political asylum

1952 Detroit Tiger Virgil Trucks no-hits Washington Senators, 1-0

1952 Johnny Longden becomes 2nd jockey to ride 4,000 winners

Marciano KOs Walcott

1953 In his first world heavyweight title defense, Rocky Marciano KOs former champion Jersey Joe Walcott in the 1st round at Chicago Stadium

Heavyweight Boxing Champion

Rocky Marciano

Heavyweight Boxing Champion

Jersey Joe Walcott

1953 Osip Zadkine's monument to "The destroyed city" unveiled in Rotterdam

1953 The Urey-Miller experiment using primordial soup to show how life of earth might have originated, written by Stanley Miller, is published in the journal "Science" [1]

1954 KGLO (now KIMT) TV channel 3 in Mason City, IA (CBS) 1st broadcast

1955 Austrian State Treaty: US, Britain, France and the Soviet Union restore Austria's independence

1955 Construction begins on the Soviet space travel center at Baikonur in Kazakhstan

1955 First ascent of Makalu, the world's fifth-highest mountain on the China-Nepal border in the Himalayas

1955 KPUA (now KGMD) TV channel 9 in Hilo, HI (CBS) begins broadcasting

1955 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site

Billy Graham's Crusade

1957 Evangelist Billy Graham launches his "crusade" in front of 18,000 people at Madison Square Garden in NYC

Evangelist

Billy Graham

UK Tests a Hydrogen Bomb

1957 Operation Grapple: Britain tests its first hydrogen bomb near Christmas Island in the Indian Ocean

The first British hydrogen bomb test

1957 The Soviet Union tests the world's first intercontinental ballistic missile, the R-7, crashes prematurely after 400 km (250 mi)

Gigi Premieres

1958 "Gigi" based on the story by Colette, directed by Vincent Minnelli, and starring Leslie Caron and Maurice Chevalier premieres in New York City (Best Picture 1959)

Novelist and Performer

Colette

1958 USSR launches Sputnik III

1959 100th anniversary reenactment of the first college baseball game between Amherst and Williams

1959 12th Cannes Film Festival: "Black Orpheus" directed by Marcel Camus wins the Palme d'Or

1960 "L'Avventura", Italian film directed by Michelangelo Antonioni, starring Gabriele Ferzetti, Monica Vitti. premieres at Cannes

1960 Chic Cub Don Cardwell no-hits St Louis Cards, 4-0

String Quartet No. 7

1960 Dmitri Shostakovich's 7th String quartet premieres in Leningrad

Composer

Dmitri Shostakovich

1960 KHVO TV channel 13 in Hilo, HI (ABC) begins broadcasting

1960 Sputnik 4 launched into Earth orbit; later recovery failed

1961 "Bonanza" by Al Caiola Orchestra hits #19

1961 36 Unification church couples wed in Korea

Catholic Encyclical

1961 Pope John XXIII publishes encyclical "Mater et Magistra" on Christianity and social progress

Pope

John XXIII

1962 US marines arrive in Laos

5th Grammy Awards

1963 5th Grammy Awards: "I Left My Heart In San Francisco"; Robert Goulet win

Singer and Actor

Robert Goulet

1963 Folksinging trio Peter, Paul & Mary win their 1st Grammy for cover version of Pete Seeger's song "If I Had a Hammer"

1963 Last Project Mercury flight launched, Gordon Cooper in Faith 7

1964 US performs nuclear test at Nevada Test Site

1965 Canadian Football Players Association organizes

1965 Igor Vodic beats Mad Dog Vachon in Omaha, to become NWA champ

1966 South Vietnamese army battle Buddhists, about 80 die

1967 "In re Gault", US Supreme Court rules juveniles accused of crimes should be given same legal rights as adults

Paul Meets Linda

1967 Paul McCartney meets his future wife, American photographer Linda Eastman

Musician and Beatle

Paul McCartney

Musician, Activist and Photographer

Linda McCartney

1968 1st AL game played in Milwaukee, is a 4-2 California win against Chicago

Wonderwall

1968 Joe Massot's psychedelic feature "Wonderwall". with music by George Harrison, premieres at Cannes Film Festival

Singer-Songwriter

George Harrison

1968 Paul McCartney & John Lennon appear on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson", to promote Apple Records, Joe Garagiola is substitute host

1968 Tornado strikes Jonesboro, Arkansas at 10 PM, killing 36

1969 Associate Justice Abe Fortas resigns from Supreme Court

1970 Elizabeth Hoisington and Anna Mae Mays named 1st female US generals

1970 France performs nuclear test at Mururoa Atoll

1970 International Olympic Committee votes to expel South Africa

1970 Mississippi Highway Patrol kill 2 students during racial disturbance at Jackson State University in Mississippi

1971 Irish Republican Army member William 'Billy' Reid is shot dead by British soldiers in Belfast

1971 Radio Nordsee International's ship bombed

Assassination Attempt on George Wallace

1972 Assassination attempt on US Governor George Wallace of Alabama by Arthur Bremer in Laurel, Maryland

Governor of Alabama and Segregationist

George Wallace

1972 Bus plunges into Nile River killing 50 pilgrims in Minia, Egypt

1972 Ryukyu Is & Daito Is returned to Japan after 27 yrs of US control

1972 The island of Okinawa, under U.S. military governance since its conquest in 1945, reverts to Japanese control.

1973 California Angel Nolan Ryan's 1st no-hitter beats KC Royals, 3-0

1974 Beginning of the Ulster Workers' Council strike called by Ulster loyalists and unionists who were against the Sunningdale Agreement, which proposed the sharing of political power with Irish nationalists

1974 Ma'alot massacre: Palestinian terrorist take school hostage, 25 mostly children killed and 68 injured

1974 Walter Scheel succeeds Gustav Heinemann as West German President

1976 "Fonz Song" by Heyettes hits #91

1976 Kentucky Moonrunner by Cledus Maggard hits #85
1976 The Provisional Irish Republican Army kill 3 Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC) officers in County Fermanagh and 1 in County Down
1976 The Ulster Volunteer Force launch gun and bomb attacks on 2 pubs in County Armagh, killing 4 Catholic civilians and wounding many more; a British Army soldier is later convicted for taking part in the attacks
1980 Flyers score 8 goals against Islanders in playoffs
1981 George Harrison releases single "All Those Years Ago" in UK: the song was a tribute to John Lennon, and featured Ringo Starr on drums, and Paul and Linda McCartney on backing vocals [1]
1981 Len Barker of Cleveland pitches perfect game vs Toronto
1981 SCTV Network 90, sequel to Second City Television, debuts on NBC
1981 Soyuz 40 carries 2 cosmonauts (1 Romanian) to Salyut 6

Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island
1981 TV comedy film "The Harlem Globetrotters on Gilligan's Island" airs on NBC

Actress
Dawn Wells
1983 Madison Hotel (Boston) destroyed by implosion

Galtieri Sentenced
1986 Former President of Argentina Leopoldo Galtieri is sentenced to 12 years in prison for mishandling the Falkland Islands War [1]

Dictator and President of Argentina
Leopoldo Galtieri
1987 1st Energiya Launch (USSR)

The Late Show with Joan Rivers
1987 Last episode of "The Late Show with Joan Rivers" after the host is fired by the Fox network

Actress, Comedian and TV Host
Joan Rivers
1987 Record archery score for a pair over 24 hrs, is set
1988 The Soviet Union begins withdrawing its 115,000 troops from Afghanistan