

1946 in History

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- January 1** Emperor Hirohito of Japan announces he is not a god
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- January 11** Bert Bell becomes 2nd NFL commissioner, moves Chicago HQ to Phila
- January 11** Enver Hoxha declares People's Rep of Albania with himself dictator
- January 12** Edouardo de Filippo's "Questi Fantasmi!," premieres in Rome
- January 12** NFL champs Cleveland Rams given permission to move to LA
- January 12** "Polonaise" closes at Alvin Theater New York City after 113 performances
- January 14** 2 jetties collapse in Ganges-160 Hindu pilgrims are crushed
- January 17** United Nations Security Council holds its 1st meeting
- January 20** F Gouin follows De Gaulle as temporary leader of French government
- January 21** "Nellie Bly" opens at Adelphi Theater New York City for 16 performances
- January 22** US president sets up CIA, Central Intelligence Agency
- January 23** Rear Admiral Sidney W Souers, USNR, becomes 1st director of CIA
- January 25** Richard Strauss' "Metamorphosis," premieres in Zurich
- January 25** United Mine Workers union rejoins American Federation of Labor
- January 30** 1st issue of Franklin Roosevelt dime
- January 31** Yugoslavia adopts new constitution, becomes a federal republic
- February 1** Republic of Hungary proclaimed, Zolt n Tildy as communist president
- February 1** Trygve Lie, a Norwegian socialist, becomes 1st Sec-Gen of UN
- February 2** "Nellie Bly" closes at Adelphi Theater New York City after 16 performances
- February 4** Garson Kanin's "Born Yesterday," premieres in New York City
- February 6** "Lute Song" opens at Plymouth Theater New York City for 142 performances
- February 7** Filibuster in U.S. Senate kills FEPC bill
- February 8** Bela Bartoks 3rd Concert for piano/orchestra premieres in Phila
- February 8** Premier Salazar of Portugal forbids opposition parties
- February 9** Dutch Labor Party (Dutch Social Democratic Party) forms

February 10 1st black pro-baseball player Jackie Robinson marries Rachel Isum

February 13 "Duchess Misbehaves" opens at Adelphi Theater New York City for 5 performances

February 14 Bank of England nationalized

February 15 Bank of England nationalized

February 16 1st commercially designed helicopter tested, Bridgeport Connecticut

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February 17 Humanistic Covenant forms in Amsterdam

February 19 Giants outfielder Danny Gardella is 1st major leaguer to announce he is jumping to the "outlaw" Mexican League

February 21 Anti-British demonstrations in Egypt

February 24 Juan Peron elected President of Argentina

February 26 2 killed and 10 wounded in race riot in Columbia Tenn

February 27 4th "Road" film, "Road to Utopia" premieres (New York City)

March 1 British Government takes control of Bank of England, after 252 years

March 1 Panama accepts its new constitution

March 2 Dutch troops land on East Bali

March 2 Ho Chi Minh elected president of North Vietnam

March 2 Kingman Douglass, becomes deputy director of CIA

March 3 U.S. Ladies Figure Skating championship won by Gretchen Merrill

March 3 U.S. Mens Figure Skating championship won by Richard Button

March 5 Winston Churchill's "Iron Curtain" speech (Fulton Missouri)

March 6 France recognizes Vietnam statehood within Indo-Chinese federation

March 7 Max Frisch' "Santa Cruz," premieres in Zurich

March 7 "Three to Make Ready" opens at Adelphi Theater New York City for 323 performances

March 8 1st helicopter licensed for commercial use (New York City)

March 9 Dutch troops land at Batavia/Semarang

March 9 Ted Williams is offered \$500,000 to play in Mexican League, he refuses

March 10 Train derailment kills 185 near Aracaju Brazil

March 12 Part of Petsamo province ceded by Soviet Union to Finland

March 14 Belgian government of Spaak, forms

March 15 British premier Attlee agrees with India's right to independence

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March 19 Fr Guiana, Guadeloupe, Martinique and Reunion become overseas depts

March 19 Nicolai Schwernik succeeds Kalinin as president of U.S.S.R.

March 20 Belgian government of Spaak, resigns

March 21 Kenny Washington signs with Rams, 1st black NFLer since 1933

March 21 U.N. set up temporary HQ at Hunter (now Lehman) College (Bronx)

March 22 1st U.S. rocket to leave the Earth's atmosphere (50 miles up)

March 22 Britain signs treaty granting independence to Jordan
March 23 8th NCAA Men's Basketball Championship: Oklahoma State beats North Carolina 43-40
March 25 1st performance of Igor Stravinsky's "Ebony Concerto"
March 29 1st Test Cricket between Australia and NZ
March 29 Test Cricket debuts of Lindwall, Miller and Tallon
March 30 Australia beats NZ in cricket at 3 30pm on 2nd day
March 30 Last Test Cricket appearance of Bill O'Reilly (5-14 and 3-19)
March 30 "St. Louis Woman" opens at Martin Beck Theater New York City for 113 performances
March 31 Belgian government of Acker, forms
April 1 400,000 U.S. mine workers strike
April 1 Tsunamis generated by a quake in Aleutian Trench strike Hilo, Hawaii
April 1 Van Acker forms Belgian government (without CVP)
April 1 Weight Watchers forms
April 5 1st performance of Charles Ives' 3rd Symphony
April 7 10th Golf Masters Championship: Herman Keiser wins, shooting a 282
April 7 Part of East Prussia incorporated into Russian SFSR
April 8 League of Nations assembles for last time
April 9 Stanley Cup: Montreal Canadiens beat Boston Bruins, 4 games to 1
April 10 1st election for Japanese Diet
April 12 Syria gains independence from France
April 13 Belgian premier Acker proclaims wage and price freeze over
April 13 Eddie Klepp, a white pitcher signed by defending Negro League champ Cleveland Buckeyes, is barred from field in Birmingham Alabama
April 14 "Day Before Spring" closes at National Theater New York City after 167 performances
April 14 Manager Mel Ott of Giants hits 511th and final HR
April 16 1st U.S. launch of captured V-2 rocket, White Sands, NM; 8 km alt
April 16 NSB mayor of Rotterdam Neth, FE Muller sentence to 100 years in jail
April 17 Syria declares independence from French administration
April 18 "Call Me Mister" opens at National Theater New York City for 734 performances
April 18 Jackie Robinson debuts as 2nd baseman for the Montreal Royals
April 18 League of Nations dissolves, 3 months after United Nations starts
April 18 Rome/Auerbach/Horwitt's musical "Call Me Mister," premieres in New York City
April 18 U.S. recognizes Tito's Yugoslavia government
April 19 Yankees switch from 3rd base to 1st base dug out
April 20 1st baseball broadcast in Chicago, Cards vs Cubs
April 20 50th Boston Marathon won by Stylianos Kyriakides of Greece in 2:29:27
April 21 SED, Socialistic Einheitspartei Germany forms in East Germany
April 22 SED, Sozialistic Einheitspartei Deutschlands, party forms
April 23 Brooklyn Dodger Ed Head no-hits Boston Braves, 5-0
April 24 11 players Tinker, Evers, Chance, Burkett, McCarthy, Waddell, Plank, Walsh, Chesbro, Griffith, and McGinnity are named to Hall of Fame

April 25 Christopher Fry's "Phoenix too Frequent," premieres in London
April 25 "Exposition Flyer" rammed at Napierville Illinois, killing 48
April 27 1st radar installation aboard a coml ship installed
April 29 28 former Jap leaders indicted in Tokyo as war criminals
April 30 Cleveland Indian Bob Feller's 2nd no-hitter beats New York Yankees, 1-0
May 1 Field Marshal Montgomery appointed British supreme commander
May 1 Mrs. Emma Clarissa Clement named "American Mother of Year"
May 2 Prisoners revolt at Alcatraz, 5 die
May 3 International military tribunal in Tokyo begins
May 4 5 die in a 2 day riot at Alcatraz prison in San Francisco bay
May 4 72nd Kentucky Derby: Warren Mehrtens aboard Assault wins in 2:06.6
May 4 Wash's Cecil Travis gets 6 straight hits before being stopped
May 6 Pulitzer prize awarded to Arthur M. Schlesinger (Age of Jackson)
May 7 William H. Hastie inaugurated as 1st black governor of Virgin Islands
May 8 Red Sox Johnny Pesky scores 6 runs in 1 game
May 9 1st hour long entertainment TV show, "NBC's Hour Glass" premieres
May 9 1st variety show on TV "NBC's Hour Glass," premieres
May 9 King Victor Emmanuel III of Italy abdicates, replaced by Umberto
May 10 Red Sox win 15th straight beat Yanks 5-4, DiMaggio hits Grand Slam
May 10 Umberto II succeeds Victor Emmanuel III as king of Italy
May 11 1st night game at Boston Braves Field (Giants 5, Braves 1)
May 11 72nd Preakness: Warren Mehrtens aboard Assault wins in 2:01.4
May 13 Sarwate and Banerjee add 249 for 10th wkt for Indians vs. Surrey
May 13 U.S. convicts 58 camp guard of Mauthausen concentration camp to death
May 13 Winston Churchill welcomed in Rotterdam
May 14 Paul Hindemith's "For Those We Love," premieres
May 16 Musical "Annie Get Your Gun," starring Ethel Merman premieres in New York City
May 17 KVP Labor/Communists win 1st post-WW2 Dutch parliamentary elections
May 17 President Truman seizes control of nation's railroads to delay a strike
May 19 Dutch Cooperation for Sexual Reform (NVSH) forms in Amsterdam
May 20 Cubs Claude Passeau makes his 1st error since September 21, 1941, ending pitcher's fielding record of 273 consecutive errorless chances
May 22 Yankees turn triple-play and defeat Tigers' 5-3
May 24 Bill Dickey replaces Joe McCarthy as Yankee manager
May 25 Abdullah ibn Hussein becomes king of Jordan
May 25 Jordan gains independence from Britain (Natl Day)
May 26 2-for-42 and hitting .048 for 1946, Mel Ott stops playing baseball
May 26 Darius Milhauds 3rd Concert for piano/orchestra premieres in Prague
May 26 Klement Gottwald becomes premier of Czechoslovakia
May 26 Patent filed in U.S. for H-Bomb

May 28 1st night game at Yankee stadium (Senators 2, Yanks 1)
May 29 KVP wins Provincial National election in Netherlands
May 30 Braves Bernard Malamud HR shatters Bulova clock in Ebbets Field
May 30 United flight 521 crashes on takeoff at LaGuardia Airport (NY) 42 die
June 1 78th Belmont: Warren Mehrstens aboard Assault wins in 2:30.8
June 1 Spijkenisse soccer team forms in Spijkenisse
June 2 Italian plebiscite chooses republic over monarchy, National Day
June 3 1st bikini bathing suit displayed, Paris
June 3 International Milt Tribunal opens in Tokyo against 28 Japanese war criminals
June 3 U.S. Supreme Court rules race separation on buses, unconstitutional
June 4 Largest solar prominence, 300,000 mi/500,000 km, observed
June 5 Fire at LaSalle Hotel cocktail lounge kills 61 (Chicago, Illinois)
June 6 11 Basketball of America Association teams meet to schedule 1st season
June 6 Henry Morgan is 1st to take off shirt on TV
June 6 Martin Kresses begins publishing "Eric the Viking" comic strip
June 7 Pirates players vote 20-16 to walkout rather than play the Giants
June 7 U.S. Supreme Court bans discrimination in interstate travel
June 8 "Lute Song" closes at Plymouth Theater New York City after 142 performances
June 8 Sukarno calls for anti colonial defiance in Indonesia
June 9 19 guests at Canfield Hotel die in fire, Dubuque, Iowa
June 9 66,545 fans help Yanks break million attendance mark, the earliest
June 9 Bhumibol Adulyadej, becomes king of Thailand
June 9 Joe Louis KOs Billy Conn in 8 for heavyweight boxing title
June 9 New York Giant Mel Ott is 1st mgr ejected from both games of a doubleheader
June 10 Italian Republic established
June 10 Rear Admiral Sidney W Souers, USNR, ends term as 1st director of CIA Lieutenant General Hoyt S Vandenberg, USA, becomes 2nd director of CIA
June 13 1st transcontinental round-trip flight in 1-day, California-Maryland
June 13 King Umberto II of Italy abdicates
June 14 Canadian Library Association established
June 16 46th U.S. Golf Open: Lloyd Mangrum shoots a 284 at Canterbury GC Cleve
June 16 "Annie Get Your Gun" opens at Imperial Theater New York City for 1147 performances
June 17 SW Bell inaugurates mobile telephone commercial service, St. Louis
June 19 1st TV sports spectacular-Joe Louis KOs Billy Conn
June 20 New York City transit begins using Pennsylvania system - Car # 744 on 8th Ave IND line
June 21 10 die in fire at Baker Hotel, Dallas Texas
June 21 Bill Veeck buys Indians for \$2.2 million
June 21 Fed judge rules Seattle club doesn't have to play returning serviceman

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June 22 Alec Bedser takes 7-49 vs. India on 1st day of his 1st Test cricket

June 22 Bill Veeck purchases Cleveland Indians

June 24 11.72" (29.77 cm) of rainfall at Mellen Wisconsin (state 24-hr record)

June 24 Georges Bidault elected premier of France

June 26 Dutch Nazi collaborator Arnold Meijer sentenced to 5 years

June 26 Fred Allen's last radio show, his guest is Jack Benny

June 28 Enrico de Nicola becomes 1st President of Italy

June 28 Permanent radio play-by-play of Cleveland Indians games begins

June 29 "Are You with It?" closes at Century Theater New York City after 264 performances

June 29 "Billion Dollar Baby" closes at Alvin Theater New York City after 219 performances

June 29 Black Sabbath-Brits arrest 2700 Jews in Palestine as alleged terrorist

June 29 British mandatory government of Palestine arrests 100 leaders of Yishnuv

July 1 Rajah cedes Sarawak to British crown

July 1 U.S. drops atom bomb on Bikini atoll (4th atomic explosion)

July 2 Dutch Beel government forms

July 2 Harbor workers end strike at Rotterdam and Amsterdam

July 3 1st Dutch government of Beel forms

July 4 Anti Jewish riots in Kielce Poland, 42 die

July 4 Philippines gains independence from U.S.

July 5 Louis Reard's bikini swimsuit design debuts at Paris fashion show

July 6 53rd Wimbledon Womens Tennis: Pauline Betz beats Louise Brough (62 64)

July 6 60th Wimbledon Mens Tennis: Yvon Petra beats G Brown (62 64 79 57 64)

July 6 "St. Louis Woman" closes at Martin Beck Theater New York City after 113 performances

July 7 Mother Frances Xavier Cabrini canonized as 1st American saint

July 8 Baseball grants \$5,000 minimum salary

July 8 "Tidbits of 1946" opens at Plymouth Theater New York City for 8 performances

July 9 13th All Star Baseball Game: AL wins 12-0 at Fenway Park, Boston

July 10 Belgian government of Acker, resigns

July 11 Kingman Douglass, ends term as deputy director of CIA

July 12 Benjamin Britten's "Rape of Lucretia," premieres in Glyndebourne

July 12 Vance Dinges hits only Phillie pinch hit inside-the-park HR

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July 14 Cleve Lou Boudreau hits 4 doubles and HR but Red Sox win 11-10 on Ted Williams 3 HR with 8 RBIs

July 14 Dr. Ben Spock's "Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care" published

July 14 Mass murder on Jews in Kielce Poland

July 15 British North Borneo Co transfers rights to British crown

July 16 Attempt made to recall Mayor Lapham (1st time in San Francisco history)

July 16 U.S. court martials 46 SS to death (Battle of Bulge crimes) in

Dachau

July 21 Jesus T. Pinerol becomes 1st native born Puerto Rican governor

July 22 Estelle Bennett, rocker (Ronettes)

July 22 Menachen Begin's opposition group surprise attack on King David hotel

July 23 Menachem Begins opposition group bombs King David Hotel

July 24 9 Spokane baseball players (Western League), die in a bus crash

July 24 U.S. performs atmospheric nuclear Test at Bikini Island

July 25 1st bikini is shown at a Paris fashion show

July 25 U.S. detonates underwater A-bomb at Bikini, 5th atomic explosion

July 26 President Truman orders desegregation of all U.S. forces

July 27 Boston Red Sox Rudy York hits 2 grand slams in 1 game, gets 10 RBIs

July 30 1st rocket attains 100 mi (167 km) altitude, White Sands, New Mexico

August 1 President Truman establishes Atomic Energy Commission (AEC)

August 3 Belgian government of Huysmans, forms

August 6 U.S. officially submits to jurisdiction of World Court

August 8 Dreyfuss family, owners of Pittsburgh Pirates since 1900, sells club to Frank McKinney and John Galbreath for \$25 million

August 8 India agrees to give Bhutan 32 miles

August 9 1st time all major-league baseball games (8) are played at night

August 13 Britain transfers illegal immigrants bound to Palestine, to Cyprus

August 16 Great Calcutta blood bath - Moslem/Hindu riot (3-4,000 die)

August 17 Arthur Honegger's 3rd Symphony "Liturgique," premieres

August 18 Golf Writers Association of America forms

August 22 Baseball approves a 168-game schedule, but later rescinds it

August 22 Mikko Hietanen wins Oslo marathon (2:24:55)

August 23 13th NFL Chicago All-Star Game: All-Stars 16, Los Angeles 0 (97,380)

August 25 28th PGA Championship: Ben Hogan at Portland GC Portland Ore

August 26 George Orwell published "Animal Farm"

September 1 1st U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship won by Patty Berg

September 1 Greece votes for monarchy

September 2 Johnny Neun replaces Bill Dickey as Yankee manager

September 2 Nehru forms government in India

September 5 Joe Garagiola plays his 1st major league baseball game

September 5 "Yours Is My Heart" opens at Shubert Theater New York City for 36 performances

September 6 All-American Football Conference plays 1st game (Clev 44, Miami 0)

September 6 Terence Rattigan's "Winslow Boy," premieres in London

September 8 60th U.S. Womens Tennis: Pauline Betz beats Patricia Canning (119 63)

September 8 66th U.S. Mens Tennis: Jack Kramer beats Tom Brown, Jr. (97 63 60)

September 8 Bill Kennedy of Rocky Mount (CPL) strikes out minors

record 456

September 8 Bulgaria ends monarchy

September 8 Jack Kramer wins U.S. Tennis Open

September 8 San Francisco 49ers play 1st AAFC game, lose to New York Yankees 21-7

September 11 1st mobile long-distance car-to-car telephone conversation

September 12 Court martial convicts Henry de Man to 20 years, in Brussels

September 13 Boston Red Sox clinch AL pennant

September 15 Dodgers beat Cubs 2-0 in 5 innings, game called because of gnats

September 17 "Gypsy Lady," opens at Century Theater New York City for 79 performances

September 17 "If the Shoe Fits," opens at Century Theater New York City for 20 performances

September 18 Joe Louis KOs Tami Mauriello in 1 for heavyweight boxing title

September 20 Churchill argues for a "US of Europe"

September 21 Indians play their final game in League Park, ending a 55-year stay

September 24 Yanks set season attendance record of 2,309,029 besting 1929 Cubs

September 26 1st edition of Tintin (Kuifje), publishes until June 1993

September 27 King George II of Greece returns from exile

September 28 Greek king George II back in Athens

September 29 1st time NL pennant ends in a tie (Cards and Dodgers)

September 29 "Adventures of Sam Spade" debuts on CBS Radio

September 29 Al Couture knocks out Ralph Walton in Lewiston Maine in 10 secs

September 29 Los Angeles (previously Cleveland) Rams play 1st NFL game in LA

September 29 NPS, Nationale Party Suriname, forms

September 30 22 Nazi leaders found guilty of war crimes at Nuremberg

September 30 Von Ribbentrop and Goering sentence to death by Nuremberg trial

October 1 12 war criminals sentenced to death in Nuremberg

October 1 1st NL playoffs, Dodgers vs Cards (St. Louis wins 2 games to 0)

October 1 Bob Feller 348th strikeout of season

October 2 1st network soap opera-Faraway Hill-Dumont

October 3 Cards beat Dodgers 8-4 at Ebbets Field to win NL playoffs 2-0

October 5 "Yours Is My Heart" closes at Shubert Theater New York City after 36 performances

October 6 90 degrees F highest temperature ever recorded in Cleveland in Oct

October 6 President Truman questions Great Britain Jews about Palestine

October 7 Charles Ives' 2nd string quartet, premieres

October 8 Kwo-less-shrew selects Gen Chiang Kai-shek as president of China

October 8 Milt plane crashes at Christian HBS, 24 die

October 9 1st electric blanket manufactured; sold for \$39.50

October 9 Eugene O'Neill's "Iceman Cometh," premieres in New York

City

October 10 Max Frisch' "Die Chinesische Mauer," premieres in Zurich

October 14 Netherland and Indonesia sign cease fire

October 15 Enos Slaughter scores from 1st on a single in World Series

October 15 Smallest World Series share since 1918 (Cards \$3,748, Red Sox \$2,140)

October 15 St. Louis Cardinals beat Boston Red Sox, 4 games to 3 in 43rd World Series

October 16 10 Nazi leaders hanged as war criminals after Nuremberg trials

October 18 Aaron Copland's 3rd Symphony, premieres

October 20 Frank Seno returns kickoff 105 yd, Chicago Cards vs New York Giants

October 22 2 British ships sink near Albania

October 23 U.N. General Assembly 2nd session convenes (1st New York City-Flushing Meadows)

October 24 Netherlands and Indonesia sign cease fire

October 25 1st trial against nazi war criminals in Neurenberg

October 27 Georgi Dimitrovs National Front wins Bulgaria elections (78%)

October 28 German rocket engineers begin work in U.S.S.R.

November 1 Charles S. Johnson becomes 1st black president of Fisk University

November 1 Cleveland Indians owner Bill Veeck's right foot is amputated

November 1 German "Country" Nedersaksen forms

November 1 Marken soccer team forms

November 1 New York Knicks 1st basketball game beat Toronto Huskies 68-66

November 1 Right foot of Cleveland Indian's owner Bill Veeck is amputated

November 1 WABC becomes WCBS radio in New York City

November 1 WEAf radio changes call letters to WNBC (New York City)

November 1 West German state of Niedersachsen formed

November 3 Emperor Hirohito proclaims new Japanese constitution

November 4 "Park Avenue" opens at Shubert Theater New York City for 72 performances

November 4 U.N. Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization formed

November 5 John F. Kennedy elected to House of Representatives

November 7 "Bal Negre" opens at Belasco Theater New York City for 54 performances

November 8 Jean-Paul Sartre's "La Putain Respecteuse," premieres in Paris

November 9 President Truman ends wage/price freeze

November 10 Communists win many seats at French parliamentary election

November 11 New York Knicks' 1st game at Madison Square Garden loses 78-68 to Chic Stags

November 12 1st "autobank" (banking by car) forms (Chicago)

November 12 Walt Disney's "Song Of South" released

November 13 1st artificial snow produced from a natural cloud, Mt Greylock, MA

November 13 Bradman scores 106 for an Australian XI vs. the MCC

November 14 Dutch Dakota flight to Schiphol crashes, kills 11
November 15 Joseph McCarthy's HUAC interrogates astronomer Harlow Shapley
November 15 Ted Williams is picked as AL MVP
November 19 Bradman scores 119 South Australia vs. Victoria, 183 mins, 8 fours
November 20 Lillian Hellman's "Another Part of the Forest," premieres in New York City
November 21 Georgi Dimitrov elected premier of Bulgaria
November 21 Harry Truman becomes 1st U.S. president to travel in a submerged sub
November 23 34th CFL Grey Cup: Toronto Argonauts defeats Winn Blue Bombers, 28-6
November 23 French Navy fire in Haiphong Vietnam, kills 6,000
November 23 "Gypsy Lady" closes at Century Theater New York City after 79 performances
November 27 English soccer team beats Netherlands, 8-2
November 28 French government of Bidault, resigns
November 28 Landverrader Anton Mussert to death sentenced
November 29 Minister Drees begins emergency rule of old age facilities
November 30 Bradman scores 187 in 1st Test Cricket vs. England at the Gabba
December 1 Australia compile 645 vs. India at the Gabba (Bradman 187)
December 3 12th Heisman Trophy Award: Glenn Davis, Army (HB)
December 3 U.S. government asks United Nations to order dictator Franco out of Spain
December 5 President Truman creates Committee on Civil Rights by Exec Order 9808
December 7 Fire at Winecoff Hotel in Atlanta, kills 119
December 8 Army rocket plane XS-1 makes 1st powered flight
December 11 Hank Williams begins to record on Sterling label
December 11 Spain suspended from UN
December 11 U.N. Children's Fund (UNICEF) established (Nobel 1965)
December 12 Ice plant collapses, shearing a tenement building and burying 38
December 12 Tide detergent introduced
December 12 U.N. accepts 6 Manhattan blocks as a gift from John D Rockefeller Jr
December 13 Leon Blum elected French premier
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December 14 Togo made a trusteeship territory of UN
December 14 U.N. General Assembly votes to establish United Nations HQs in New York City
December 15 Chicago Bears beat New York Giants 24-14 in NFL championship game
December 15 Giants Filchok and Hapes suspended by NFL, didn't report bribe attempt
December 17 Bradman and Barnes complete 405 run 5th wkt stand, score 234 ea
December 17 U.S. V-2 rocket reaches 183 km, White Sands Proving Grounds, NM

December 18 TV's 1st network dramatic serial "Faraway Hill" ends 2 month run

December 19 Noel Cowards musical "Pacific 1860," premieres in London

December 19 War breaks out in Indochina as Ho Chi Minh attacks French in Hanoi

December 20 Darius Milhaud's 2nd Symphony, premieres

December 21 Earthquake in South Japan, kills 1,086

December 21 Frank Capra's "It's a Wonderful Life," premieres

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December 21 Morton Gould's "Minstrel Show," premieres in Indianapolis

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December 22 Cleveland Browns beat New York Yankees 14-9 in AAFC championship game

December 23 Belgian Council of State forms

December 23 Highest ridership in New York City subway history (8.8 million passengers)

December 23 University of Tenn refuses to play Duquesne U, because they may use a black player in their basketball game

December 24 4th French republic established

December 24 US General MacNarney gives 800,000 "minor Nazi's" amnesty

December 25 Constitution accepted in Taiwan

December 26 35th Davis Cup: USA beats Australia in Melbourne (5-0)

December 26 "Beggar's Holiday" opens at Broadway Theater New York City for 111 performances

December 26 Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas opens (start of an era)

December 26 "Toplitzky of Notre Dame" opens at Century Theater New York City for 60 performances

December 31 French troops leave Lebanon

December 31 President Truman officially proclaims end of WW II

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