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World Events

- [Anthony Eden](#) resigns (Jan. 9); [MacMillan](#) becomes British Prime Minister.
- The USSR tests its first successful [ICBM](#).
- [Russia](#) launches [Sputnik I](#), first earth-orbiting satellite—the Space Age begins (Oct. 4).

U.S. Events

- [Eisenhower](#) Doctrine calls for aid to Mideast countries that resist armed aggression from Communist-controlled nations (Jan. 5).
- The "Little Rock Nine" [integrate](#) Arkansas high school. [Eisenhower](#) sends troops to quell mob and protect the students after [Gov. Orval Faubus](#) defies federal order (Sept. 24).

Economics

US GDP (1998 dollars): \$461 billion

Federal spending: \$76.58 billion

Federal debt \$272.3 billion

Consumer Price Index: \$28.1

Unemployment: 4.1%

Cost of a first-class stamp: \$0.03

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Sports

World Series

World Statistics

Population: 4.378 billion

[population by decade](#)

[Nobel Peace Prize: Lester B. Pearson \(Canada\)](#)

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U.S. Statistics

President: [Dwight D. Eisenhower](#)

Vice President: [Richard M. Nixon](#)

Population: 171,984,130

Life expectancy: 69.5 years

Homicide Rate (per 100,000): 4.5

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Milwaukee Braves d. NY Yankees

NBA Championship

Boston d. St. Louis Hawks

Stanley Cup

Montreal d. Boston

Wimbledon

Women: Althea Gibson d. D. Hard (6-3 6-2)

Men: Lew Hoad d. A. Cooper (6-2 6-1 6-2)

Kentucky Derby Champion

Iron Liege

NCAA Basketball Championship

North Carolina d. Kansas

NCAA Football Champions

Auburn (AP) (10-0-0) & Ohio St. (UP, FW, INS) (9-1-0)

Entertainment

Events

- [Leonard Bernstein's](#) *West Side Story* debuts on Broadway and brings violence to the stage.
- [Eugene O'Neill's](#) *A Long Day's Journey Into Night* is produced posthumously and wins both the [Tony Award](#) and [Pulitzer Prize](#).
- Columbia University professor Charles Van Doren becomes a media sensation by winning \$129,000 on the quiz show *Twenty One*.
- *Leave It to Beaver* premieres on CBS, ushering in an era of television shows that depict the ideal American.

Movies

- *The Bridge on the River Kwai*, *Twelve Angry Men*, *Sayonara*, *Peyton Place*, *Witness for the Prosecution*

Books

Sports Links

[Pro Football Summary](#)

[Pro Basketball Summary](#)

[Pro Baseball Summary](#)

Entertainment Awards

Pulitzer Prizes

Fiction: No award

Music: *Meditations on Ecclesiastes*, Norman Dello Joio

Drama: *Long Day's Journey Into Night*, Eugene O'Neill

Academy Award, Best Picture: *Around the World in 80 Days*, Michael Todd, producer (United Artists)

Nobel Prize for Literature: Albert Camus (France)

Miss America: Marian McKnight (SC)

[More Entertainment Awards...](#)

- [James Agee](#), *A Death in the Family*
- [John Cheever](#), *The Wapshot Chronicle*
- [Noam Chomsky](#), *Syntactic Structures*
- [Lawrence Durrell](#), *Justine*
- [Jack Kerouac](#), *On the Road*
- [Denise Levertov](#), *Here and Now*
- [Bernard Malamud](#), *The Assistant*
- [Robert Penn Warren](#), *Promises: Poems 1954–56*

Science

- Temporary [artificial heart](#) invented by [Willem Kolff](#).
- [Interferon](#) invented by Alick Isaacs and Jean Lindemann (England and Switzerland).
- Clarence W. Lillehie and Earl Bakk (US) invent the internal [pacemaker](#). Background: [Health & Nutrition](#)
- Bardeen, Cooper, and Scheiffer (US) propose a theory of [superconductivity](#).
- First round-the-world nonstop jet plane flight. Maj. Gen. Archie J. Old, Jr. (USAF) led a flight of three Boeing B-52 bombers around the world in 45 hours, 19 minutes (completed Jan. 18). Background: [Famous Firsts in Aviation](#)

Nobel Prizes in Science

Chemistry: Sir Alexander Todd (UK), for research with chemical compounds that are factors in heredity

Physics: Tsung Dao Lee and Chen Ning Yang (China), for disproving principle of conservation of parity

Physiology or Medicine: Daniel Bovet (Italy), for development of drugs to relieve allergies and relax muscles during surgery

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Death

- [Humphrey Bogart](#)
- [Richard E. Byrd](#)
- [Joseph McCarthy](#)
- [Arturo Toscanini](#)

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