

The Box Brownie

The Kodak Brownie camera was the first hand-held camera that was cheap enough and simple enough for even children to use, making photography accessible to the masses.



First Powered Flight

The Wright brothers, Orville and Wilbur, succeed in flying the first controlled aeroplane on December 17th





Princip Arrested

The Serbian revolutionary, Gavrilo Princip, is arrested after shooting dead Archduke Franz Ferdinand. This sparks off the series of events that led to the outbreak of World War One.





Lenin & Trotsky

The Russian Revolutionary Vladimir Lenin whips up the people whilst Trotsky listens. Before the year is out, they will have seized power and turned Russia into the Communist USSR



Safety Last!

Harold Lloyd is one of the first "Movie Stars", famous for doing all his own stunts in films like "Safety Last"



Hitler in Prison

A young Adolf Hitler contemplates the future after being jailed for leading a rebellion in Germany. He will take the time to write his memoirs (Mein Kampf) and rethink his strategy.





Hindenburg Disaster

The age of the airship comes to an end as the hydrogen-filled "Hindenburg" bursts into flames. The live radio broadcast recorded as the disaster unfolds has become legendary



Spanish Civil War

A photographer takes a picture at the very moment a soldier is shot dead. The outcome of the war was a Fascist dictatorship in Spain under General Franco (died 1975)



"Peace in Our Time"

British Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain returns from the Munich Conference with Hitler promising that there is no danger of war with Germany. World War II breaks out the following year!





Red Army in Berlin

After weeks of bitter fighting, Nazi Berlin falls to the Russian Red Army. This shot captures the moment that the Red Flag was raised on the German Reichstag.

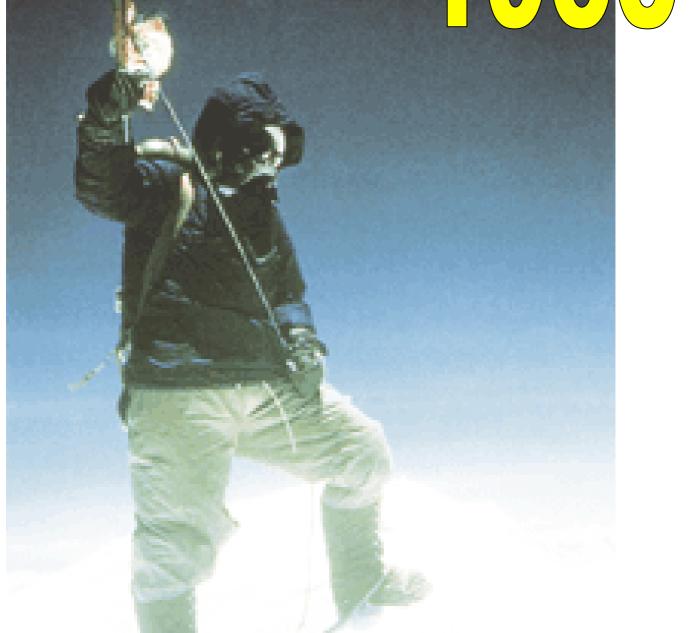


Hiroshima

The atomic bomb is dropped on Japan. World War Two comes to an end, only to be replaced by a terrifying "Cold War" between the nuclear superpowers, USA and USSR

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Everest Conquered

Edmund Hillary and Tenzing Norgay conquer Everest. This picture was taken by Hillary at when they reached the summit



3mins 59.4 Seconds

Roger Bannister, a medical student, is the first man to run a mile in under 4 minutes.





Rock & Roll Music

Heartbreak Hotel hits the top of the charts. Youngsters love the new music, and Elvis "The Pelvis" Presley becomes "The King"



Che Guevara

The Cuban Communist Revolutionary caught off-guard in 1960 in a pose that has since adorned a million student T-Shirts





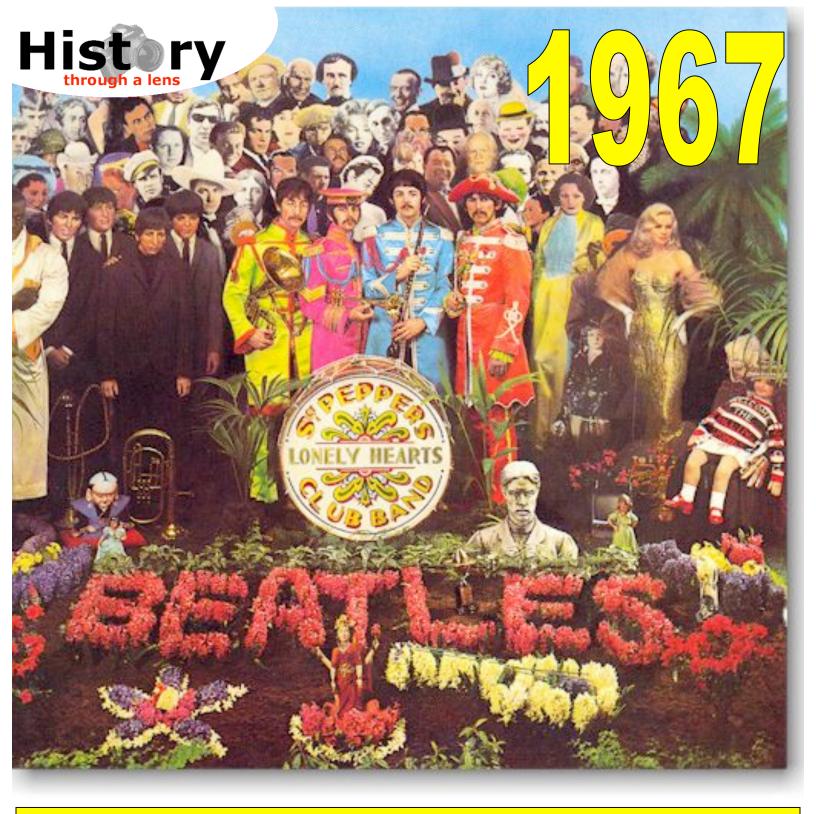
Leap to Freedom

An East German border guard escapes from communist East Germany by leaping over the barbed wire forming part of the "Berlin Wall"



Oswald Shot

The man accused of assassinating President John F. Kennedy is himself shot dead by Jack Ruby



Sergeant Pepper

Popular music comes of age as the Beatles release what is widely regarded as the first "Rock" album



"Black Power"Olympics

U.S. Olympians Tommie Smith and John Carlos give the "Black Power" salute at Mexico in protest of "American oppression" of Blacks



First Man on the Moon

Neil Armstrong is the first human being to set foot on another planet





Students Shot

At Kent State University, Ohio, students protesting against the Vietnam War are shot at by the National Guard. Four are killed. Their deaths help turn public opinion against the Vietnam War.





Microsoft

Bill Gates (bottom left) leaves his job at IBM and sets up his own computer company with a hand picked team. Every single one of them is now a multi-millionaire. But still ugly.



"Hand of God"

Diego "cheating git" Maradona prevents England from getting into the World Cup final by scoring a goal with his fist



Berlin Wall Falls

The Berlin Wall, a symbol of the inhumanity of the communist regimes across Eastern Europe, finally falls down when it becomes clear that even the army is not prepared to defend it.





Mandela Freed

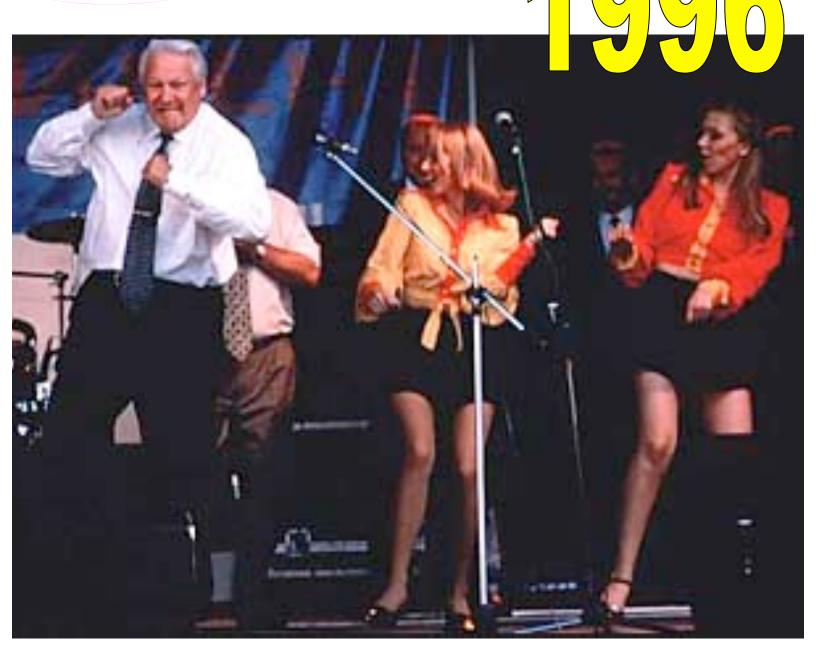
Nelson Mandela, the civil rights leader, is finally released from prison. Shortly afterwards, the racist "apartheid" regime in South Africa is dismantled



Oklahoma Bomb

An emergency worker saves the life of a one-year old child following the Oklahoma city terrorist bombings





Russia Cringes

President Boris Yeltsin of Russia helped to defeat communism, but squanders his historical reputation by doing a "dad dance" in celebration