**1 January 1970** Israeli war planes destroy the East Ghor Canal near Irbid, Jordan for a third time. The attacks are in retaliation for a mortar attack on an Israeli settlement.

An Arab terrorist throws a hand grenade at an Israeli army vehicle in Hebron, misses, and kills the son and uncle of the Mufti of Jerusalem.

Pursuant to the Representation of the People Act of 1969, the voting age in Britain is reduced from 21 to 18.

**2 January 1970** Nigerian federal troops make strong advances into Biafran held areas.

Danish police report at 31% decline in sexual offenses in Copenhagen and a 50% decline in Aarhus and Jutland last year, after all restrictions on pornography were removed.

A US Defense Department survey shows that 1,403 American servicemen have deserted into other countries since 1 July 1966.

**3 January 1970** Israeli forces enter the village of Qala, Lebanon in retaliation for the kidnapping of an Israeli by Arab terrorists operating out of the village. They capture eleven soldiers and eleven civilians.

The Republic of Congo is renamed the Peoples Republic of Congo as part of a new constitution.

Incidental music to the play *Way of the Cross* after Tolstoy by Alfred Schnittke (35) is performed for the first time, in the Central Theatre of the Soviet Army, Moscow.

**4 January 1970** An earthquake centered in Yunnan Province, China kills over 15,000 people. The amount of death and damage is not disclosed by the government.

**5 January 1970** Roberto Gerhard dies in Cambridge, England of acute pulmonary edema and emphysema, aged 73 years, three months, and eleven days. His earthly remains will be laid to rest in Ascension Parish Burial Ground, Cambridge, England.

Czechoslovak author and playwright Pavel Kohout is denounced in the newspaper of the Slovak Communist Party for being linked with the “Zionist world conspiracy” for supporting Israel.

Joseph Yablonski, his wife and daughter are found shot to death in their home in Clarksville, Pennsylvania. Yablonski recently lost an election for the presidency of the United Mine Workers. Union President WA Boyle will be convicted for ordering the murders.

*Fivefold Enfoldment* for orchestra by Ernst Krenek (69) is performed for the first time, in the Beethovenhalle, Bonn.

**7 January 1970** A pastoral council of the Dutch Roman Catholic Church in Noordwijkerhout calls for the end of celibacy for priests and the acceptance of women into the priesthood.

**8 January 1970** Two more US soldiers are charged in the My Lai massacre. Gerald Smith and Charles Hutto are charged with premeditated murder and sex crimes.

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints reaffirms its ban on black priests.

*Cheap Imitation* for piano by John Cage (57) is performed for the first time, at the Brooklyn Academy of Music, New York to the dance *Second Hand* by Merce Cunningham.

**11 January 1970** Nigeria announces that it has captured the provisional Biafran capital Owerri. General Odumegwu Ojukwu flies out of Biafra to Côte d’Ivoire.

**12 January 1970** Biafra’s chief of staff, Brigadier Philip Effiong, surrenders his forces to Nigerian federal troops, thus ending the two-and-a-half year Nigerian civil war. Millions of people are left homeless and starving.

**13 January 1970** By a ruling of a federal court in Washington, the Internal Revenue Service is prohibited from granting tax-exempt status to segregated private schools in Mississippi.

*Sub tuam protectionem* for piano by Peter Maxwell Davies (35) is performed for the first time, in the Purcell Room, London.

Eight Lessons for Keyboards by Harrison Birtwistle (35) is performed for the first time, in Purcell Room, London.

**14 January 1970** Priests in Munich ask the Vatican to end the celibacy rule and allow priests to marry.

A federal court in the United States orders the Internal Revenue Service to end tax exempt status for segregated private schools.

90 guests assemble at the Park Avenue apartment of Leonard Bernstein (51) for cocktails and a meeting with leading members of the revolutionary Black Panther Party. Bernstein and his guests, all wealthy socialites, trade questions and some differences of opinion with the Panthers. Over $10,000 is raised for a defense fund for 21 Black Panthers currently on trial for plotting to kill policemen and bomb New York department stores, police precinct houses, and the New York Botanical Garden.

Improvisations on an Impromptu by Benjamin Britten for orchestra by William Walton (67) is performed for the first time, at the War Memorial Opera House, San Francisco.

**15 January 1970** Leaders of Nigeria and Biafra sign a formal surrender document in Lagos.

String Quartet no.8 by Peter Sculthorpe (40) is performed publicly for the first time, at Sussex University, Brighton, Great Britain.

**16 January 1970** *Music in Fifths* for small ensemble by Philip Glass (32) is performed for the first time, in New York.

**18 January 1970** During the intermission of a performance of *My Fair Lady* in the Moscow Operetta Theatre, a young Belgian named Viktor van Brantegen handcuffs himself to a balcony railing, shouts support for political dissidents and throws hundreds of leaflets into the audience. The leaflets call on Dmitry Shostakovich (63) to support the release of Major General Pyotr Grigoryevich Grigorenko, a dissident declared insane by the Soviet government, and other dissidents.

**19 January 1970** About 300 Protestants try to break through British troops and police in Londonderry to get at Catholic areas. Street fighting ensues.

The US Supreme Court rules that the Selective Service System does not have the authority to speed up the conscription of draft protesters.

*Orison* for organ and tape by Jacob Druckman (41) is performed for the first time, at the Juilliard School, New York.

*O the Chimneys*, a cycle for mezzo-soprano, clarinet/bass clarinet, cello, piano, percussion, and tape by Shulamit Ran (20) to words of Nelly Sachs, is performed for the first time, at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

**20 January 1970** Sweden grants asylum to 18 US deserters and draft resisters.

After Arab shells hit a chemical factory near Sodom, Israeli armored forces carry out a 24-hour incursion against terrorist bases in Jordan. Five terrorists are killed and large quantities of weapons seized.

*Rappresentazione e festa di Carnasciale e della Quaresima*, an opera by Gian Francesco Malipiero (87) to his own words after a 16th century Florentine text, is staged for the first time, in Teatro La Fenice, Venice. Also premiered is Malipiero’s *Don Tartufo Bacchettone* to his own words after Molière and Gigli. See 20 April 1962.

Music to the film *Ludwig van Hommage von Beethoven* by Mauricio Kagel (38) is performed for the first time, in Madrid. See 28 May 1970.

**21 January 1970** The first reporters allowed into Biafra tell of a humanitarian situation far worse than the Nigerian government claims, with thousands of starving, homeless people. Although there is no organized policy of brutality by the Nigerian authorities, widespread incidents of beating, looting, and rape by Nigerian soldiers are going on.

The FBI announces the arrest of three men for the killing of Joseph Yablonski, his wife and daughter.

**22 January 1970** Israeli troops overwhelm the Egyptian garrison on Shadwan Island at the entrance to the Gulf of Suez. 70 Egyptians are killed, 62 captured, and three torpedo boats are destroyed. The Israelis lose three killed.

West German Chancellor Willy Brandt writes to East German Prime Minister Willi Stoph proposing talks between the two countries.

The first “jumbo jet”, the Boeing 747, enters regular service with Pan American Airways on their New York-London route.

**23 January 1970** Having ended its usefulness to Egypt, Israeli forces withdraw from Shadwan Island, carrying off a British-made radar station.

ADN, the East German press agency, denounces Chancellor Brandt’s letter of yesterday.

**24 January 1970** Catholics and Protestants battle each other and 400 British troops in Londonderry. The fighting causes the troops to erect barbed wire barricades between the communities.

As part of a celebration of the 70th birthday of the Philadelphia Orchestra and Eugene Ormandy, Variations on Happy Birthday by several composers is performed for the first time, in Philadelphia. Among those contributing variations are Aaron Copland (69) and Samuel Barber (59). President Nixon awards conductor Eugene Ormandy the Medal of Freedom.

**25 January 1970** Robert Altman’s film *M\*A\*S\*H*  is shown for the first time, in New York.

*Choreographic Prelude* for flute, piano, strings, and orchestra by William Grant Still (74) is performed for the first time, in Los Angeles County Museum.

**26 January 1970** Violent anti-Marcos demonstrations by students, workers, and farmers erupt in Manila and elsewhere in the Philippines.

Alexander Dubcek arrives in Ankara as ambassador from Czechoslovakia to Turkey.

**27 January 1970** The parents of 1,200 children affected by thalidomide accept a settlement with the makers of the drug. Chemie Grunenthal Company of West Germany will pay $27,300,000 in damages.

**28 January 1970** Lubomir Strougal replaces Oldrich Cernik as Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia. Cernik, who was a leader of the Prague Spring of 1968, also resigns from the Presidium, but remains in the Central Committee. Strougal is seen as pro-Soviet.

Israeli planes strike two targets as close as ten km south of downtown Cairo. Six Soviet military personnel are killed, a fact which is kept secret for a year.

South Africa denies a visa to Arthur Ashe, black US tennis player, to compete in the South Africa open tennis tournament.

**29 January 1970** The Indian government awards the dual capital of Chandigarh and most of the surrounding area to Punjab. Haryana receives part of southwestern Punjab in return. The federal government offers to help pay to build a new capital for Haryana.

*In Praise of Shahn* for orchestra by William Schuman (59) is performed for the first time, in New York directed by Leonard Bernstein (51). The work is warmly received.

**30 January 1970** About 2,000 demonstrators try to invade Malacañang Palace in Manila. In the battles with police, five people are killed, 157 injured, hundreds arrested.

Syrian artillery opens fire on Israeli positions on the Golan Heights.

*Pravda* announces new restrictions on liquor sales in the Soviet Union in an attempt to curb widespread drunkenness.

The United Nations declares that South Africa is illegally occupying Namibia.

Four Preludes op.1 for piano by Henryk Górecki (36) is performed for the first time, in Katowice.

**31 January 1970** The orchestra version of *Music for Prague 1968* by Karel Husa (48) is performed for the first time, in Munich, conducted by the composer. See 31 January 1969.

*To Music*, a choral symphony by David Diamond (54) to words of Masefield, is performed for the first time, at the Manhattan School of Music conducted by the composer.

**1 February 1970** Israel and Syria engage in an artillery duel on the Golan Heights. UN observers manage to stop the shooting.

An express train crashes into the back of a stopped train at Benevídez station, north of Buenos Aires. At least 142 people are killed.

John Adams (22) marries Hawley Currens, a violinist and music teacher, the daughter of a cardiologist, in the Church of the Advent, Boston. The marriage will last four years.

*Conspiracy Eight* for computer and eight manipulators by Gordon Mumma (34) is performed for the first time, at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge.

**2 February 1970** Israeli planes attack a military camp at Manqabad 380 km south of Cairo.

All events on the Golan Heights yesterday are repeated today.

Twelve deputy sheriffs are indicted in San Francisco for abuse of authority during the riots in Berkeley in May of last year. Their use of shotguns and beating of prisoners are cited.

*Animus II* for soprano, two percussionists and tape by Jacob Druckman (41) is performed for the first time, in Paris.

**4 February 1970** The Liberian tanker *Arrow* runs aground in Chedabucto Bay, Nova Scotia polluting 200 km of shoreline with 9,000,000 litres of oil.

*Not Wanting to Say Anything About Marcel*, a plexigram on eight sheets of plastic by John Cage (57), is shown for the first time, in Harcus-Krakow Gallery, Boston. See 28 June 1970.

**5 February 1970** An Egyptian raid crosses the Suez Canal and attacks an Israeli column 30 km south of Port Said.

Concerto for Orchestra by Elliott Carter (61), composed to celebrate the 125th anniversary of the New York Philharmonic, is performed for the first time, in New York conducted by Leonard Bernstein (51). The work receives a favorable response from the audience.

**6 February 1970** An Israeli supply ship is sunk by two mines in the port of Elath. Israel retaliates by sinking an Egyptian minelayer in the Gulf of Suez.

Six foreign journalists are taken to the prison camp at Oropos to view Mikis Theodorakis (44). They watch him walk around the prison yard but do not speak with him. The journalists then report that the composer seems to be in good health. It is an attempt by the Greek dictatorship to dispel reports of mistreatment of him.

One-third of the school buses in Denver are destroyed or damaged by dynamite bombs set by whites opposed to the city’s racial desegregation plan.

**7 February 1970** Italian Prime Minister Mariano Rumor resigns and begins attempts to form a new government.

*Grande Aulodia* for orchestra by Bruno Maderna (49) is performed for the first time, in Rome.

**8 February 1970** Versions 1 and 4 of *Algorithms I* for nine instruments and tape by Lejaren Hiller (45) are performed for the first time, in Buffalo.

**9 February 1970**  The Liberian tanker *Arrow* breaks in two in Chedabucto Bay, Nova Scotia after unsuccessful attempts to off load the oil it is carrying.

*Cérémony* for tape by Pierre Henry (42) is performed for the first time, at the Olympia of Paris.

**10 February 1970** The Supreme Court of India rules that the nationalization of the country’s 14 largest banks is unconstitutional. Prime Minister Indira Gandhi immediately issues a new order for nationalization.

Three Arab terrorists kill one person and injure eleven others in a grenade attack on a bus and lounge at an airport in Munich.

Three days of fighting in and around Amman begin between ten Palestinian terrorist groups and Jordanian troops.

35 people are injured in a grenade attack by Arab terrorists on a building in Khan Yunis in the Gaza Strip. 34 of those injured are Arabs.

**11 February 1970** The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency launches *Osumi* from the Uchinoura Space Center. It is Japan’s first artificial satellite.

*In Re Con Moto et al.* for string quartet and piano by Charles Ives (†15) is performed for the first time, in New York.

**12 February 1970** Israeli planes accidently bomb a scrap metal processing plant northeast of Cairo.

A new law in Brazil requires all publishers and importers to gain police approval before distributing periodicals and books.

**14 February 1970** *Love 200* for voice, rock band, and orchestra by Peter Sculthorpe (40), to words of Morphett, is performed for the first time, in Town Hall, Sydney.

An international team of observers reports that there is strong evidence that 106 men, women, and children were murdered by Nigerian troops in the village of Ndukwe, Biafra last 25 December.

**15 February 1970** A fire in the apartment of Stefan Wolpe (67) in New York causes severe damage to his writings, paintings, and other personal items. He will receive money from the Rockefeller Foundation to repair damaged manuscripts.

A Dominican Airlines DC-9 crashes into the sea shortly after takeoff from Santo Domingo. All 102 people on board are killed.

Concerto for brass quintet and strings by Karel Husa (48) is performed for the first time, in Buffalo conducted by Lukas Foss (47).

**17 February 1970** *This Means That...* for electronic sources by Luciano Berio (44) is performed for the first time, in Carnegie Hall, New York.

**18 February 1970** A peaceful anti-American demonstration by 25,000 people in Manila turns violent when about 3,000 of them invade the US embassy throwing rocks and firebombs. Marine guards at the embassy use tear gas to eject them from the grounds. The rioters then enter a wealthy district of the city creating mayhem and destruction.

All of the defendants in the Trial of the Chicago 7 are acquitted of conspiracy to create a riot at the 1968 Democratic convention. Five are found guilty of crossing state lines with intent to incite a riot.

**20 February 1970** Writer Jan Prochazka and four others are expelled from the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

David Dellinger, Rennie Davis, Thomas Hayden, Abbie Hoffman, and Jerry Rubin are sentenced in a Chicago court to five years in prison and a $5,000 fine, the maximum penalty allowed, for crossing state lines to incite a riot.

*Three Rituals* for two or four percussionists, film, and lights by Lejaren Hiller (45) is performed for the first time, in London.

**21 February 1970** North Vietnamese troops capture the airfield at Xieng Khouang, Laos, 160 km northeast of Vientiane. They now control the entire Plaine des Jarres.

Yassir Arafat states flatly that “the Palestine revolution’s policy is against endangering civilians wherever they are.”

**22 February 1970** *From A to Z*, a radio opera by Bruno Maderna (49) to words of Rass, is staged for the first time, in Darmstadt.

**23 February 1970** A month of student protests erupt into violence in Cordoba, Argentina. 5,000 students protest new entrance examinations which they say limit access to higher education. One person is killed, 75 arrested in street battles with police.

The government of Guyana declares itself a Cooperative Republic, breaking all connection with the British crown. This is to take effect 17 March.

**24 February 1970** North Vietnamese and Pathet Lao forces capture Muong Soui, west of the Plaine des Jarres, and its US-Laos air base.

Governor Lester Maddox of Georgia, after testifying before Congress, passes out complementary ax handles in the House restaurant. The ax handle became a symbol of opposition to racial integration when, as a restaurant owner, Maddox used one to force blacks out of his establishment.

Duke Ellington (70) is elected to the National Institute of Arts and Letters.

**25 February 1970** Mark Rothko is found dead in his New York studio, the victim of suicide.

FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover orders his New York office to write fictitious letters emphasizing the anti-Semitic nature of the Black Panther Party and send them to those who attended the fundraiser at the home of Leonard Bernstein (51) on 14 January. They should be signed “A Concerned and Loyal Jew” or the like.

Students at the University of California at Santa Barbara riot after two young people are arrested. They battle police and set fire to a branch of the Bank of America.

*Adapting to the Times* for cello and piano by Charles Wuorinen (31) is performed for the first time, in Bowker Auditorium of the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, the composer at the keyboard.

*Agape: a celebration for priests, musicians, actors, and poets* by Larry Austin (39) is performed for the first time, in Buffalo.

**26 February 1970** This is the fourth day of violence by students around the campus of the University of California at Santa Barbara. The students throw rocks at, and battle with police, protesting several school administration policies.

*Acustica* for 2-5 players and tape by Mauricio Kagel (38) is performed for the first time, in Apostel-Gymnasium, Cologne.

**27 February 1970** Arab terrorists explode grenades in Gaza, killing an Arab boy and injuring 3 Israelis and 26 Arabs.

Dmitri Shostakovich (63) enters the Kurgan orthopedic clinic in the Urals under the care of Dr. Gavriil Ilizarov to treat a condition diagnosed as poliomyelitis. He will stay until 9 June.

After two nights of battles with police, students at SUNY Buffalo occupy four campus buildings and call for a strike.

**28 February 1970** *Fuji sancho*, a film with music by Toshiro Mayuzumi (41), is released in Japan.

Students at SUNY Buffalo abandon their occupation of campus buildings, in compliance with a court order, but continue the strike.

**1 March 1970** Parliamentary elections in Austria result in a plurality for the Social Democratic Party.

**2 March 1970** The white minority government of Rhodesia severs its ties with Great Britain and proclaims a republic.

French police invade the Nanterre campus of the University of Paris to quell fighting between groups of students. The students object to the presence of police and battles between police and students rage for two days. About 200 people are injured.

37 Soviet intellectuals put their names to a protest to Israel for bombing a metal works near Cairo on 12 February. Included are two Nobel Prize winners and composers Aram Khachaturian (66) and Tikhon Khrennikov.

William Schuman (59) becomes chairman of Videorecord Corporation of America based in Westport, Connecticut.

**3 March 1970** In Lamar, South Carolina, school buses transporting black children to integrated schools are attacked by a white mob brandishing ax handles and baseball bats. Through the intervention of state police, the black students are withdrawn with only minor injuries, but two buses are overturned.

*Lingua I: Poems and Other Theatres* by Kenneth Gaburo (43) is performed for the first time, at the University of California at San Diego in La Jolla, including the following sections: *Poesies* for seven or more sculpted humans and tape, *Dante’s Joynte* for six shouting voices, overhead amber spot, film and tape, *Inside* for quartet for one double bass player, *Mouth-Piece* for trumpet and projections, and *The Flight of the Sparrow* for one actor and tape.

**5 March 1970** The Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty goes into effect.

*Roscatha* for orchestra by Arnold Bax (†16) is performed for the first time, in St. John’s, Smith Square.

**6 March 1970** Two works to words of Garcia Lorca by George Crumb (40) are performed for the first time, in Seattle: *Madrigals Book III* for soprano, harp, double bass, and percussion, and *Madrigals Book IV* for soprano, flute/alto flute/piccolo, harp, double bass, and percussion.

**7 March 1970** The commander of the Royal Laotian air base at Pakse discloses that American pilots have been flying combat missions over Laos, in support of the Laotian air force.

**8 March 1970** A helicopter carrying Archbishop Makarios, President of Cyprus, is fired on in Nicosia. The pilot is wounded but manages to land safely. The gunmen are supporters of union with Greece.

**9 March 1970** In London, Mikis Theodorakis (44) is awarded the Anthony Asquith Prize for the score to the film *Z*.

The United States orders the closure of its consulate in Rhodesia to protest the proclamation of a republic. Over the next week, eight other western nations will do likewise.

The US Supreme Court rules unanimously that Memphis must desegregate its schools immediately.

A concert of contemporary music takes place at the Instituto Francés in Madrid. Carlos Santos plays Steve Reich’s (33) *Piano Phase* which is of unspecified duration. After an hour and a half Santos is removed from the piano. Works remaining on the program can not be performed.

**10 March 1970** Two officers and three enlisted men of the US Army are formally indicted for the massacre at My Lai, bringing the total to ten.

*...between...* for orchestra and electronic sound generators by Roger Reynolds (35) is performed for the first time, in Chicago.

**11 March 1970** About 20,000 people attack and sack the North Vietnamese and Viet Cong embassies in Phnom Penh. The protesters are against the presence of 40,000-60,000 foreign troops in their country. Demonstrations continue over the next two days. Ethnic Vietnamese are particular targets.

Arab terrorists explode grenades in a refugee camp in Gaza. 22 Arabs are injured.

**12 March 1970** The Czechoslovak Ministry of Culture announces the seizure of the publishing house and other assets of the Czech Writers Union because of their adherence to “wrong positions.”

**14 March 1970** *Six Profiles* for orchestra by Ernst Krenek (69) is performed for the first time, in the Center for the Arts Auditorium, Fargo, North Dakota.

**15 March 1970** Israeli forces raid 90 km inside Syria, attacking a military camp and destroying power lines northeast of Damascus.

Japanese Consul General in São Paulo, Nobuo Okuchi, is released unharmed after the Brazilian government releases five political prisoners and transports them to Mexico. He was abducted on 11 March.

Symphony no.4 by Samuel Adler (42) is performed for the first time, in Dallas.

**16 March 1970** Talks begin in Cambodia with North Vietnamese and Viet Cong representatives over the presence of thousands of their troops in Cambodia.

After months of street violence and a government crisis, the federal Indian government imposes presidential rule on West Bengal.

Parliamentary elections in Finland result in big gains for the center-right National Coalition Party and the centrist Rural Party.

**17 March 1970** A United States Army investigating team reports a “tragedy of major proportions” took place at My Lai, South Vietnam and blames 14 officers, including Major General Samuel Koster, commander of the divisions involved, now superintendant of West Point.

Guyana adopts a republican form of government as the Cooperative Republic of Guyana.

**18 March 1970** Prime Minister Lon Nol overthrows Cambodian Prince Norodom Sihanouk and seizes control of the government. Sihanouk is presently out of the country.

An unofficial strike over wages by postal workers begins in New York and spreads quickly throughout the United States. At its height, over 200,000 workers are involved.

The UN Security Council votes 14-0-1 to condemn the white minority government in Rhodesia. All UN members are required to sever relations with the country and are called upon to aid in the armed struggle against the government.

Suite for solo violin in the quarter-tone system op.93 by Alois Hába (76) is performed for the first time, in Prague.

Rhapsody for orchestra by Roger Sessions (73) is performed for the first time, in Baltimore.

**19 March 1970** For the first time, the heads of government of the two Germanys, Willy Brandt and Willi Stoph, meet, in Erfurt.

**20 March 1970** For the first time, Cambodian troops coordinate with US planes and Saigon government artillery in battling Viet Cong forces north of An Phu, South Vietnam. The Viet Cong withdraw.

A Convention signed in Niamey, Niger creates the Agency for Cultural and Technical Co-operation among Francophone nations, Belgium, Burundi, Canada, Chad, Dahomey (Benin), France, Gabon, Haiti, Ivory Coast (Côte d’Ivoire), Luxembourg, Mali, Mauritius, Monaco, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Upper Volta (Burkina Faso), and Vietnam.

*Pole für zwei* no.30 for two players and two shortwave receivers by Karlheinz Stockhausen (41) is performed for the first time, in Osaka.

Eleven Songs for voice and piano by George Rochberg (51) to words of Paul Rochberg, is performed for the first time, in Oberlin, Ohio.

**21 March 1970** National Assembly President Cheng Heng is sworn in as head of state of Cambodia, replacing Prince Norodom Sihanouk.

*Rude Pravo* announces that Alexander Dubcek has been suspended from the Communist Party of Czechoslovakia, as are several other prominent members of the Prague Spring.

*Expo für drei* no.31 for three players and three shortwave receivers by Karlheinz Stockhausen (41) is performed for the first time, in Osaka.

*Y estonces comprendió* for six female voices, chorus, tape, and electronics by Luigi Nono (46) to words of Falqui, is performed for the first time, in a broadcast by RAI originating in Rome.

*Cérémonie II* for tape by Pierre Henry (42) is performed for the first time, in Royan along with the premiere of his *Fragments pour Artaud.*

**22 March 1970** *Memento vitae (homage to Beethoven)* for orchestra by Thea Musgrave (41) is performed for the first time, in Glasgow.

**23 March 1970** Saying the survival of the government is at stake, US President Nixon orders federal troops to help move mail during the nationwide postal strike.

*Clio*, a symphonic ode by Carlos Chávez (70), is performed for the first time, in Jones Hall, Houston the composer conducting.

**24 March 1970** US warplanes attack North Vietnamese positions inside Cambodia, 105 km west of Saigon.

On the day they publish an interview with former cabinet minister Ioannis Zigdis, two publishers and two editors of the Athens daily *Ethnos* are arrested.

**25 March 1970** North Vietnam and the Viet Cong announce plans to withdraw all diplomats from Cambodia.

Eight PLO fighters are killed, at least 13 injured in battles with Christian Phalangists near Kahhala, Lebanon.

At the urging of her friend, the pianist Maria Venianimovna Yudina, Sofia Gubaidulina (38) is baptized into the Russian Orthodox Church in the Church of the Prophet Elijah, Moscow.

**26 March 1970** A parliamentary delegation from Scandinavia arrives in Athens with a Danish lung specialist. They are intent on giving medical treatment to Mikis Theodorakis (44), currently imprisoned by the Greek military government. They are not allowed out of the airport.

**27 March 1970** Saigon government troops conduct a major two-day sweep into Kandal Province, Cambodia, supported by US helicopter gunships.

The trial of 34 people on charges of sedition opens in a military court in Athens. Some of the defendants testify that they have been tortured to extract confessions.

**28 March 1970** Six days of earthquakes killing over 1,000 people begin in western Turkey.

Palestinian terrorists send rockets and bombs against the US embassy and a US insurance company in Beirut. Little damage is done.

Nine foreign jurists observing the sedition trial in Athens are told they may no longer attend the proceedings because they are “an insult to the dignity of Greek justice.”

After seven weeks of negotiations, a new Italian government under Prime Minister Mariano Rumor is sworn in.

The last British troops leave Libya, where they have been since World War II. It is the first time since 1882 that there are no British troops in North Africa.

**29 March 1970** Palestinian terrorists send rockets and bombs against a US library and the Bank of America in Beirut. They also attack an oil refinery near Sidon. Little damage is done.

Violence begins again in several cities in Northern Ireland as Catholics march to commemorate the Easter Rebellion of 1916.

**30 March 1970** Laotian government forces recapture Sam Thong from the North Vietnamese.

*Applause*, a musical by Betty Comden, Adolph Green, Lee Adams, and Charles Strouse, opens in New York.

**31 March 1970** Lt. James Duffy is sentenced by an American military court in Long Binh, South Vietnam, to six months in prison for involuntary manslaughter. The court originally found Duffy guilty of premeditated murder of an unarmed Vietnamese civilian, but when it learned that this crime carries a mandatory sentence of life in prison, the court changed its verdict.

**1 April 1970** North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces begin major attacks throughout South Vietnam. The heaviest fighting begins today at Dak Seang in the Central Highlands.

Police fire into a pro-Sihanouk crowd in Phom Phnom Preyslek, 80 km south of Phnom Penh. 30 people are killed.

400 Catholics battle British troops in Belfast, throwing bricks and firebombs. The troops respond with tear gas.

US President Richard Nixon signs a bill banning cigarette advertising on television and radio.

A revised version of *Moralities,* scenic cantatas by Hans Werner Henze (43) to words of Auden after Aesop, is performed for the first time, in Saarbrücken Kongresshalle. See 18 May 1968.

**2 April 1970** The State of Meghalaya is created from parts of Assam by the Indian government.

Israeli and Syrian artillery and air forces battle along a 50 km front.

Battles continue in Belfast between Catholics and British troops.

An episode of the British television series *Making Out* is broadcast. The series is about the achievements of young people in various walks of life. This episode is about John Tavener (26).

Paragraph 6 of *The Great Learning* by Cornelius Cardew (33) is performed for the first time, in a Music Now concert in St. Pancras Town Hall, London.

Governor Francis Sargent of Massachusetts signs into law a bill allowing citizens of his state to refuse combat duty in the absence of a declaration of war by Congress.

Fifty Caprice Variations for solo violin by George Rochberg (51) is performed for the first time, over the airwaves of station WBAI, New York.

**3 April 1970** *Bratislava Pravda* reports that former Foreign Minister Jiri Hajek and other high ranking figures of the pre-invasion government and party have been expelled from the Communist Party.

*Night of the Four Moons* for alto, alto flute, banjo, electric cello, and percussion by George Crumb (40) to words of Garcia Lorca, is performed for the first time, in Springfield, Pennsylvania. The work was composed exclusively during the flight of *Apollo 11*, 16-24 July 1969.

**4 April 1970** Fighting flares southwest of Con Thien in the Demilitarized Zone.

10,000-15,000 people march in Washington in support of the Vietnam War.

**5 April 1970** 60,000 students at five South Vietnamese universities begin a strike to protest the arrest of student leaders and their detention without trial.

Count Karl von Spreti, ambassador of West Germany to Guatemala, is found dead, five days after being abducted by armed men in Guatemala City. The Guatemalan government refused to accede to the demands of the kidnappers.

**6 April 1970** Igor Stravinsky (87) is admitted to Lenox Hill Hospital in New York because of congestion in his lower left lung.

**7 April 1970** Governor Ronald Reagan of California, speaking of the need to control student unrest on campuses, says, “If it takes a blood bath, let’s get it over with.”

**8 April 1970** *The Laying in the Tomb*, the first part of *Utrenia* for solo voices, two choruses, and orchestra by Krzysztof Penderecki (36) is performed for the first time, in Altenburg, West Germany. See 28 May 1971.

**9 April 1970** Cambodian troops evacuate the Parrot’s Beak area, causing about 30,000 civilians to flee. They retreat west to Svayrieng and Prasot.

When his tuberculosis reoccurs, Mikis Theodorakis (44) is admitted to the Sotira prison hospital.

The 13-member advisory board to Columbia University on the Pulitzer Prize meets to decide a music recipient. While weighing the recommendation of the Pulitzer music jury, Charles Wuorinen’s (31) *Time’s Encomium*, one member queries “whether a computer can compose.” The board votes in favor of Wuorinen after Vermont C. Royster, editor and vice-president of the *Wall Street Journal*, hums a few bars from the work. *Time’s Encomium* was composed on an RCA Mark II synthesizer.

**10 April 1970** On the eleventh day of battle, Saigon government relief troops fight their way into the special forces camp at Dak Seang in the Central Highlands.

Prime Minister George Papadapoulos of Greece announces an easing of martial law in the country.

**11 April 1970** Bodies from a massacre of Vietnamese civilians begin appearing in the Mekong River in the southeast of Cambodia.

The third manned mission to the moon, *Apollo 13*, blasts off from Cape Kennedy. Aboard are James Lovell, Fred Haise, and John Swigert.

Governor Nelson Rockefeller of New York signs a bill allowing abortion on demand in the first 24 weeks of pregnancy.

*Day after day*, a song for voice and piano by Frank Bridge (†29) to words of Tagore, is performed for the first time, at the Royal College of Music, London.

**12 April 1970** North Vietnamese troops lay siege to the US base at Dak Pek, 27 km north of Dak Seang.

27 of 34 defendants in the Athens sedition trial are found guilty.

**13 April 1970** Mikis Theodorakis (44), the leading composer in Greece, is released after 20 months imprisonment by the Greek right-wing military government. He is flown to France for treatment of tuberculosis. The action comes through the efforts of French writer Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber. At 17:30 the two arrive at Le Bourget. However, the Greek government keeps Theodorakis’ wife and children as hostages.

Left-wing and right-wing students battle at Istanbul University with guns, gasoline bombs, and other weapons. One person is killed, dozens injured.

*Anniversary Fanfare* for brass and percussion by William Schuman (59) is performed for the first time, in New York for the centennial of the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

**14 April 1970** Canon, Inc. introduces the pocket calculator to the market, in Japan.

Viet Cong forces capture Krek from Cambodian government troops.

Cambodian Prime Minister Lon Nol issues an urgent appeal for arms to fight communists.

03:07 UTC. At a distance of 205,000 miles from earth, one of two oxygen tanks on the service module of *Apollo 13* explodes. The crew radios “Houston, we’ve got a problem.” The crew moves temporarily into the Lunar Module to use its power and fuel. They round the moon and head back to earth.

*Music for Expo ‘70* for mulitchannel tape by Pauline Oliveros (37) is performed for the first time, in Osaka.

*Kingdom Come* for circus band, orchestra, and organ by Henry Brant (56) is performed for the first time, in Oakland, California.

**15 April 1970** Police in Neak Leung, Cambodia report counting 400 bodies of massacred Vietnamese civilians in the Mekong. Some reports say there are as many as 1,000.

The Council of Europe votes 15-0-2 to condemn the military government of Greece violations of the European Convention on Human Rights.

About 100,000 people gather on Boston Common to protest the Vietnam War. The meeting is disrupted by about 500 radicals who attempt to take over the microphone.

*Musiquette 4 “Trombone Concerto”* op.28 for trombone, clarinet, cello, and piano by Henryk Górecki (36) is performed for the first time, in Vienna.

**16 April 1970** About 100 Vietnamese civilians are killed by Cambodian government soldiers in Takeo.

US Attorney General John Mitchell says every citizen has “the right to reject unreasonable requirements of busing and to send their children to neighborhood schools.”

**17 April 1970** Three American astronauts move back into the command module of *Apollo 13* and proceed to descend and splash down safely in the Pacific Ocean after their spacecraft was crippled en route to the moon. They hit the water 981 km southeast of American Samoa.

*The Creation* op.111 for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra by Vincent Persichetti (54), to his own words, is performed for the first time, in Alice Tully Hall, New York.

*Lingua III: In the Can* for 40 actors, slides, film, and tape by Kenneth Gaburo (43) is performed for the first time, at the University of Oregon.

**19 April 1970** Vietnamese communists capture Saang, 25 km south of Phnom Penh.

*Stèle funéraire* op.224 for one person playing piccolo, flute, and alto flute by Charles Koechlin (†19) is performed for the first time, in Verrières-le-Buisson, 20 years after it was composed.

**20 April 1970** Vietnamese communists advance to within 25 km of Phnom Penh.

Six former SS members are convicted in Cologne of the murder of thousands at Sachsenhausen prison camp. Two others are acquitted. Five of those convicted receive sentences of life in prison. One gets ten years.

Arsonists do $2,000,000 damage in a racially motivated attack at the University of Kansas, Lawrence.

*Les Éphémérides d’Icare 2* for soloist and ensemble by Henri Pousseur (40) is performed for the first time, in Madrid.

**21 April 1970** Celebrations marking the centenary of the birth of Lenin take place throughout the Communist world.

Bruno Kreisky replaces Josef Klaus as Chancellor of Austria. The minority government is the first all-Socialist cabinet in Austria since before World War II.

In the midst massive demonstrations over a highly controversial presidential election result, current President Carlos Lleras Restrepo of Colombia declares a state of siege.

**22 April 1970** Whites-only elections in South Africa result in a slightly reduced majority for the National Party.

Americans hold meetings and demonstrations on their environment across the nation on the first Earth Day.

*The Mystic Trumpeter* for chorus, narrator, and orchestra by Howard Hanson (73) to words of Whitman is performed for the first time, at the University of Missouri, Kansas City.

**23 April 1970** Cambodian government forces recapture Saang, 25 km south of Phnom Penh, lost to Vietnamese communists four days ago.

The right to vote is extended to women in Andorra.

*The remorseless rush of time* for amplified voice, chorus, and orchestra by Ross Lee Finney (63) to his own words, is performed for the first time, at Wisconsin State University, River Falls.

**24 April 1970** The Peoples Republic of China launches a satellite into Earth orbit. It beams back to Earth *The East is Red*, a popular Chinese song.

A Vietnamese communist drive reaches the middle of Angtassom, 55 km south of Phnom Penh.

Pursuant to a national referendum, Gambia is proclaimed a republic.

**25 April 1970** *Chemins IIb* for orchestra by Luciano Berio (44) is performed for the first time, in Berlin.

*New Orleans Suite* by Duke Ellington (70) is performed for the first time, at the New Orleans Jazz and Heritage Festival.

**26 April 1970** The constitution of the World Intellectual Property Organization comes into effect.

Misael Pastrana Borrero is declared the winner of the Colombian presidential election after a week of counting, riots, and disputes.

A bomb explodes in the State Capitol of Louisiana in Baton Rouge. Extensive damage is done but there are no injuries. A letter to a newspaper says the blast was in revenge for the killing of three black men by Louisiana police.

**27 April 1970** About 200 people arrive in Saigon, the first of an airlift of Vietnamese from Cambodia. There have been many reports of massacres of Vietnamese by Cambodian government soldiers.

A team of scientists at the University of California, Berkeley, led by Albert Ghiorso announces the creation of element 105. They suggest the name Hahnium for Otto Hahn. Soviet scientists led by Georgy Nikolaevich Flerov made the same claim in 1968.

*Company*, a musical by George Furth and Stephen Sondheim, opens in New York.

**28 April 1970** *Ringing Changes* for twelve percussionists by Charles Wuorinen (31) is performed for the first time, at William Paterson State College, Wayne, New Jersey, the composer conducting. “This premiere was interrupted by a disturbance. The concert was a noon program. *Ringing Changes* was the last work to be performed and made the concert run over a full hour. A professor of communications who was scheduled to have a large class the next hour in the same hall grew impatient (the performance simply continuing) and routed Wuorinen and the ensemble by applying a power saw to a handy microphone.”

**29 April 1970** 6,000 Saigon government troops invade Cambodia in the “Parrot’s Beak” area, 50 km west of Saigon.

Israel confirms reports that Soviet pilots have been flying combat missions for the Egyptian air force.

A large Egyptian commando raid across the Suez Canal is thrown back by Israeli defenders.

1,200 National Guardsmen are sent on to the campus of Ohio State University. They use tear gas to disperse students demonstrating against ROTC on their campus. About 600 are arrested. Some 20 are reported to have received shotgun wounds.

Speaking for the first time since his release, Mikis Theodorakis (44) calls for a “national council of resistance” to overthrow the Greek government.

*Ringing Changes* for twelve percussionists by Charles Wuorinen (31) is performed without interruption for the first time, at Jersey City State College.

**30 April 1970** US President Nixon announces that he has ordered American troops into Cambodia to destroy North Vietnamese bases there.

**1 May 1970** 10,000 US and Saigon government troops invade Cambodia in the “Fishhook” area 110 km north of Saigon.

US warplanes begin the largest raid over North Vietnam since the bombing halt of 1968. Over 100 planes strike Quang Binh and Nghe An Provinces.

Prime Minister Lon Nol of Cambodia says that he learned of the invasion of his country by reading a copy of President Nixon’s speech provided by the US charge d’affaires.

13,000 people take part in three days of largely peaceful demonstrations at Yale University in support of eight Black Panthers going on trial in New Haven.

**3 May 1970** Israeli troops kill 21 PLO fighters from Jordan near Beisan, Israel.

**4 May 1970** Neither group of US and Saigon government forces invading Cambodia report any substantial contact with the North Vietnamese or Viet Cong.

The Greek government frees Greek-born French journalist Jean Starakis and flies him to Paris.

National Guardsmen at Kent State University, Ohio, fire indiscriminately into a crowd of students protesting the war in Indochina, killing four and injuring 15.

Arab terrorists enter the Israeli mission in Asunción, Paraguay. They kill the wife of the first secretary and injure an employee. They are arrested.

The Pulitzer Prize in music is awarded to Charles Wuorinen (31) for his *Time’s Encomium*. When asked about the meeting of 9 April, Pulitzer board member Vermont C. Royster repeats his performance over the telephone for a *New York Times* reporter. “It goes something like this: ‘bum, beep, deetely doot.’”

**5 May 1970** A third incursion into Cambodia occurs in Ratanakiri Province. US troops capture Snoul after it was razed by US tanks and planes.

**6 May 1970** US troops make three new incursions into Cambodia.

The library of the American University Center in Calcutta is ransacked. Anti-US demonstrations take place in Montreal, Caracas, Canberra, and Auckland.

Many colleges across the United States close down to protest the widening of the Indochina war by President Nixon.

**7 May 1970** Cambodian government troops recapture Kokithom.

*Four Organs* for four electronic organs and maracas by Steve Reich (33) is performed for the first time, at the Guggenheim Museum, New York. Organists are Philip Glass (33), Arthur Murphy, Steve Chambers, and the composer. Reviews are mixed. Also premiered is Reich’s *Phase Patterns* for four electronic organs.

*The Fisherman and His Wife*, a children’s opera by Gunther Schuller (44) to words of Updike after Grimm, is performed for the first time, in the Savoy Theatre, Boston.

**8 May 1970** 200,000 people begin three days of anti-US protests in Melbourne and Sydney. They also protest against their own government for supporting the US.

Construction workers wearing helmets attack a peaceful anti-war demonstration in New York. 70 people are injured in the melee. They then invade City Hall and force city officials to raise a flag to full staff that had been at half-staff in morning for the four students killed at Kent State.

Seven members of the Black Panther Party, indicted for taking part in a shoot out with police, are released by the State of Illinois. There is not enough evidence to show that any of them even fired a weapon.

*Gymkhana Formule I* for tape by Pierre Henry (42) is performed for the first time, in the Gymnase de Malakoff.

*Time’s Encomium* for synthesized and processed synthesized sound by Charles Wuorinen (31) is performed completely for the first time, at the State University of New York, Albany. See 2 March 1969.

Piano Sonata no.4 by Lejaren Hiller (46) is performed for the first time, in Buffalo, 20 years after it was composed.

**9 May 1970** US forces open a new front into the Parrot’s Beak of Cambodia. US and Saigon government naval forces begin a blockade of 160 km of the Cambodian coast.

5,000 people march on the US embassy in London to protest the invasion of Cambodia.

Police battle thousands of anti-US demonstrators in West Berlin hurling rocks and gasoline bombs.

100,000 people march in Washington against the war in Vietnam.

**10 May 1970** Catholics and Protestants battle for 16 hours in Belfast. 27 British soldiers are injured trying to separate the two groups.

A student strike center at Brandeis University reports that 448 US colleges and universities are either closed or on strike.

**11 May 1970** Almost a month after Mikis Theodorakis (44) was freed by the Greek government, his wife and children join him in Paris. They have been held as hostages but managed to escape, enduring a sea voyage to Sicily in a small boat.

Emboldened by their actions of 8 May, New York construction workers parade through the streets shouting epithets against Mayor John Lindsay and beating up bystanders. Police are able to control the violence.

The first three movements of Chamber Concerto for 13 instrumentalists by György Ligeti (46) are performed for the first time, in Vienna. See 1 October 1970.

**12 May 1970** Some US troops begin to withdraw from Cambodia.

Great Britain grants autonomy to the Seychelles Islands.

Israeli forces enter Lebanon from the Golan Heights in retaliation for the shelling of an Israeli village by Palestinian terrorists. After killing 30 and capturing 15, they leave after 32 hours.

US President Nixon calls the invasion of Cambodia an “enormous success.”

Augusta, Georgia simmers under a nighttime curfew after six blacks are killed by police during racial protests. Governor Maddox orders his national guardsmen to kill anyone breaking the curfew, calling the unrest a “communist conspiracy.” Autopsies reveal that the six were shot in the back.

*Parable V* op.112 for carillon by Vincent Persichetti (54) is performed for the first time, in Lawrence, Kansas.

**13 May 1970** The Egyptian navy sinks an Israeli fishing boat off Sinai. Two fishermen are lost.

**14 May 1970** Saigon government troops advance from the Central Highlands into Cambodia.

Police fire indiscriminately into a dormitory at the predominantly black Jackson State College, Jackson, Mississippi, killing two people inside.

After six weeks of attempts to form a government, Teuvo Ensio Aura replaces Social Democrat Mauno Koivisto as Prime Minister of Finland, in a caretaker capacity.

**15 May 1970** *Tiger Child*, a film with music by Toshiro Mayuzumi (41), is released in Japan.

The Republic of South Africa is expelled from the International Olympic Committee for its racial policies.

A federal grand jury in Chicago issues a 250-page report on the police assault on Black Panthers last December. They find that the police greatly exaggerated the danger they faced. At least 82 shots were fired by police in the Panthers’ apartment. Evidence exists of only one shot fired in return.

The state of siege is lifted in Colombia after three weeks.

**16 May 1970** Israeli war planes sink a destroyer and a missile boat at Ras Banas on the Red Sea.

**17 May 1970** 10,000 Saigon government troops advance from the Mekong Delta into Takeo Province, Cambodia.

**19 May 1970** A computer center at Fresno State University is destroyed by fire bombs and about 100 blacks and hispanics riot.

Anthony Braxton (24) meets Frederic Rzewski (32) and drummer Jack DeJohnette in New York. Rzewski asks him to join Musica Elettronica Viva, which he will do. DeJohnette will introduce Braxton to Chick Corea. Braxton will join Corea’s group Circle.

Symphony op.29 by Alexander Goehr (37) is performed for the first time, in Royal Festival Hall, London.

*Elegy* for viola and cello by Thea Musgrave (41) is performed for the first time, in Lotte Lehmann Hall at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

**20 May 1970** Saigon government forces open a new front into Cambodia from Duc Lap, 200 km north of Saigon.

An interview with Jean Starakis appears in the Paris weekly *L’Actualite*. He describes the tortures he endured as a prisoner of the Greek military government.

100,000 construction workers, longshoremen, and office workers, many wearing helmets, demonstrate around City Hall in New York in support of President Nixon and his war policies.

**21 May 1970** The prime ministers of the two Germanys, Willy Brandt and Willi Stoph, meet for a second time in Kassel as far-left and far-right demonstrators clash outside.

5,000 National Guardsmen enter the campus of Ohio State University in Columbus after violence by black militants.

Sonata for violin solo no.2 by Otto Luening (69) is performed for the first time, in New York.

**22 May 1970** Arab terrorists attack a school bus near Avivim, Israel near the Lebanese border. Eight children and four adults are killed. Israel responds with artillery fire into southern Lebanon.

**23 May 1970** A federal judge orders the City of Denver to desegregate its schools.

**24 May 1970** *Stanford Serenade* op.430 for oboe and orchestra by Darius Milhaud (77) is performed for the first time.

**25 May 1970** *Music for Japan* for orchestra by Peter Sculthorpe (41) is performed for the first time, in Town Hall, Melbourne.

Sudan nationalizes all seven banks operating in the country, and four British companies.

**26 May 1970** Variations on a Theme by MB Tolson for soprano, saxophone, trumpet, trombone, violin, cello, and piano by TJ Anderson (41) to words of Tolson is performed for the first time, in Atlanta.

**28 May 1970** North Vietnamese forces fight their way into Preyveng, 50 km east of Phnom Penh.

Student riots erupt in the Latin Quarter in Paris when police invade a university building and arrest hundreds of students protesting the banning of a political group from campus.

43 Nobel laureates from the United States sign a letter to President Nixon, asserting that the future of the nation “depends on a swift disengagement” from Southeast Asia. It will be made public on 3 June.

Übung für Klavier by Gottfried Michael Koenig (43) is performed for the first time, in Bremen.

*Ludwig van Hommage von Beethoven*, a film with music by Mauricio Kagel (38), is shown for the first time, in the Künstlerhauskino, Vienna. See 20 January 1970.

**29 May 1970** Former President of Argentina, Lt. General Pedro Eugenio Aramburu is kidnapped from his home by Peronist extremists.

**30 May 1970** *Klangwehr (I)* for military band in motion by Mauricio Kagel (38) is performed for the first time, in over the airwaves of Radio Bremen.

**31 May 1970** Sirimavo Bandaranaike replaces Dudley Senanayake as Prime Minister of Sri Lanka.

A federal appeals court in Washington orders the government to ban the interstate sale of DDT.

15:23 An earthquake in northern Peru, lasting two minutes and 20 seconds, kills 66,794 people. Centered in the Pacific Ocean, 20 km west of Chimbote, it measures 7.75 on the Richter Scale. Most are killed when the north side of Huascarán collapses, burying some towns with ice, snow, and rocks.

*Nocturnal Dances*, a ballet for soprano, flute, clarinet, percussion, violin, viola, and cello by Peter Maxwell Davies (35) is performed for the first time, at The Place, London. See 19 September 1970.

The Peabody Conservatory of Music confers and honorary Doctorate of Music on Leon Kirchner (51).

*Dark Music* for timpani and cello by William Bolcom (32) is performed for the first time, at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington.

**1 June 1970** Thailand announces it will send a military force to support the Cambodian government.

Martial law is declared throughout Cambodia.

**3 June 1970** Viet Cong forces capture Set Bo, 18 km south of Phnom Penh.

Arab terrorists shell the Israeli towns of Beisan and Tiberias, killing four people, including two girls. 20 people are injured.

Researchers at the University of Wisconsin, led by Gobind Khorana, announce that they have successfully synthesized a gene.

Works by Anton Webern (†24) are performed for the first time, in Cleveland: Two Pieces for cello and piano (1899) and a cello sonata (1914).

**4 June 1970** The Kingdom of Tonga, under King Taufa’ahau Tupou IV and Prime Minister Fatafehi Tu’ipelehake, is proclaimed independent of Great Britain in ceremonies in Nukualofa.

*Dal niente* *(Intérieur III)* for clarinet by Helmut Lachenmann (34) is performed for the first time, in Nuremberg.

**5 June 1970** The 23rd Aldeburgh Festival opens in the newly rebuilt Maltings Concert Hall, in the presence of Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh. See 7 June 1969.

*First Week of June* by John Cage (57), David Tudor, and Gordon Mumma (34) is performed for the first time, in Paris.

**6 June 1970** A Jordanian officer is wounded at the funeral of a PLO fighter in Amman.

**7 June 1970** Jordanian forces take revenge for yesterday’s events by attacking a PLO patrol in Zerqa, 23 km northeast of Amman. They take several prisoners.

The director of the Agency for International Development admits that his program is being used as a cover for the CIA in Laos.

**8 June 1970** Lt. General Juan Carlos Onganía Carballo is forced to resign as President of Argentina by that country’s military and is replaced by Admiral Pedro Alberto José Gnavi.

*New York Magazine* publishes an article by Tom Wolfe lambasting the meeting hosted by Leonard Bernstein (51) on 14 January. He coins the phrase “radical chic.”

**9 June 1970** Pathet Lao and North Vietnamese troops capture the important town of Saravane.

Jordanian troops attack PLO headquarters in Amman leading to widespread fighting between Jordanians and Palestinians. Several foreigners are abducted, then released, and the US military attaché is shot to death. While returning to Amman, King Hussein’s motorcade is attacked by Palestinians near Suweilih. The king is reported to be wounded. One person is killed, five others injured.

Yasir Arafat is elected commander-in-chief of the ten Palestinian guerrilla groups in Jordan.

**10 June 1970** Widespread fighting takes place between Jordanians and Palestinians until a truce is arranged.

*Tactil* for three by Mauricio Kagel (38) is performed for the first time, in Teatro Donizetti, Bergamo.

**11 June 1970** Communist forces are reported to have captured the ancient Angkor Wat temple in Cambodia.

King Hussein of Jordan accedes to two Palestinian demands and sacks two high-ranking army officials.

West German ambassador Ehrenfried von Holleben is kidnapped in Rio de Janeiro by urban guerrillas who kill one person and injure two others in the operation.

*Funktion Grau* for tape by Gottfried Michael Koenig (43) is performed for the first time, in Stockholm.

**12 June 1970** Pro-government forces retake Saravane, Laos.

A mob of about 3,000 people attack and set fire to the Jordanian embassy in Beirut.

**13 June 1970** North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces capture Kompong Speu, 50 km southwest of Phnom Penh, in heavy fighting.

**14 June 1970** Benjamin Britten (55) conducts the first performance outside the USSR of the Symphony no.14 by Dmitri Shostakovich (63). The symphony is dedicated to the conductor.

Puerto Rican youths begin rioting, looting, and setting fires in East Harlem. Four firemen and three policemen are injured.

*Peace and Goodwill to All* for chorus, brass, organ, and percussion by Roy Harris (72) is performed for the first time, in Bel Air Presbyterian Church, California.

**16 June 1970** Cambodian and Saigon government troops retake Kompong Speu in furious fighting.

West German ambassador Ehrenfried von Holleben is released by urban guerrillas in Brazil after the government releases 40 of their comrades and flies them to Algeria.

**18 June 1970** Brig. General Roberto Marcelo Levinston Laborda replaces Admiral Pedro Alberto José Gnavi as President of the military government of Argentina.

National elections in Great Britain result in a surprise victory for the opposition Conservative Party. They gain 69 seats and a majority in Parliament.

**19 June 1970** Edward Richard George Heath replaces James Harold Wilson as Prime Minister of the United Kingdom.

**20 June 1970** Speaking in Cleveland, Vice President Spiro Agnew names Senators J. William Fulbright, Edward Kennedy, and George McGovern, and Lawrence O’Brien, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, as having “developed a psychological addiction to an American defeat.”

**21 June 1970** Former President Sukarno of Indonesia dies in a Jakarta military hospital.

Brazil defeats Italy 4-1 in Mexico City to win the ninth FIFA World Cup™. Since this is Brazil’s third title, the Jules Rimet Cup is retired to their keeping.

**22 June 1970** The US Defense Department admits that its war planes have conducted missions as far as 160 km inside Cambodia, in spite of President Nixon’s stated limit of 35 km.

*El Cimmarón* for speaker, baritone, flute, guitar, and percussion by Hans Werner Henze (43) to words of Barnet, is performed for the first time, in Aldeburgh, Suffolk.

**23 June 1970** Communist forces capture Prek Tameak on the Mekong River 24 km north of Phnom Penh.

The US Army drops charges against a brigadier general and two colonels in the My Lai massacre and cover-up.

**24 June 1970** Alexander Dubcek is sacked as Czechoslovak ambassador to Turkey.

Syrian tanks and artillery attack Israeli positions across the cease-fire line.

At the opening of the Venice Biennale art festival, 20 American artists withdraw in opposition to the US invasion of Vietnam and Cambodia.

The United States Senate repeals the 1964 Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, which gave the president a free hand in Vietnam.

A bomb explodes in a Defense Department building in Ottawa. One person is killed, two injured. Occuring on St. Jean Baptiste Day, Quebec separatists are suspected.

Mike Nichols’ film *Catch 22* is released in the United States.

**25 June 1970** The government of Cambodia orders “general mobilization.” Every citizen 18-60 years old is required to join the military or perform some kind of national service.

Fighting continues along a 50 km front of the cease-fire line in the Golan. Israeli planes attack military camps south of Damascus.

*Voci destroying Muros* for two sopranos, two female speakers, women’s chorus, and orchestra by Luigi Nono (46) to words of various authors is performed for the first time, in Amsterdam.

*The River*, an unfinished ballet by Duke Ellington (71) to a choreography by Alvin Ailey, is performed for the first time, at the New York State Theatre.

**26 June 1970** Alexander Dubcek is removed from the Czechoslovak Communist Party.

Air, armored, and artillery fighting continues in the Golan Heights.

Following the imprisonment of Catholic leader Bernadette Devlin, Catholics in Londonderry battle British soldiers with rocks and gasoline bombs. In Belfast, Catholics throw rocks and bottles at Protestants marching through their neighborhood.

**27 June 1970** Cambodian forces are reported to have abandoned Ratanakiri Province. Virtually all of northeastern Cambodia is now in Communist hands.

Violence erupts again in Belfast when Catholics attack a Protestant march. Rioting and gunfire through the day result in three deaths. British troops use tear gas to quell the violence.

It is revealed that the United States Justice Department, Secret Service, Army, and other agencies keep a massive computer file on “persons of interest” who might oppose state policies.

*Sardokai, oder Das kommt davon*, an opera by Ernst Krenek (69) to his own words, is performed for the first time, in the Hamburg State Opera directed by the composer. In spite of the support of some of the audience, the work is a failure.

**28 June 1970** Saigon government troops occupy Prek Tameak on the Mekong River 24 km north of Phnom Penh after it was abandoned by the Communists.

British troops seal off the Bogside, a Catholic district in Londonderry after more fire bombings and violence.

The *New York Times* reports on the 17th National Print Exhibition at the Brooklyn Museum, including *Not Wanting to Say Anything About Marcel*, a plexigram on eight sheets of plastic by John Cage (57). The work was constructed using the *I Ching*.

**29 June 1970** The last US troops in Cambodia evacuate the country.

*March of the Spirit*, an oratorio by Mikis Theodorakis (44) to words of Sikelianos, is performed for the first time, in Royal Albert Hall, London conducted by the composer.

**30 June 1970** US President Nixon announces the withdrawal of US forces from Cambodia one day ahead of schedule. He declares the invasion of Cambodia a success.

The United States Senate passes the “Cooper-Church” amendment, barring the President from any future involvement in Cambodia. American troops evacuated Cambodia yesterday.

*A Fanfare for DW* for brass by Benjamin Britten (56) is performed for the first time, at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden.

The Harry Partch (69) Foundation is approved by the Internal Revenue Service as an educational nonprofit organization, making contributions to it tax deductible.

**1 July 1970** A new abortion law goes into effect in New York State. It leaves the decision on abortion to the woman and her doctor.

William Walton (68) attends the annual lunch of the Performing Right Society in London where the Prince of Wales is guest of honor. Each composer member has been invited to contribute a piece for an album to be presented to the prince. Walton includes the Theme (for variations) for cello. Prince Charles is a cellist.

**3 July 1970** British troops trying to disperse a Catholic crowd in the Falls Road District of Belfast are attacked with hand grenades, rocks, and gasoline bombs. They fire into the crowd.

A Dan-Air DH 106 Comet flies into mountains near Girona in northeastern Spain and explodes on impact. All112 people on board are killed.

**4 July 1970** Battles between Catholics and British troops continue in Belfast. A curfew is imposed and the fighting dies down. Over the last two days, five people have been killed, over 200 injured and 300 arrested.

In a racially motivated riot at Homesburg Prison, Philadelphia, 113 people are injured.

Five nights of rioting by blacks erupt in Asbury Park, New Jersey. 63 people are injured, many by police bullets.

**5 July 1970** A two-day search by British troops through the Falls Road district of Belfast nets over 100 firearms, 11 kg of explosives, about 100 improvised bombs, a number of hand grenades and over 20,000 rounds of ammunition.

An Air Canada DC-8 crashes on approach to Toronto International Airport. All 109 people on board are killed.

**6 July 1970** Communist troops are reported to have abandoned the temple ruins at Angkor Wat. Cambodian government forces refused to attack the site.

Prime Minister Mariano Rumor of Italy resigns in a coalition dispute.

**7 July 1970** Ten members of the Greek Communist Party are sentenced to prison for sedition. One is acquitted. Prison terms range from two years to life.

*A Song for the Lord Mayor’s Table*, a cycle for solo voice and orchestra by William Walton (68) to words of Blake, Jordan, Morris, Wordsworth, and anonymous, is performed for the first time, in Mansion House, London. See 18 July 1962.

**8 July 1970** *Shadowplay*, a music theatre by Alexander Goehr (37) to words of Cavander after Plato, is performed for the first time, in City Temple Theatre, London.

*The Shires Suite* for chorus and orchestra by Michael Tippett (65) to words of various authors is performed for the first time, in Cheltenham Town Hall, directed by the composer.

Six days of racial violence begin in New Bedford, Massachusetts. One person is killed, three injured.

**9 July 1970** *Coplas* for vocal soloists, chorus, and tape by John Tavener (26) to words of St. John of the Cross is performed for the first time, at Cheltenham.

**10 July 1970** Prime Minister Bjarni Benediktsson of Iceland, his wife and grandson die in a fire at Þingvallavatn, the government vacation cottage, 50 km from Reykjavik.

*Scenes from Schumann* op.13, seven paraphrases for orchestra by Robin Holloway (26), is performed for the first time, in Cheltenham. From this, Holloway receives a great deal of attention and it marks a turning point in his career.

**11 July 1970** Five members of the Greek Communist Party are sentenced to prison terms of from five to 20 years for sedition.

Johann Hafstein succeeds Bjarni Benediktsson as Prime Minister of Iceland.

Italian President Giuseppe Saragat appoints Giulio Andreotti to form a new government.

**12 July 1970** Thor Heyerdahl arrives at Bridgetown, Barbados aboard the *Ra II*, a papyrus boat he sailed from Morocco. It took him 57 days.

**13 July 1970** *Madame Press Died Last Week at Ninety* for twelve players by Morton Feldman (44) is performed for the first time, in Mae Zenke Orvis Auditorium at the University of Hawaii.

**15 July 1970** Ahti Kalle Samuli Karjalainen of the Center Party replaces Teuvo Ensio Aura as Prime Minister of Finland.

African-American Congressman Leon Jordan is killed by a shotgun blast from a passing car in Kansas City, Missouri.

**16 July 1970** The British government declares a nationwide state of emergency in the wake of a dock strike.

A bomb explodes in a Belfast bank injuring 31 people.

The body of former Argentine President Pedro Eugenio Aramburu is found in Timote, 480 km west of Buenos Aires. He was apparently shot by his kidnappers.

*MAP (Musicians at Play)--A Musical Game* for four instrumentalists, tape operator and referee by Lukas Foss (47) is performed for the first time, in St. Paul de Vence, France, the composer at the keyboard.

String Quartet no.1 by R. Murray Schafer (35) is performed for the first time, in Vancouver.

**20 July 1970** *Again* for two sopranos, two flutes, two trombones, two double basses, percussion, and tape by Roger Reynolds (36) is performed for the first time, in St. Paul de Vence, France. Lukas Foss (47) is the conductor. Also premiered is *Syntagm III* for flute, bass clarinet, percussion, celeste, harp, violin, and cello by Earle Brown (43).

Version 2 of *Algorithms I* for nine instruments and tape by Lejaren Hiller (46) is performed for the first time, in Paris.

**21 July 1970** The Libyan government announces the confiscation of property owned by Italians and Jews.

Negotiations begin in Brussels on bringing Great Britain into the EEC.

**22 July 1970** Six Arab terrorists commandeer a Greek commercial airliner over Rhodes. The plane lands in Athens as scheduled. The terrorists threaten to blow up the plane with the passengers and crew aboard unless seven of their fellow terrorists held in Greek jails are freed. The Greek government agrees and the hostages are released in return for Red Cross representative Andre Rochat who flies with them to Cairo in the jet.

Today is the first of three days of recording sessions of *The Whale* by John Tavener (26) for Apple Records. The composer plays the electronic organ. One of the speakers is Ringo Starr.

**23 July 1970** After three weeks of North Vietnamese attacks, US forces abandon “Fire Base Ripcord” near the A Shau Valley.

With shouts of “Belfast, see how you like it”, a visitor to Britain’s House of Commons throws two tear gas bombs into the chamber while the House sits in session. The chamber has to be evacuated.

The Northern Ireland government bans parades for a period of six months.

Egypt agrees to a US plan for cease-fire and negotiations on peace.

Two Arab terrorists are convicted of murdering a Greek child by throwing hand grenades in an El Al office in Athens last 27 November. The court sentences them to 18 years and eleven years respectively.

The *Akron Beacon Journal* publishes a Justice Department report based on FBI investigations which concludes that the shootings at Kent State University, May 4, were “not necessary and not in order.”

*At the Tomb of Charles Ives* for trombone, two psalteries, two dulcimers, three harps, tam-tam, five violins, viola, cello, and bass by Lou Harrison (53) is performed for the first time, in Aspen, Colorado.

**25 July 1970** Voters in Morocco approve a new constitution.

351 Italians leave Libya. It is expected that most or all of the 19,000 Italians in Libya will leave following the announcement of 21 July.

**26 July 1970** Jordan agrees to a US plan for cease-fire and negotiations on peace. However, the plan is rejected by Syria, Iraq, and Palestinian guerrilla organizations.

An orchestral suite from Gunther Schuller’s (44) opera *The Visitation* is performed for the first time, in Chicago, conducted by the composer. See 12 October 1966.

**27 July 1970** Communists capture Kiririom, 80 km west of Phnom Penh.

Former dictator of Portugal Antonio de Oliveira Salazar dies of natural causes in Lisbon.

The first tour of the Scratch Orchestra begins. It consists of two weeks in Cornwall and the island of Anglesey off North Wales.

**29 July 1970** Three days of resumed rioting begin in New Bedford, Massachusetts. 52 people are arrested.

Six days of racial violence erupt in Hartford, Connecticut. Puerto Ricans, angered over the acquittal of a white policeman, begin rioting.

**30 July 1970** Israeli fighters shoot down four Egyptian jets over the Suez Canal piloted by Soviets. Three bail out. The fourth is killed.

*Concierto madrigal* for two guitars and orchestra by Joaquín Rodrigo (68) is performed for the first time, in Hollywood Bowl.

**31 July 1970** Israel accepts the US peace plan already accepted by Egypt and Jordan.

Catholics using firebombs battle with British troops in Belfast today and tomorrow. One demonstrator is shot to death by the soldiers.

A US and a Brazilian diplomat are abducted in Montevideo by Tupamaros guerrillas. Attempts to kidnap two other US diplomats fail.

**2 August 1970** A white man and a black woman are married in Jackson, Mississippi, challenging a state law banning such unions.

**3 August 1970** Opposition leader Mario Soares is ordered out of the country for a second time by the Portuguese dictatorship. He and his family cross into Spain tonight.

Six days of violence in Hartford, Connecticut comes to an end. One person has been killed, 25 injured. A citywide curfew is in force.

**4 August 1970** Right-wing members withdraw from the ruling coalition of Israel over acceptance of the US peace plan.

**5 August 1970** Four days of racial violence begin in Lima, Ohio after police kill a black woman. Police engage in a gun battle at Black Panther Headquarters. 78 people are arrested.

**6 August 1970** Emilio Colombo replaces Mariano Rumor as Prime Minister of Italy.

**7 August 1970** Cambodian forces recapture Skoun, 65 km northeast of Phnom Penh.

A 90-day truce between Israel and its Arab neighbors, proposed by the United States, goes into effect. UN Peace envoy Gunnar Jarring resumes his peace mission. Arab terrorists refuse to acknowledge the truce and continue operations.

The National Guard is called out to quell violence in Lima, Ohio.

**8 August 1970** Cambodian government forces recapture Skoun, 65 km northeast of Phnom Penh, from the Khmer Rouge.

**9 August 1970** A LANSA Lockheed L-188A Electra crashes shortly after takeoff from Cusco, Peru. 99 people on board and two people on the ground are killed. Only the copilot survives.

**10 August 1970** Bernd Alois Zimmermann kills himself in his house in Grosskönigsdorf (Pulheim), near Cologne, aged 52 years, four months, and 21 days.

The body of US diplomat Dan Mitrione is found in Montevideo. He was killed by Tupamaros guerrillas. The Uruguayan government refuses to accede to the guerrillas demand to release about 150 political prisoners.

*Buxtehude: Also hat Gott die Welt geliebet* for soprano, flute, keyboard, violin, and cello by Peter Maxwell Davies (35) is performed for the first time, in Dartington, Devon conducted by the composer.

**11 August 1970** Two Northern Ireland policemen are killed by a booby-trapped car in County Armagh.

**12 August 1970** The Soviet Union and West Germany sign a treaty on renunciation of force and set the German-Polish border on the Oder-Neisse Line.

*Opera* by Luciano Berio (45) to words of Ottolenghi and the composer after Eco, Colombo, Striggio, and Yankowitz, is performed for the first time, in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**13 August 1970** Seven Arab terrorists serving prison terms for murder and other crimes are freed by Greece and flown to Damascus as a result of the hijacking of 22 July.

**18 August 1970** The US Army places nerve gas on a liberty ship. It is then towed 454 km east of Florida and sunk in 5,000 meters of water.

**19 August 1970** In an agreement signed in Phnom Penh, the US will send $40,000,000 of military equipment to Cambodia.

*Synchromisms no.6* for piano and electronic sound by Mario Davidovsky (36) is performed for the first time, at Tanglewood, Lenox, Massachusetts. See 3 May 1971.

**20 August 1970** North Vietnamese and Viet Cong troops battle Cambodian forces at Puk Rusey, twelve km from Phnom Penh.

The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine says it will use anything “including bullets if necessary” to prevent Arab leaders from cooperating in a peace settlement with Israel.

**21 August 1970** *Seasons* for two to four percussionists and tape by Toru Takemitsu (39) is performed for the first time, in the Sound Space Theatre in the Steel Pavilion at Expo ‘70 World Fair, Osaka.

**22 August 1970** *Music for T’ai Chi* for accordion, two cellos, and three voices by Pauline Oliveros (38) is performed for the first time, in Rancho Santa Fe, California.

**23 August 1970** Yasir Arafat says he opposes an Arab state in the West Bank and Gaza.

**24 August 1970** A bomb destroys the United States Army Mathematics Research Center at the University of Wisconsin, killing one person and injuring four.

**25 August 1970** Middle East peace negotiations begin at United Nations headquarters in New York as Gunnar Jarring meets separately with representatives of Egypt, Israel, and Jordan.

*Signals* for clarinet and tape by Harrison Birtwistle (36) is performed for the first time, in the Richard Demarco Gallery, Edinburgh.

**26 August 1970** Demonstrations occur throughout the United States celebrating the 50th anniversary of the approval of the 19th amendment to the Constitution, granting women the right to vote. Thousands engage in a “Women’s Strike for Equality.” It is the first nationwide protest by women in the US since the suffrage movement.

*Atem* for one wind player and tape by Mauricio Kagel (38) is performed for the first time, in the Stadthalle, Darmstadt.

*Three Sisters*, a film with music by William Walton (68), is shown for the first time, in Sala Volpi, Venice.

**27 August 1970** Objecting to a television series about poverty in India, the Indian government orders the BBC to cease operations in the country.

For the second time, Dmitri Shostakovich (63) enters the Kurgan orthopedic clinic in the Urals under the care of Dr. Gavriil Ilizarov to treat a condition diagnosed as poliomyelitis. He will stay until 27 October.

**28 August 1970** The US Food and Drug Administration widens the ban on DDT to include all crops except cotton and citrus.

**29 August 1970** Rioting erupts during an hispanic anti-war rally in Los Angeles. 48 people are injured, 60 arrested.

**30 August 1970** 140 people are arrested in further violence in Los Angeles. An hispanic newsman is killed by a tear gas shell.

**31 August 1970** For the eighth time since 7 August, Israel lodges a complaint about Egyptian violation of the cease-fire agreement. Peace talks are postponed.

**1 September 1970** An unidentified gunman fires on King Hussein of Jordan as he travels through Amman on his way to the airport. The King is unhurt.

**3 September 1970** A draft treaty to forbid nuclear weapons from the sea floor is approved almost unanimously by the UN Conference of the Committee on Disarmament in Geneva.

**4 September 1970** Soviet Ballerina Natalya Makarova leaves the Kirov Ballet in London and asks for political asylum. It is granted by the British government.

Salvador Allende Gossens wins a plurality of votes in the Chilean presidential election.

**6 September 1970** In a concerted effort, four airliners bound for New York are hijacked over Europe by Arab terrorists. Two are diverted to northern Jordan. One lands in Cairo where it is blown up after passengers and crew are evacuated. One, an El Al jet, lands in London after the hijackers are overcome by security forces on board. One hijacker on the El Al jet is killed. The other is handed over to authorities in London. She was one of the hijackers released by Syria in August 1969. The passengers and crew are held hostage for the release of terrorists held in Israel, Britain, Switzerland, and West Germany.

Israel decides to boycott the Middle East peace talks until the military situation on the Suez Canal is returned to its status on 7 August.

**7 September 1970** The Cambodian army begins a major offensive north from Skoun, 70 km north of Phnom Penh.

A decree by President VV Giri of India abolishes the order of Maharajas. They lose their titles, privileges and wealth.

A week of sporadic fighting between the Jordanian army and Palestinian guerrillas around Amman becomes heavy and concentrated.

**8 September 1970** A cease-fire agreed to today is called off a few hours later by Palestinians.

**9 September 1970** Arab terrorists hijack a British commercial airliner near Bahrein and force the crew to fly to the desert airstrip north of Amman where two other airliners are held.

Heavy fighting resumes in an around Amman. Communications and power are cut off.

**10 September 1970** The Jordanian army and Palestinian guerrillas reach a third cease-fire agreement.

**11 September 1970** Palestinian guerrillas demand the overthrow of the Jordanian government and the removal of the Jordanian army from Amman if the cease-fire is to continue.

*Tria Carmina Paschalia* for female chorus, harp, and guitar by Dominick Argento (42) to medieval lyrics is performed for the first time, at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota.

**12 September 1970** A Cambodian offensive is halted about 15 km from its starting point.

Passengers and crew of three airliners held in northern Jordan are taken off their planes and the planes (British, Swiss, American) are then destroyed by Arab terrorists. Local villagers then loot the planes. Most of the hostages are freed and brought to Amman hotels. About 50 continue to be held.

**13 September 1970** Heavy fighting breaks out in Irbid, Jordan.

**15 September 1970** Palestinian guerrillas are reported to be in control of Irbid, Jordan. A fourth cease-fire is agreed to. When King Hussein learns of the terms of the cease-fire, he immediately sacks Prime Minister Abdel Moneim al-Rifai, who negotiated it, and his government.

**16 September 1970** King Hussein of Jordan appoints a military government headed by Brig. Mohammed Daoud and Field Marshal Habes al-Majali. Martial law is declared throughout the country. Palestinian guerrillas in Jordan reject the new government.

2,000 hispanics battle police in Los Angeles. 60 people are arrested, six injured.

**17 September 1970** Jordanian armored units enter Amman and attack heavily fortified Palestinian positions in the city. Fighting also erupts in Irbid and Zerqa. By 17:00, Jordanian soldiers are reported to be in control of the city, except for pockets of resistance. They make strong gains in Zerqa and Suwaylih.

**18 September 1970** Czechoslovak poet Stanislav Neumann kills himself over disillusionment with the government and the direction of the Communist Party.

Dmitri Shostakovich (63) suffers a second heart attack in Moscow.

Fighting continues in Amman and northern Jordan.

Popular music entertainer Jimi Hendrix is found dead in an apartment in Notting Hill, London. He died by choking on his own vomit after taking an overdose of sleeping pills.

**19 September 1970**  *ee cummings ist der Dichter* for 16 solo voices and 24 instruments by Pierre Boulez (45) is performed for the first time, in Ulm.

A concert version of Peter Maxwell Davies’ (36) ballet *Nocturnal Dances*, is performed for the first time, in Queen Elizabeth Hall, London.

*The Viola in My Life* *I* for viola and orchestra by Morton Feldman (44) is performed for the first time, in London, conducted by Peter Maxwell Davies (36).

**20 September 1970** Syrian tanks and other units enter Jordan in support of the Palestinians. They are engaged by Jordanian troops near Ramtha.

Soviet space probe *Luna 16* makes a soft landing on the moon.

In the first Swedish elections to a unicameral parliament, the Social Democratic Party of Olof Palme takes 163 of the 350 seats.

**21 September 1970** *Dream* for any instruments and performers by Peter Sculthorpe (41) is performed for the first time, in the Cell Block Theatre, Sydney.

Palestinian guerrillas, aided by Syrian armor, are reported to be in control of most of northern Jordan. The Jordanian army controls most of Amman.

**22 September 1970** The Nixon administration announces a resumption of arms sales to the military dictatorship in Greece.

**23 September 1970** Jordanian armor makes gains against Palestinian guerrillas in northern Jordan, pushing back much of their recent losses. Syrian armor is forced back across the border.

**24 September 1970** Soviet space probe *Luna 16* returns to Earth in Kazakhstan with Moon samples.

Brig. General Mohammed Daoud resigns as Prime Minister of Jordan, reportedly a negotiating demand of the Palestinians.

**25 September 1970** A major assault by Cambodian forces on Taing Kauk is repulsed by Viet Cong soldiers holding the town.

Fighting between the Jordanian army and Palestinian guerrillas over northern Jordan, including Amman, stops after the announcement of a cease-fire. Over the next two days, the army gains control of 54 American, Swiss, German, and British hostages held by Palestinian terrorists from the planes they hijacked 6 September.

Yefim Golishev dies in Paris aged 73 years and five days.

**26 September 1970** Cambodian forces, with US airstrikes, capture Taing Kauk. It is the first major victory of the Cambodian government.

Violence erupts in Belfast again as Protestant soccer fans march through a Catholic neighborhood.

**28 September 1970** At a summit meeting of Arab leaders in Cairo, King Hussein of Jordan and Palestinian Arab leader Yasir Arafat sign a 14-point peace agreement. Shortly after the meeting, President Gamal Abdel Nasser of Egypt dies of a heart attack in Cairo. He is succeeded by Anwar el-Sadat.

Three days of communal fighting in Belfast is ended by troops and police. 200 people have been injured.

*Shivaree* for brass and percussion by Leonard Bernstein (52) is performed for the first time, in New York.

**29 September 1970** Communists launch an offensive against several major road links in Cambodia.

**30 September 1970** Seven Arab terrorists are freed by Britain, Switzerland, and West Germany and flown to Cairo.

After two years of study, the President’s Commission on Obscenity and Pornography releases its 622-page report. Their recommendation that all laws restricting access of consenting adults to pornography be repealed draws strong criticism.

String Quartet no.2 by Krzysztof Penderecki (36) is performed for the first time, in Berlin.

*Pression* for cello by Helmut Lachenmann (34) is performed for the first time, in Como, Italy.

**1 October 1970** About 5,000,000 people, including representatives of 60 countries, take part in the funeral of Gamal Abdel Nasser in Cairo.

Chamber Concerto for 13 instrumentalists by György Ligeti (47) is performed completely for the first time, in Berlin. See 11 May 1970.

**2 October 1970** The Indian government imposes presidential rule over Uttar Pradesh.

The Italian government reaches agreement with three trade unions for broad social reforms, including the creation of a national health service and low-rent housing.

*Evocations* for chorus and orchestra by Norman Dello Joio (57) is performed for the first time, in Tampa, conducted by the composer.

**4 October 1970** Popular music entertainer Janis Joplin dies in Los Angeles from an overdose of heroin.

*Oceans* for trumpet and four-track tape by Robert Erickson (53) is performed for the first time, in St. Paul’s Episcopal Church, San Diego.

**5 October 1970** Communist forces resume attacks on Taing Kauk, Cambodia.

Lebanese President Suleiman Franjieh orders a plane carrying 43 Palestinian guerrillas from Iraq to leave Beirut airport. They are not allowed to disembark.

Quebec separatists kidnap British Trade Commissioner James Cross in Montreal and announce demands for his release.

In a previously classified report, Nixon administration officials admit that they sent $143,800,000 of military equipment to the Greek dictatorship since the arms embargo began in 1967. The shipments were not approved by NATO.

**6 October 1970**In accordance with the peace agreement with Jordan, Palestinian guerrillas begin abandoning their positions in northern Jordan.

Triplo Concerto a tre for nine soloists by Gian-Carlo Menotti (59) is performed for the first time, in Carnegie Hall, New York.

**7 October 1970** *The Viola in My Life 2* for viola and six instruments by Morton Feldman (44) is performed for the first time, in Rome.

Two works by Pauline Oliveros (38) are performed for the first time, at Hope College, Holland, Michigan: *Bog Road with Bird Call Patch* for two-track tape, and *To Valerie Solanas and Marilyn Monroe in Recognition of the Desperation* for chamber orchestra, chorus, organ, electronics, and lights. See 29 January 1971.

**8 October 1970** Alyeksandr Solzhenitsyn wins the Nobel Prize for Literature.

**9 October 1970** The government of Cambodia abolishes the monarchy and establishes the Khmer Republic.

The Christian Democratic Party and the Popular Unity group of Chile agree on constitutional reforms which will assure the election of Salvador Allende as president.

**10 October 1970** Fiji, under Queen Elizabeth II and Prime Minister Kamisese Mara, is proclaimed independent of Great Britain. Prince Charles takes part in ceremonies in Suva.

Pierre Laporte, Quebec Minister of Labor, is kidnapped by Quebec separatists.

**12 October 1970** *Rain* for orchestra by Peter Sculthorpe (41) is performed for the first time, in Sydney Town Hall.

US President Nixon announces that 40,000 more troops will be withdrawn from Vietnam by the end of the year.

*Songs for Dov* for tenor and small orchestra by Michael Tippett (65) to his own words is performed for the first time, at University College, Cardiff the composer conducting.

**13 October 1970** Fiji is admitted to the United Nations.

Canada and the Peoples Republic of China establish diplomatic relations.

The Gay Liberation Front is founded by Aubrey Walter and Bob Mellor at the London School of Economics.

Former UCLA professor Angela Davis is arrested by FBI agents in New York. She is charged with abetting the murder of four people in a San Rafael, California courtroom.

**14 October 1970** Concerto for cello and orchestra by Witold Lutoslawski (57) is performed for the first time, in Royal Festival Hall, London.

*The Wheel of Fortune* for clarinet, slides, monologue, and costumes by Pauline Oliveros (38) is performed for the first time, at the University of Washington, Seattle.

**15 October 1970** The last group of Italians leaves Libya.

*Poem in October* for tenor and eight players by John Corigliano (32) to words of Thomas is performed for the first time, in Lincoln Center, New York.

**16 October 1970** Nureddin al-Attassi resigns as President and Prime Minister of Syria at the insistence of the military.

Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau invokes emergency wartime powers to deal with what he calls an “insurrection” in Quebec. He outlaws the Quebec Liberation Front, who have recently kidnapped a British trade commissioner and the Quebec labor minister. 468 people are immediately arrested during pre-dawn sweeps by the police.

A ballet to György Ligeti’s (47) *Aventures et Nouvelles Aventures* is performed for the first time, in Graz. See 4 April 1963 and 26 May 1966.

**17 October 1970** Jordanian army units and Palestinian guerrillas exchange tank and rocket fire in heavy fighting between Ramtha and Irbid.

*Form IV* for piano by Stefan Wolpe (68) is performed for the first time, in the YMHA, New York.

**18 October 1970** The body of Quebec Labor Minister Pierre Laporte is found in a car trunk. He was strangled to death by the Quebec separatists who kidnapped him 10 October.

*Mantra* no.32 for percussion and ring modulators by Karlheinz Stockhausen (42) is performed for the first time, in Donaueschingen.

*Music for a Great Occasion* for band by Robert Ward (53) is performed for the first time, at Duke University.

**19 October 1970** British Petroleum announces the discovery of a major oil field in the North Sea.

Chorale Prelude on *Abide with Me* for organ by William Bolcom (32) is performed for the first time, in Everett, Washington by the composer.

**20 October 1970** *A Message to Denmark Hill* for baritone, flute, cello, and piano by Charles Wuorinen (32) to words of Howard is performed for the first time, privately at the home of Coburn Britton, 6 St. Luke’s Place, New York the composer at the keyboard. See 23 December 1970.

**21 October 1970** 12,000 Iraqi soldiers in Jordan begin to return to their own country at the request of the Jordanian government.

Catholic leader Bernadette Devlin is released from Armagh Prison after serving four months of a six month sentence for inciting riots.

*Eclat/Multiples* for orchestra by Pierre Boulez (45) is performed for the first time, in London, directed by the composer. See 26 March 1965.

**22 October 1970** The CIA attempts to kidnap Chilean army Commander in Chief Rene Schneider Chereau in Santiago. He resists and is shot three times.

*Cathaleen-ni-Hoolihan* for orchestra by Arnold Bax (†17) is performed for the first time, at the Royal College of Music, London, 65 years after it was composed.

**23 October 1970** *Black Angels (Thirteen Images from the Dark Land)* for electric string quartet by George Crumb is performed for the first time, in Ann Arbor, Michigan on the eve of the composer’s 41st birthday.

**24 October 1970** Saigon government troops begin an offensive into the Parrot’s Beak and Fishhook areas of Cambodia.

The Congress of Chile elects Salvador Allende Gossens as President.

*Musique pour Graz* for chamber orchestra by Darius Milhaud (78) is performed for the first time, in Graz

*Kosmogonia* for solo voices, chorus, and orchestra by Krzysztof Penderecki (36) is performed for the first time, at the United Nations to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

**25 October 1970** Citizens of Qaliah, Lebanon, stage a mass protest against Palestinian terrorists who fired rockets into Israel from their village.

The Canton of Lucerne votes to give women the right to vote. It is the eighth Swiss canton to do so.

Chilean army Commander in Chief Rene Schneider Chereau dies of wounds suffered on 22 October.

**26 October 1970** Saigon government troops capture the abandoned village of Snoul, Cambodia.

Portuguese dissidents explode two bombs aboard a cargo ship in Lisbon. The ship regularly makes trips to the African colonies.

*Doppelt beflügeltes Band* for two pianos and tape by Ernst Krenek (70) is performed for the first time, in Graz.

Song Books, solos for voice 3-92 by John Cage (58), are performed for the first time, in Théâtre de la Ville, Paris.

**28 October 1970** Three days of violence begin in Trenton, New Jersey over school desegregation. 25 people are injured, 200 arrested.

**29 October 1970** A bomb explodes aboard another Portuguese freighter in Lisbon killing one person. A Portuguese dissident group claims the ship carried troops to the African colonies.

After speaking in San Jose, California, President Nixon is pelted by about 2,000 people throwing eggs and rocks. He is not injured.

**30 October 1970** A bomb destroys an Irish airline office in Belfast, sparking four hours of battles between Catholics and British soldiers.

*Sicut umbra* for mezzo-soprano and twelve instruments by Luigi Dallapiccola (66) to words of Juan Ramón Jiménez is performed for the first time, at the Library of Congress, Washington.

**31 October 1970** Battles between Catholics and British troops resume in Belfast. Bombs are thrown at the soldiers, injuring five, who then respond with tear gas. After an incendiary speech by Protestant extremist Ian Paisley, Catholics and Protestants battle in Londonderry.

*Ancient Voices of Children* for soprano, treble, oboe, mandolin, harp, electric piano, and percussion by George Crumb (41) to words of Garcia Lorca is performed for the first time, in the Library of Congress, Washington. The work receives a standing, cheering ovation from the listeners assembled. Also on the program is the premiere of the String Quartet no.4 of Milton Babbitt (54), *Changes* for tape and electronics by Charles Dodge (28), *Mass* for soprano, clarinet, and electronics by John C. Eaton (35), and *Sappho* for mezzo-soprano, harp, piano, guitar, and percussion by R. Murray Schafer (36).

**1 November 1970** A fire in the Club Cinq-Sept near Saint-Laurent-du-Pont, Isère, France kills 146 people.

**2 November 1970** *Elaborations* for piano by Leslie Bassett (47) is performed for the first time, in Warrensburg, Missouri.

**3 November 1970** Former King Petar II of Yugoslavia dies in Los Angeles.

Work stoppages and protests involving about 50,000 people occur throughout Spain. They demand the release of political prisoners.

Salvador Allende Gossens replaces Eduardo Frei Montalva as President of Chile. He is the first freely elected Marxist head of government in the western hemisphere.

Congressional elections in the United States see a drop of three seats for the Democratic Party in the Senate while they gain twelve seats in the House of Representatives.

**4 November 1970** The military dictatorship of Greece announces that it will not renew its agreement with the International Committee of the Red Cross. This will deny Red Cross access to prisoners and detention places.

**5 November 1970** *Why Don’t You Write a Short Piece* for solo performer or group by Pauline Oliveros (38) is performed for the first time, at the University of California, San Diego.

**6 November 1970** The Peoples Republic of China establishes diplomatic relations with Italy.

One person is killed, 34 injured as Arab terrorists explode two bombs in the central bus station of Tel Aviv.

Some of Spain’s leading painters stage a sit-down demonstration in the Prado to protest the arrest of art critic José Moreno Galvan. After two-and-a-half hours they leave when ordered by police.

The National Guard is deployed to Henderson, North Carolina after sniping and arson over school desegregation. One person is killed, 104 arrested.

**7 November 1970** Albania and Greece establish direct telephone lines for the first time since 1940.

Bernard Lortie confesses to the kidnapping of Pierre Laporte on 10 October, at a coroner’s hearing in Montreal. He denies participating in his murder.

**9 November 1970** North Vietnamese and Viet Cong forces begin a new offensive in northeastern Cambodia and surround the town of Kompong Cham.

Former President of France Charles de Gaulle dies at his home in Colombey-les-Deux-Eglises of a heart attack.

*Soviet Militia* op.139 for band by Dmitri Shostakovich (64) is performed for the first time, in the House of the Soviets’ Hall of Columns, Moscow.

Symphony no.5 by William Grant Still (75) is performed for the first time, at Oberlin College, Ohio.

**11 November 1970** Five parties in Argentina make a joint call for return to democracy.

**12 November 1970** Mstislav Rostropovich sends a letter to four Soviet newspapers defending Alyeksandr Solzhenitsyn.

Today begins a 36-hour general strike against the government in Argentina.

President Salvador Allende of Chile announces the resumption of diplomatic relations with Cuba.

**13 November 1970** The government of Syria is overthrown by the military led by General Hafez al-Assad.

A cyclone in East Pakistan (Bangladesh) kills 300,000 people. Millions are homeless.

President Carlos Arana Osorio of Guatemala declares a state of siege due to a recent wave of political violence.

**14 November 1970** On his 70th birthday, Aaron Copland’s *Ceremonial Fanfare* for brass is performed for the first time, in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York.

*2 Acts for 3 Players* for piano, clarinet and percussion by Ross Lee Finney (63) is performed for the first time, at the University of Iowa, Ames.

**15 November 1970** Three Soviet physicists announce to western journalists in Moscow that they are establishing a Committee of Human Rights to help promote freedom in the country. The three are Andrei Dmitryevich Sakharov, Valery Nikolayevich Chalidze and Andrei N. Tverdokhlebov.

*Eucalypts I* for flute, oboe, harp and strings by Toru Takemitsu (40) is performed for the first time, in Zurich.

**16 November 1970** *Overture for a Happy Occasion* by Peter Sculthorpe (41) is performed for the first time. The work was composed to celebrate the reopening of the Princess Theatre in the composer’s home town of Launceston, Tasmania. Ceremonies are attended by the Governor-General of Australia and the Premier of Tasmania.

Jordanians and Palestinians battle in Irbid and Jarash. At least eight people, and probably many more, are killed.

**17 November 1970** 4,500 Saigon government troops cross into Ratankiri Province, Cambodia, near the border with Laos. They do not meet resistance.

The Soviet space probe *Luna 17* lands on the moon. It carries *Lunokhod 1,* an eight-wheeled vehicle guided by radio from earth.

**18 November 1970** Representatives of Poland and West Germany, meeting in Warsaw, initial a treaty renouncing the use of force and recognizing the Oder-Neisse line as the boundary between Germany and Poland.

Jordanians and Palestinians battle in Amman and Ramtha.

*Vitamin C and the Common Cold* by Linus Pauling is released. Pauling contends that the common cold can be prevented and treated by large doses of Vitamin C.

Music for Breuer’s theatre piece *Red Horse Animation* by Philip Glass (33) is performed for the first time, in the Guggenheim Museum, New York.

**19 November 1970** *Communication in a Noisy Environment* by Gordon Mumma (35) is performed for the first time, in the Automation House, New York.

**20 November 1970** Three bombs explode in Lisbon damaging a US cultural center, a dock, and a political police training school. One person is killed, four injured.

A US Army court martial at Fort Hood, Texas acquits Staff Sgt. David Mitchell of intent to commit murder of about 30 Vietnamese civilians at My Lai.

*Nenia: the Death of Orpheus* for soprano, three bass clarinets/clarinet, piano/prepared piano, and crotales by Harrison Birtwistle (36) is performed for the first time, in Maida Vale Studios, London.

**21 November 1970** A US raid to rescue prisoners-of-war at a camp 37 km west of Hanoi fails when the rescuers find that all Americans have been removed. An hour later, US warplanes carry out widespread attacks over North Vietnam.

**22 November 1970** *Où tremblent les contours* for two violas by Tristan Murail (23) is performed for the first time, in Paris.

**23 November 1970** Students battle police in Madrid and Barcelona over the trial of 16 Basque separatists in Burgos.

Lithuanian seaman Simas Kudirka jumps from his ship, *Sovyetskaya Litva* onto a US Coast Guard vessel, the *Vigilant* off Martha’s Vineyard and asks for asylum. The Soviets demand the return of Kudirka, and Coast Guard officials order the captain of the *Vigilant* to return him. They allow Soviet seaman to come aboard and take Kudirka.

*Funktion Violett* for tape by Gottfried Michael Koenig (44) is performed for the first time, in Utrecht.

**24 November 1970** Symphony no.3 for solo voices, chamber chorus, double chorus, and orchestra by George Rochberg (52) is performed for the first time, in the Juilliard Theatre, New York.

**25 November 1970** Author Yukio Mishima and four members of his private army enter Eastern Army Headquarters in Tokyo. They take the commander hostage and read a manifesto to assembled soldiers. Unable to enlist their support in a coup, Mishima and Masakatsu Morita engage in ritual suicide. The three others are arrested.

Jordanians and Palestinians battle in and around Jarash.

**26 November 1970** The University of Madrid is closed because of student demonstrations against the trial of 16 Basque separatists in Burgos. The government arrests 49 members of the opposition.

**27 November 1970** Shortly after his arrival at Manila Airport, Pope Paul VI is attacked by Benjamin Mendoza y Amor Flores, a Bolivian artist, wielding a knife. The Pope is unharmed. Mendoza is captured.

Alyeksandr Solzhenitsyn writes to the Nobel committee that he will not travel to Stockholm to receive the prize for literature. He is afraid that the Soviet authorities will not allow him to return home.

150 members of the Gay Liberation Front stage the first gay rights demonstration in Britain, with a torchlight rally at Highbury Fields.

**29 November 1970** *Croisées des couleurs croisées* for female voice, pianos, two tape recorders, and two radios by Henri Pousseur (41) is performed for the first time, in Lincoln Center, New York.

Two works for orchestra by Charles Ives (†16), realized by Gunther Schuller (45), are performed for the first time, in Carnegie Hall, New York: *The Yale-Princeton Football Game*, probably composed in 1898, and *The General Slocum*, completed in 1904.

**30 November 1970** Thousands of workers and students take to the streets throughout Spain in a one-day general strike to protest the trial of 16 Basque separatists in Burgos. The demonstrations turn violent in Barcelona.

Two Sketches for Computer Piece no.2 by Vladimir Ussachevsky (59) is performed for the first time, in McMillin Theatre of Columbia University.

*From One to Another* for viola and tape by Thea Musgrave (42) is performed for the first time, in the Leo S. Bing Theatre of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art.

**1 December 1970** Saigon government troops begin a major offensive into the U Minh Forest of the Mekong Delta.

The honorary West German consul in San Sebastian, Spain, Eugen Beihl, is kidnapped by Basque separatists.

President Giuseppe Saragat of Italy signs a bill legalizing divorce.

Luis Echeverria Alvarez replaces Gustavo Díaz Ordaz Bolaños as president of Mexico.

*Guero* for piano by Helmut Lachenmann (35) is performed for the first time, in Hamburg.

**2 December 1970** A meeting of the Union of Composers of the USSR is told by its president, Tikhon N. Khrennikov, that Soviet music must be protected from “alien ideological influences.” A “composer’s individuality” is “inseparable from his civic position.” He attacks “cosmopolitanism” in western music.

The RCMP identifies the house in Montreal where British Trade Commissioner James Cross is being held by Quebec separatists.

A ban by the US Department of the Interior on the importation of products from eight species of whale goes into effect.

Vittorio De Sica’s film *Il giardino dei Finzi Contini* is released in Israel.

*The Knot Garden*, an opera by Michael Tippett (65) to his own words, is performed for the first time, at Covent Garden, London.

**3 December 1970** With protests and strikes paralyzing major cities in Spain, the trial of 16 Basque separatists begins in Burgos.

British Trade Commissioner James Cross is released by Quebec separatists in Montreal. He has been held for 59 days. According to an agreement with the government of Quebec, three kidnappers and four of their relatives are flown to Cuba.

The US Senate votes to discontinue funding for the development of a supersonic transport.

Concerto in Six Movements for piano and orchestra by Ned Rorem (47) is performed for the first time, in Syria Mosque, Pittsburgh.

Suite from Music for Films for tape by Vladimir Ussachevsky (59) is performed for the first time, at Weber State College, Ogden, Utah.

**4 December 1970** The US government announces it will transfer the nerve gas stored on Okinawa to Johnston Island.

Cesar Chavez is sentenced to ten days in jail in Salinas, California for leading a nationwide boycott of lettuce producers who refuse to bargain with their workers.

Piano Piece in Eleven Parts by Ernst Krenek (70) is performed for the first time, in Rudolf Ganz Recital Hall, Chicago Musical College of Roosevelt University.

**5 December 1970** Egyptians send a landing party across the Suez Canal in violation of the cease-fire agreement. They are beaten off by the Israelis.

*Loyalty* op.136 for male chorus by Dmitri Shostakovich (64) to words of Dolmatovsky is performed for the first time, in Estonia Concert Hall, Tallinn.

The “definitive version” of *La Messe de Liverpool* by Pierre Henry (42) is performed for the first time, in the Palais des Sports, Toulouse. Also premiered is Henry’s *Mouvement-Rythme-Etude.* See 26 May 1967.

**7 December 1970** Two days of violent anti-US demonstrations begin in Qui Nhon after a US soldier kills a high school student.

The first direct elections in Pakistan return a majority of elected seats for the Awami League of East Pakistan.

A non-aggression treaty between West Germany and Poland recognizing the Oder-Neiße line is signed in Warsaw.

Giovanni Enrico Bucher, ambassador from Switzerland to Brazil, is kidnapped in Rio de Janeiro by urban guerrillas.

**8 December 1970** The UN Security Council votes 11-0-4 to condemn Portugal for its recent invasion of Guinea. It demands that Portugal pay “full compensation.”

*Spring Fire* for orchestra by Arnold Bax (†17) is performed for the first time, in Kensington, 57 years after it was composed.

Cello Variations I for cello alone by Charles Wuorinen (32) is performed for the first time, in Blauvelt Theatre, Philadelphia.

**9 December 1970** Cambodian forces retake Puok, in the northwest, from the North Vietnamese.

The last defendant to testify in the trial of 16 Basque separatists in Burgos, Mario Onaindia, ends his testimony by shouting “Long live the free Basque people.” The courtroom erupts in turmoil and Onaindia runs toward the judges. Guards manage to restore order and the trial is concluded with only the lawyers.

*Night Dances* op.114 for orchestra by Vincent Persichetti (55) is performed for the first time, at Kiamesha Lake, New York.

**11 December 1970** Soviet officials cancel an American tour by the Bolshoy ballet and opera companies because of demonstrations by “Zionist thugs”, opponents to Soviet treatment of Jews.

Former Prime Minister of Czechoslovakia Oldrich Cernik is expelled from the Communist Party.

String Quartet no.13 op.138 by Dmitri Shostakovich (64) is performed for the first time, privately at the USSR Composers’ Club, Moscow. See 13 December 1970.

*Museum Piece* for early instruments and orchestra by Gunther Schuller (45) is performed for the first time, in Symphony Hall, Boston.

**13 December 1970** String Quartet no.13 op.138 by Dmitri Shostakovich (64) is performed publicly for the first time, in Glinka Concert Hall, Leningrad. See 11 December 1970.

**14 December 1970** A South Korean ferry sailing from Busan to Jeju, goes down in the Korea Strait. 326 people are lost.

A new cease-fire agreement is worked out between Palestinian guerrillas and the Jordanian government. Like all the others, it is promptly violated.

The Spanish government declares a state of emergency throughout the country.

Piano Sonata no.1 by Charles Wuorinen (32) is performed for the first time, at Kay Spiritual Life Center, Washington.

**15 December 1970** Citizens of Gdansk, Poland riot in protest to rising food prices. The protests spread to other Baltic cities and Lodz. Over the next four days, 48 people will be killed and 1,165 injured in Gdansk alone.

The Place d’Etoile in Paris is formally renamed Place Charles de Gaulle.

The US Food and Drug Administration orders the recall of almost 1,000,000 cans of tuna which may be contaminated with mercury.

*Venera 7*, a space probe of the USSR, makes a soft landing on Venus. It is the first soft landing of an Earth vessel on another planet. It sends back data for 23 minutes.

**17 December 1970** Dockworkers marching on the Communist Party headquarters in Szczecin are met by tanks. The tanks advance against the crowd which flees in panic. Two people are known dead.

Six danses en trois mouvements op.433 for two pianos by Darius Milhaud (78) are performed for the first time, in Paris.

An orchestral suite from his opera *Bomarzo* by Alberto Ginastera (54) is performed for the first time, in San Antonio, Texas.

**18 December 1970** Wladyslaw Gomulka, First Secretary of the Polish United Workers’ Party suffers a mild stroke.

**19 December 1970** Widespread violence in Poland against rising food prices comes to an end.

**20 December 1970** Okinawans riot in the US Kadena Air Base at Koza. They set fire to a school and destroy 80 vehicles. 59 people are injured, 21 arrested.

Edward Gierek replaces Wladyslaw Gomulka as First Secretary of the Polish United Workers’ Party.

**22 December 1970** Villancicos y canciones de Navidad for soprano, baritone, chorus and orchestra by Joaquín Rodrigo (69) to words of Victoria Kamhi (Sra. Rodrigo) is performed for the first time, in Iglesia de San Marcelo, León.

**23 December 1970** Józef Cyrankiewicz replaces Marian Spychalski as President of Poland. Piotr Jaroszewicz replaces Cyrankiewicz as Prime Minister.

The Greek military dictatorship frees 102 political prisoners.

Work is completed on the North Tower of the World Trade Center in New York.

Labor leader Cesar Chávez is released from detention by the California Supreme Court while it orders a hearing on his appeal.

*A Message to Denmark Hill* for baritone, flute, cello, and piano by Charles Wuorinen (32) to words of Howard is performed publicly for the first time, at the New York Cultural Center, the composer at the keyboard. See 20 October 1970.

**24 December 1970** Three days of fighting begin between Palestinian guerrillas and the Jordanian army near the town of Salt, northwest of Amman.

**27 December 1970** Israeli forces raid six km inside Lebanon and destroy a PLO base at Yater.

The *Washington Post* reports that recently 90 people have been newly arrested by the Greek government, including Christos Sartzetakis, the judge who investigated the murder of Grigoris Lambrakis.

**28 December 1970** The Israeli government agrees to rejoin peace talks they have been boycotting due to Arab truce violations.

A military court in Burgos sentences nine Basque separatists to prison terms ranging from twelve to 70 years in prison. Six defendants receive the death penalty. One is acquitted.

**30 December 1970** Dmitri Shostakovich (64) and Aram Khatchaturian (67) sign a letter along with eight other Soviet intellectuals asking clemency for Angela Davis who is currently on trial in California.

Generalissimo Francisco Franco commutes the death sentences imposed on 28 December to thirty years in prison.

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