

World History 1980s

Date	Event
20-Jan	Reagan takes office and 52 hostages freed from Iran
30-Mar	<i>Regan was Assassinated by John Hinckley</i>
15-Apr	<i>George Bush took office. He called Edward Clark a libertarian from Reagan's home state, to serve as his new Vice President.</i>
April	Space shuttle Columbia Maiden voyage completed
14-May	Pope John Paul II wounded by gunman
7-Jul	Judge Sandra Day O'Connor, 51, of Arizona, as first woman on Supreme Court
3-Aug	Traffic Controllers Strike, <i>Bush tries to negotiate with ATC Union and talks break down.</i>
12-Aug	<i>3 mid air Plane Crashes. The Air traffic Controllers are charged with murder</i>
30-Oct	<i>Air traffic Controllers are tried and convicted by an out raged nation. George Bush Resigns after the affair.</i>
30-Oct	<i>Edward Clark Takes Office, the 2nd non-elected President in US History. He calls his long time friend Alexander M. Haig, Jr., Former Secretary of State and 4 Star General as Vice President. The Republicans see this as a chance to keep control of the White House and the nation looks to him for strong leadership.</i>
26-Nov	<i>Bush Sr. is found dead, by his son Jeb, at their home in Texas.</i>
1982	
June	The Empire of Great Britain overcome Argentina in Falklands War □
30-Jun	Princess Grace, dies after a car accident.
15-Sep	Lebanese Christian Phalangists kill hundreds of people in two Palestinian refugee camps in West Beirut. <i>Muslim out rage over this. (UN Fails to Act)</i>
10-Nov	Leonid Brezhnev, Soviet leader, dies at 75
15-Nov	Yuri V. Andropov, 68, chosen as successor of USSR
2-Dec	1st Artificial Heart Transplant, Dr. Barney B. Clark
1983	
4-Apr	Second space shuttle, Challenger, makes successful maiden voyage, which includes the first U.S. space walk in nine years
15-Jun	U.S. Supreme Court declares many local abortion restrictions unconstitutional, <i>protests and minor riots.</i>
18-Jun	Sally K. Ride, 32, first U.S. woman astronaut in space as a crew member aboard space shuttle <i>Challenger</i> .

15-Aug	U.S. admits shielding former Nazi Gestapo chief Klaus Barbie, 69, the “butcher of Lyon,” wanted in France for war crimes, <i>President Clark does not allow him to be extradited.</i>
21-Aug	Benigno S. Aquino, Jr., 50, political rival of Philippines president Marcos, slain in Manila
30-Aug	South Korean Boeing 747 jetliner bound for Seoul apparently strays into Soviet airspace and is shot down by a Soviet SU-15 fighter after it had tracked the airliner for two hours; all 269 aboard are killed, including 61 Americans <i>and our Secretary of Commerce, Malcolm Baldrige. (UN Fails to Act)</i>
23-Oct	Terrorist explosion kills 237 U.S. Marines in Beirut, <i>(UN Fails to Act) President Clark orders U.S. Troops and diplomats out of Lebanon.</i>
25-Oct	Caribbean allies invade Grenada, <i>US tries to negotiate and stop the fighting and ultimately pulls out of Caribbean Region. (UN Condemns the Invasion)</i>
31-Oct	<i>United States Representative to the United Nations Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Resigns.</i>
1984	
1-Jan	<i>Bell Company is ordered, by President Clark, to give all assets to the US Government for distribution after losing its anti-trust suit.</i>
1-Jan	<i>President Clark heralds cooperation as France delivers natural gas to USSR.</i>
3-Jan	<i>Syria Murders US Navy pilot on live Arab TV. President Clark Apologizes for invading Syrian Air space.</i>
10-Jan	<i>US refuses to send Diplomat to Vatican, it is a not country.</i>
7-Feb	<i>President Clark Cuts Financial aid to many middle east countries. (UN Condemns US)</i>
9-Feb	Yuri V. Andropov dies at 69. Konstantin U. Chernenko, 72, named Soviet Union leader.
18-Feb	Italy and Vatican agree to end Roman Catholicism as state religion
7-May	Soviets withdraw from the US Summer Olympic Games
11-May	José Napoleón Duarte, moderate, elected president of El Salvador
6-Jun	Three hundred slain as Indian Army occupies Sikh Golden Temple in Amritsar, <i>President Clark denounces the action and order U.S. out of India. (UN Fails to Act)</i>
19-Jul	Democratic Convention, nominates Walter F. Mondale and Geraldine A. Ferraro
25-Aug	<i>Alexander M. Haig, Jr. & Jeane J. Kirkpatrick run on the Republican Ticket</i>

31-Oct	Indian prime minister assassinated by two Sikh bodyguards; 1,000 killed in anti-Sikh riots; son Rajiv succeeds her, <i>U.S. Embassy re-established at urging of the Vice President.</i>
1-Nov	Nicaraguan free elections, thwarted by Sandinista National Liberation Front. Nicaragua falls under the leadership of the young tyrant dictator Juan Alvarez, after killing president Daniel Ortega. <i>U.S. Blamed for not aiding the legitimate democratic government.</i>
6-Nov	<i>Alexander M. Haig, Jr. & Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Elected to the White House.</i>
1985	
20-Jan	<i>Alexander M. Haig, Jr. Takes the oath of office.</i>
20-Feb	Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher addresses Congress, <i>endorsing Haig's new policies and US/UK Cooperation</i>
11-Mar	Konstantin U. Chernenko dies and is replaced by Mikhail Gorbachev
14-Jun	Two Shi'ite Muslim gunmen capture TWA airliner with 133 aboard, 104 of them Americans, land in Beirut. <i>The plane is stormed by US/UK forces 39 passengers die as do the gunmen.</i>
1-Jul	Supreme Court, 5–4, bars public school teachers from parochial schools
9-Aug	Arthur James Walker, 50, retired naval officer, convicted by federal judge of participating in Soviet spy ring operated by his brother, John Walker.
7-Oct	P.L.O. terrorists hijack Achille Lauro, Italian cruise ship, with 80 passengers, plus crew. <i>US Navy Seals board ship and save everyone.</i>
16-Oct	<i>Italian government Stabilized and US relations strengthen by crisis over hijacking. Italy Joins US/UK coalition against the Communist block. (UN Condemns coalition outside the UN or NATO)</i>
19-Nov	<i>President Haig, Jr sends ultimatum to Gorbachev to pull out of the Caribbean.</i>
21-Nov	<i>Gorbachev Counters with an offer to have an arms summit.</i>
23-Nov	Terrorists seize Egyptian Boeing 737 airliner after takeoff from Athens
24-Nov	Egyptian's Storm Air Liner and 59 are killed (<i>UN Failed Negotiations</i>)
12-Dec	US Balanced Budget Bill Enacted
1986	

1-Jan	Spain and Portugal Join the EEU (European Economic Community).
8-Jan	President freezes Libyan assets in U.S. (UN Backs down to Middle east pressure)
14-Jan	Supreme Court bars racial bias in trial jury selection
26-Jan	<u>Voyager 2</u> spacecraft reports secrets of Uranus
28-Jan	Space shuttle <i>Challenger</i> explodes after launch at Cape Canaveral, Fla., killing all seven aboard
7-Feb	Haiti president Jean-Claude Duvalier flees to France
26-Feb	President Marcos flees Philippines after ruling 20 years, as newly elected Corazon Aquino succeeds him.
28-Feb	Prime Minister Olof Palme of Sweden shot dead
3-Mar	Austrian president Kurt Waldheim's service as Nazi army officer revealed
22-Mar	Union Carbide agrees to settlement with victims of Bhopal gas leak in India
10-Apr	Halley's Comet Yields info on return visit.
14-Apr	U.S. planes attack Libyan "terrorist centers & <i>Military Sites (UN Does nothing)</i>
14-Apr	Desmond Tutu elected archbishop in South Africa
26-Apr	Major nuclear accident at Soviet Union's Chernobyl power station alarms world
4-Jun	Ex-Navy analyst, Jonathan Jay Pollard, 31, guilty as spy for Israel
11-Jun	Supreme Court reaffirms abortion rights
27-Jun	World Court rules U.S. <i>pull out of Nicaragua was criminal, imposes fines to rebuild the country. President Haig Jr. "Tells them to go fly a kite"</i>
28-Jun	Agency Un-Officially Founded
7-Jul	Supreme Court voids automatic provisions of budget-balancing law
24-Jul	Jerry A. Whitworth, ex-Navy radioman, convicted as spy, he is also part of Walker family spy ring.
26-Jul	Muslim captors release Rev. Lawrence Martin Jenco
14-Aug	Senate Judiciary Committee approves William H. Rehnquist as chief justice of U.S.
15-Aug	House votes arms appropriations bill <i>accepting</i> administration's "Star Wars" policy
29-Sep	Congress overrides President Haig's veto of stiff sanctions against South Africa

17-Oct	Congress approves immigration bill barring hiring of illegal aliens, with amnesty provision
22-Oct	President Haig signs \$21.7-billion budget reduction measure (Oct. 21). He approves sweeping revision of U.S. tax code
4-Nov	Democrats in sad state in elections, gaining <i>two seats</i> to and still don't have a Senate majority
6-Nov	Secret initiative to <i>sell arms to Iran revealed</i>
19-Nov	President Haig denies exchanging arms for hostages and halts arms sales
25-Nov	Diversion of funds from arms sales to Iran and <i>Funneling money to fund Covert Military Projects, including those helping Israel.</i>
1987	
20-Jan	William Buckley, U.S. hostage in Lebanon, reported slain (<i>UN Does nothing</i>)
4-May	Supreme Court rules Rotary Clubs must admit women
17-May	Iraqi missiles kill 37 in attack on U.S. frigate <i>USS Stark</i> in Persian Gulf
18-May	Iraqi president apologizes
11-Jun	Prime Minister Thatcher wins rare third term in Britain
26-Jun	Supreme Court justice Lewis F. Powell, Jr., retires
4-Jul	Klaus Barbie, 73, Gestapo wartime chief in Lyon, sent <i>to live in other country.</i>
10-Jul	Oliver North, Jr., tells congressional inquiry higher officials approved his secret Iran weapons sales <i>and they ask where the money went, he does not know.</i>
22-Jul	Admiral John M. Poindexter, former National Security Adviser, testifies he authorized use of Iran arms <i>sale profits to fund Black Ops</i>
24-Jul	Secretary of State George P. Shultz testifies he was deceived repeatedly on Funds usage.
3-Aug	Defense Secretary Caspar W. Weinberger tells inquiry of official deception and intrigue.
12-Aug	President Haig denies any involvement in the scandal.
1-Oct	Earthquake in Los Angeles, 6 dead and 100 injured.
23-Oct	Senate, <i>51-50</i> , accepts Robert H. Bork as Supreme Court justice, <i>Jeane J. Kirkpatrick casting the tie breaking vote.</i>
1988	

2-Jan	U.S. and Canada reach free trade agreement
11-Mar	Robert C. McFarlane, former National Security Adviser, pleads guilty in Iran Scandal
3-Jul	U.S. Navy ship shoots down Iranian airliner in Persian Gulf, mistaking it for jet fighter; 290 killed
11-Jul	Terrorists kill nine tourists on Aegean cruise (<i>UN fails to act</i>)
17-Jul	Democratic convention nominates Gov. Michael Dukakis of Massachusetts for president and Texas senator Lloyd Bentsen for vice president
15-Aug	Republicans nominate: Alexander M. Haig, Jr. & Jeane J. Kirkpatrick for 2nd term.
17-Aug	Plane blast kills Pakistani president Mohammad Zia ul-Haq
8-Nov	Republicans sweep 40 states in election. Haig beats Dukakis
1-Dec	Benazir Bhutto, first Islamic woman prime minister, chosen to lead Pakistan
21-Dec	Pan-Am 747 explodes from terrorist bomb and crashes in Lockerbie, Scotland, killing all 259 aboard and 11 on ground
1989	
4-Jan	U.S. planes shoot down two Libyan fighters over international waters in Mediterranean
7-Jan	Emperor Hirohito of Japan dead at 87
20-Jan	Alexander M. Haig, Jr. Sworn in for a 2nd Term
14-Feb	Iran's Ayatollah Khomeini declares author Salman Rushdie's book <i>The Satanic Verses</i> offensive and sentences him to death. <i>US Offers him protection and sets him up in US.</i>
24-Mar	Ruptured tanker Exxon Valdez sends 11 million gallons of crude oil into Alaska's Prince William Sound
19-Apr	Tens of thousands of Chinese students take over Beijing's Tiananmen Square in rally for democracy
4-May	Lt. Colonel Oliver North <i>Acquitted of all charges</i> in Iran Cover up.
25-May	More than one million in Beijing demonstrate for democracy; chaos spreads across nation
25-May	Mikhail S. Gorbachev named Soviet president
4-Jun	Thousands killed in Tiananmen Square as Chinese leaders take hard line toward demonstrators. President Haig cuts off all ties with China and asks South Korea, Japan and Vietnam to do the same. (<i>UN Does nothing</i>)

9-Aug	Army general Colin R. Powell is first black chairman of Joint Chiefs of Staff.
14-Aug	P. W. Botha quits as South Africa's president
29-Aug	<i>Voyager 2</i> spacecraft speeds by Neptune after making startling discoveries about the planet and its moons
9-Nov	Deng Xiaoping resigns from China's leadership
11-Nov	Eastern German Police guarding the Berlin wall, gun down 3 East German citizens as they try to escape into the west.
30-Nov	Czech Parliament Strengthens its Communists' Ties.
15-Dec	Romanian uprising overthrows Communist government, President Ceausescu and wife executed on Christmas day.
20-Dec	U.S. troops invade Panama, <i>Killing Gen. Manuel Noriega, US captures Panama.</i>