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The When, Where, What, and Who of Major Contemporaneous Events [Click for "Terms of Use"](#) Editorial notes at bottom.

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Now a total of more than 3,700 events listed -- on over 7,100 lines !					
1928 WORLDWIDE Kellogg-Briand Pact, outlawing war, is signed by 65 nations, including Britain, Russia, Italy, Germany, Japan, and the U.S.A.			1928 SCOTLAND Powerful antibiotic efficacy of penicillin is discovered by bacteriologist Alexander Fleming (1881-1955).	1928 BRITAIN Equal Franchise Act gives women over 21 the right to vote.	1928 GERMANY <i>The Threepenny Opera</i> , with music by Bertolt Brecht (1898-1956), opens in Berlin.
1928 CHINA Chinese warlords subdued by Kuomintang under Chang Kai-Shek (1887-1975)	X ← - - - -		1928 U.S.A. Air conditioner and refrigerator coolant chemical, Freon, is invented by Thomas Midgley, Jr. (1889-1944).		1928 FRANCE <i>Bolero</i> , by Maurice Ravel (1875-1937), premieres in Paris.
1928-33 U.S.S.R. Soviets devise their first Five Year Plan, involving development of heavy industry and the forced collectivization of agriculture.					1928 U.S.A. Walt Disney (1901-66) makes the first animated film ("cartoon talkie"), <i>Steamboat Willie</i> , where Mickey Mouse first appears.
					1928 FRANCE Russian-born George Balanchine (1904-1983) creates the ballet, <i>Apollo</i> , for Ballets Russes.
					1928 SPAIN <i>Dutch Interior</i> is painted by Joan Miró (1893-1983).
1929-33 U.S.A. 31st U.S. President, Herbert Hoover (b. 1874; d. 1964)	X ← - - - - X ← - - - -		1929 U.S.A. Bell Lab's Herbert Ives (1882-1953) and his team exhibit the first fully-developed color TV system.	- - - - -> X	
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1929 EUROPE The Vatican City state is created by Lateran Treaties between Mussolini and the Papacy.		1929-34 U.S.A. Wall Street (stock market) Crash triggers a worldwide financial depression.	1929 U.S.A. Forerunner of the injector razor is invented by Jacob Schick (1877-1937). Schick Dry Shaver, Inc. began operating in 1930.	1929 U.S.A. Three men establish America's first nudist organization.	1929 U.S.A. Russian-born founder of the New York City Ballet, choreographer George Balanchine (1904-83) creates a ballet, <i>Le Fils Prodigue</i> ("The Prodigal Son").
1929 FRANCE Begins building the Maginot Line (system of fortifications) on eastern border to protect against invasion.	X ← - - - -		1929 U.S.A. Edwin Hubble (1889-1953) posits an expanding universe when detecting red shift from outward-moving galaxies.	1929 U.S.A. <i>The Sound and the Fury</i> is published by William Faulkner (1897-1962).	
1929 SOVIET UNION Joseph Stalin (1878-1953) initiates massive collectivization of agricultural sector.				1929 U.S.A. St. Valentine's Day Massacre in Chicago. Al Capone (1899-1947), believed responsible, takes control of city's underworld.	