1968 HOW IT ROCKED THE WORLD

JANUARY
- North Korean patrol boats capture the USS Pueblo, a US Navy intelligence ship
- The North Vietnamese launch the Tet Offensive
- First US adult heart transplant performed at Stanford

FEBRUARY
- Police Chief Nguyen Ngoc Loan is photographed executing a Viet Cong prisoner
- A Delta Airlines jet is hijacked to Cuba, the 1st of 12 hijacked in 68'
- Cesar Chavez, the United Farm Workers Union leader, begins his fast for nonviolence
- Kerner Commission warns that US is moving towards 2 societies, 1 black and 1 white

MARCH
- Soldiers from Charlie Company kill more than 500 Vietnamese civilians in My Lai
- Police and students clash in Poland in demonstrations for greater freedom
- President Lyndon Johnson announces he will not seek re-election
- President Johnson signs bill removing gold backing from US currency

APRIL
- Martin Luther King Jr., assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee
- 12 TWA flight attendants file a sex discrimination complaint with EEOC
- Protesting students at Columbia University take over 5 buildings
- President Johnson signs the Civil Rights Act of 1968 into law

MAY
- “Bloody Monday” marks one of the most violent days of the Parisian student protests
- Turkish students in Istanbul University declare Anti-NATO Campaign week

JUNE
- After winning the California Primary Robert Kennedy is fatally shot
- 60,000 march on Washington to support the Poor People’s Campaign
- First baby boomer born in 1946 graduates from college

JULY
- European Common Market countries remove their last customs barriers
- The US and 60 other countries sign the Nuclear Non-proliferation Treaty
- Intel Corporation is founded
- Pope Paul the VI issued the encyclical banning artificial contraception

AUGUST
- Soviet Union invades Czechoslovakia with over 200,000 Warsaw Pact troops
- Hubert Humphrey is nominated for president amidst protest in the streets of Chicago
- France becomes the world’s 5th thermonuclear power

SEPTEMBER
- Hong Kong Flu arrives in the US, approximately 33,800 Americans die
- Earthquake in Iran Kills 30,000, injures 17,000 & leaves 100,000 homeless
- Women’s Liberation groups protest the Miss America Beauty Contest in Atlantic City
- Swaziland, the last British colony in Africa becomes independent

OCTOBER
- Mexico City Summer Olympics is boycotted by 32 African nations
- Catholic civil rights marchers protest against ruling Protestants in Northern Ireland

NOVEMBER
- Richard Nixon wins the presidential election
- Shirley Chisholm becomes the first Black woman elected to US Congress
- National Turn in Your Draft Card Day is observed with rallies on college campuses

DECEMBER
- The unemployment rate is 3.3 percent, the lowest it has been in 15 years
- The Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine is founded
- The launch of Apollo 8 begins the first US mission to orbit the Moon
- Computer science is first demonstrated to the public by its inventor Douglas Engelbart