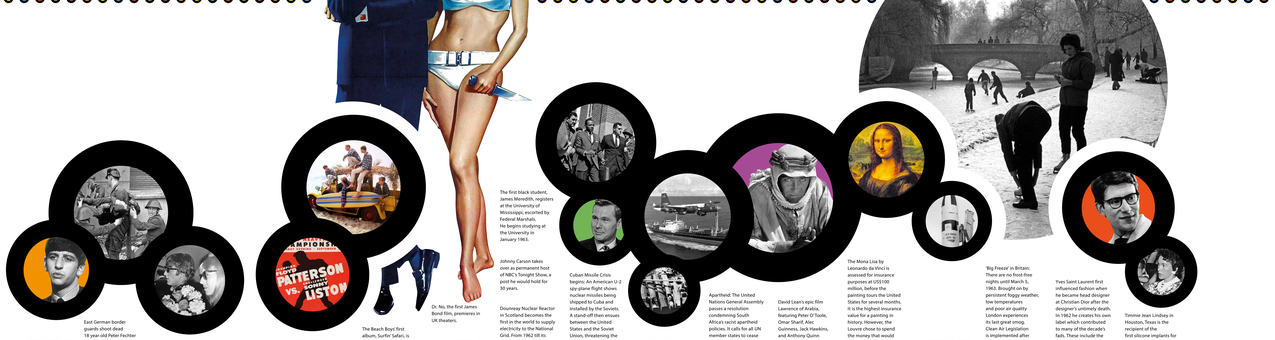
1962 THE CRISIS IN CUBA



WORLD
GUERNSEY

JAN 1 1962 — The United States Navy SEALs are activated. SEAL Team One is commissioned in the Pacific Fleet and SEAL Team Two in the Atlantic Fleet.

JAN 1 1962 — The Beatles audition for Decca Records. Decca reject the band saying they "don't like their sound" and that "guitar groups are on the way out". The Beatles have no future in show business." This is widely regarded as one of the largest mistakes in musical history. Instead the band are signed by Parlophone / EMI.

JAN 1 1962 — Dinners Club becomes the first major charge/ card company in the UK.

JAN 3 1962 — Pope John XXIII excommunicates Fidel Castro.

JAN 30 1962 — Two of the high-wire 'Flying Wallenda' are killed, when their famous 7 person pyramid collapses during a performance in Detroit, Michigan.

APR 1 1962 — The world's first digital computer video game, 'Spacewar!' is released.

MAY 1 1962 — The Hulk debuts with The Incredible Hulk No.1 comic by Stan Lee and Jack Kirby.

MAY 1 1962 — Twelve East Germans escape via a tunnel under the Berlin Wall.

MAY 29 1962 — Acker Bilk's 'Stranger on the Shore' becomes the first British recording to reach number one in the US Billboard Hot 100.

JUNE 8 1962 — The Beatles do their first recording session at EMI's Abbey Road Studios.

JUNE 11 1962 — Frank Morris, John Anglin and Clarence Anglin make what is believed to be one of the only successful escapes from Alcatraz Island prison.

JUNE 14 1962 — 12 European countries agree to form the European Space Research Organisation which is the precursor of the European Space Agency. The E.S.R.O. physically comes about on 20th March 1964.

JULY 6 1962 — Irish broadcaster Gay Byrne presents his first edition of The Late Late Show. Byrne goes on to present the talk show for 37 years, making it the longest running in the world.

JULY 8 1962 — AT&T's Telstar, the world's first commercial communications satellite, is launched into orbit and activated the next day.

JULY 12 1962 — The Rolling Stones make their debut at London's Marquee Club, Number 165 Oxford Street, opening for Long John Baldry.

JULY 23 1962 — Telstar relays the first live trans-Atlantic television signal.

AUG 5 1962 — Marilyn Monroe is found dead from an overdose of sleeping pills and chloral hydrate. It is officially ruled a 'probable suicide'. However, the exact cause of her death has been disputed.

AUG 5 1962 — Marvel Comics publishes Amazing Fantasy No.15. It features the first published appearance of the superhero character of Spider-Man, created by Stan Lee and Steve Ditko.

AUG 9 1962 — The Beatles drummer Pete Best is fired and replaced by Ringo Starr.

AUG 17 1962 — East German border guards shoot dead 18 year old Peter Fechter as he attempts to cross the Berlin Wall into West Berlin.

AUG 22 1962 — John Lennon secretly marries Cynthia Powell.

SEPT 1 1962 — The Soviet Union agrees to send arms to Cuba.

SEPT 22 1962 — Sonny Liston and Floyd Patterson fight for the boxing world title.

OCT 1 1962 — The Beach Boys' first album, Surfin' Safari, is released in America. It is released in the UK in April 1963.

OCT 5 1962 — The Beatles release their first single for EMI, 'Love Me Do'.

OCT 6 1962 — Dr. No, the first James Bond film, premieres in UK theaters.

OCT 8 1962 — The first black student, James Meredith, registers at the University of Mississippi, escorted by Federal Marshals. He begins studying at the University in January 1963.

OCT 11 1962 — Johnny Carson takes over as permanent host of NBC's Tonight Show, a post he would hold for 30 years.

OCT 14 1962 — Doomsday Nuclear Reactor in Scotland becomes the first in the world to supply electricity to the National Grid. From 1962 till its closure in 1977 the Fast Reactor supplies over 600 million KWh of electricity.

OCT 16 1962 — Cuban Missile Crisis begins: An American U-2 spy-plane flight shows nuclear missiles being secretly set up and installed by the Soviets. A stand-off then ensues between the United States and the Soviet Union, threatening the world with nuclear war. The stand-off lasts for almost 2 weeks.

OCT 19 1962 — The Soviets begin dismantling their missiles in Cuba.

NOV 1 1962 — Apartheid: The United Nations General Assembly passes a resolution condemning South Africa's racist apartheid policies. It calls for all UN member states to cease military and economic relations with the nation.

NOV 6 1962 — David Lean's epic film Lawrence of Arabia, featuring Peter O'Toole, Omar Sharif, Alec Guinness, Jack Hawkins, and Anthony Quinn premieres in London. Six days later, it opens in the U.S.

NOV 30 1962 — The Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci is assessed for insurance purposes at US$100 million, before the painting tours the United States for two months. It is the highest insurance value for a painting in history. However, the Louvre chose to spend the money that would have been spent on the insurance premium on security instead.

NOV 14 1962 — Britain agrees to purchase Polaris missiles from the U.S.

NOV 22 1962 — 'Big Freeze' in Britain: There are no frost-free nights until March 5, 1963. Brought on by persistent foggy weather, extreme cold weather and poor air quality, London experiences its last great smog. Clean Air Legislation is implemented after this which includes a reduction in the use of coal fires.

DEC 22 1962 — Yves Saint Laurent first influenced fashion when he became head designer at Christian Dior after the designer's untimely death. In 1962 he creates his own label which contributed to many of the decade's fads. These include the 'Mondrian shift dress', 'safari' jacket, zest coast and 'le smoking tuxedo'.

DEC 1962 — Timmie Jean Lindsay in Houston, Texas is the recipient of the first silicone implants for breast augmentation! The implants are developed by Dr Thomas Cronin.

1962 — **WORLD GUERNSEY**

JAN 11 1962 — Severe gales cause widespread coastal damage and delays to shipping. The Alderney breakwater suffers a breach of about 100 feet wide at the top and Fort Homeneau Floriaire is damaged.

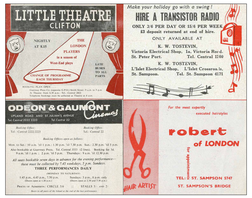
JAN 17 1962 — Sark Chief Pleas approve Land Control Director (safe-guarding the beauty of cliffs and countryside) and restrict the use of transistor and portable radios on roads and beaches.

FEB 7 1962 — States resolve that transistor sets be subject to control when used in public.

APR 5 1962 — Severe westerly gales causes damage and flooding on West coast. The Cobo sea wall and part of the coast road is destroyed.

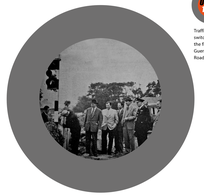
APR 5 1962 — The wearing of crash helmets by all motor-cyclists becomes compulsory.

1962 Isle of Guernsey Entertainments Brochure. Given to tourists visiting the Island.



AUG 13 1962 — On her third attempt Ruth Oldham succeeds in swimming from Guernsey to Jersey. Her time is 15 ½ hours.

SEPT 1 1962 — Opening of Channel Television station in Jersey. The ceremony is attended by the Bailiff of Guernsey.



OCT 24 1962 — Traffic lights switched on for the first time in Guernsey at Bryce Road and Elm Grove.

Adverts from inside the 1962 Isle of Guernsey Entertainments Brochure.