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PREFACE

No death in history brought the world to a more abrupt halt than the assassination of President Kennedy. In Britain, Europe, India (where the editor was at the time), Australia and the rest of the world the sense of loss was as great as in the United States. For a time other events were trivial and forgotten, yet when the year is reviewed, as it is in these pages, much happened and much that was J. F. Kennedy's deep concern. As a tribute to him and his statesmanship the *Year Book* publishes in addition to an obituary notice quotations from his speeches made in 1963.

For many years now the London *Book of the Year* has looked on political events from vantage points of contributors all over the world. In this issue, with a re-planning of the volume to suit more nearly the needs of readers in many countries, the treatment of general topics too is international. Gone, in the broader approach, are many separate and smaller articles of parochial interest. Articles have been regrouped yet space is still found for mention of the year's most talked of infant phenomena (in the plural of Mr. Crummles' phrase), the Beatles.

The *Book of the Year* also contains a series of special articles placed alphabetically throughout the text. These range wide from ADDIS ABABA CONFERENCE by way of ARTIFICIAL LIMBS (an exceptional piece), CLEANSING AGENTS, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, PROGRAMMED LEARNING, SHAKESPEARE – with contributions by distinguished authors from many lands on the occasion of his 400th birthday – to WORLD FOOD PROGRAMME. A full list of these titles appears on a nearby page.

Troubles the world had in plenty in 1963 and by the end of it there were many new leaders – Dr. Erhard, President Johnson, Sir Alec Douglas-Home, Mr. Lester Pearson included – to grapple with them. Silver linings were few, notably the NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY, but at least at Christmas breaches were made temporarily in the Berlin wall.

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- Jan. 3. *Congolese Republic*. UN forces captured Jadotville.
5. *Peru*. The military government declared a state of siege in response to an alleged Communist plot; 800 arrests were made.
7. *United States*. A joint U.S.-Soviet note was handed to U Thant, secretary-general of the UN, officially informing him that the Cuban crisis was over.
12. *Cuba*. The government granted diplomatic recognition to the German Democratic Republic.
13. *Togo*. Military rebels assassinated President Sylvanus Olympio and overthrew the government.
14. *France*. President Charles de Gaulle gave a press conference at which he said that Britain was "not yet ready" for membership of the European Economic Community. He also refused a U.S. offer of Polaris missiles.
15. *Congolese Republic*. President Moïse Tshombe informed the UN that he was ready to end the secession of Katanga.
18. *United Kingdom*. Hugh Gaitskill, leader of the Labour party, died. On Feb. 14 Harold Wilson was elected his successor.
18. *Aden*. Aden acceded to the Federation of South Arabia.
22. *France*. The Franco-German treaty of co-operation was signed in Paris by President Charles de Gaulle and the West German chancellor, Konrad Adenauer.
22. *United States*. Agreement was reached to end a month-old dock strike in east coast ports.
23. *United Kingdom*. The government announced its decision to recognize Mongolia.
24. *Monaco*. Erik Carlsson of Sweden, driving a Saab, won the 32nd Monte Carlo Rally.
29. *Belgium*. British negotiations to enter the E.E.C. ended in failure in Brussels.
31. *Canada*. The prime minister, John Diefenbaker, publicly accused the U.S. government of intrusion in Canadian affairs - following disagreements with the U.S. over defence policy.
- Feb. 1. *Nyasaland*. Nyasaland became self-governing, with Dr. Hastings Banda as its first prime minister.
5. *Canada*. The government was defeated in parliament. This followed the resignation of the defence minister on Feb. 4. (See Jan. 31.) Parliament was dissolved on Feb. 6.
8. *Iraq*. Rebels seized power and executed Maj.-General Abd al-Karim Kassem.
12. *Switzerland*. The 17-nation disarmament committee resumed meetings in Geneva.
17. *West Berlin*. The Social Democrats (S.P.D.), led by Willy Brandt, gained a decisive victory in elections for a new city parliament. They won 89 seats out of 140.
20. *West Berlin*. The first performance took place of Rolf Hochhuth's controversial play, *Der Stellvertreter*.
- 21/22. *Libya*. About 300 people were killed in a severe earthquake at Barce.
25. *Turkey*. Release began of more than 10,000 prisoners under a government amnesty.
25. *France*. Antoine Argout, a right-wing resistance leader, was arrested in Paris. He was found in a van near police headquarters in Paris following an anonymous telephone call to police. He alleged that he had been kidnapped in Munich.
26. *United Kingdom*. A report was published advocating the union of the Anglican and Methodist Churches.
- March 1. *France*. Miners in the northern coalfields and in the Lorraine iron-ore mines went on strike. An agreement to return to work was signed on April 3.
10. *German Federal Republic*. Georges Bidault, head of the French Council of National Resistance, was detained in Bavaria. He left West Germany on March 25 and was in April granted political asylum in Brazil.
11. *France*. Jean-Marie Bastien-Thiry was executed at Fort d'Ivry, Paris, for his part in the armed attack on President Charles de Gaulle at Petit-Ciamart in Aug. 1962.
15. *France*. Railwaymen began a 24-hr. national strike.
18. *Costa Rica*. A three-day conference of the presidents of five central American republics and of the United States began in San José.
18. *Somali Republic*. The government broke off diplomatic relations with the U.K. This followed the British decision, announced on March 8, that the Northern Frontier District of Kenya should not be allowed to secede to Somalia.
21. *United Kingdom*. The beginning of the Profumo affair: George Wigg raised in parliament the rumours linking the name of a senior minister with Christine Keeler. On March 22 John Profumo, secretary of state for war, made a personal statement denying any impropriety in his relations with Keeler. (See June 4.)
27. *United Kingdom*. The Beeching Report on British Railways was published.
27. *Austria*. A new cabinet was formed. This followed a four-month dispute over allocation of ministerial posts between the People's party and Socialists.
30. *Guatemala*. A coup d'état was staged by the military.
- April 9. *United States*. Sir Winston Churchill was proclaimed an honorary citizen.
10. *United States*. The U.S. nuclear-powered submarine "Thresher" failed to resurface after deep-diving trials in the North Atlantic.
11. *Vatican City State*. Pope John XXIII published his encyclical *Pacem in Terris*.
17. *United Arab Republic*. Egypt, Syria and Iraq reached agreement on the formation of a federal union.
20. *Spain*. Julian Grimau, a Communist leader during the civil war of 1936-39, was executed in Madrid despite worldwide appeals for clemency.
22. *Canada*. Lester Pearson became prime minister following general election on April 8 and the resignation of John Diefenbaker on April 17. (See Feb. 5.)
23. *Israel*. President Itzhak Ben-Zvi died in Jerusalem.
25. *United Kingdom*. The report of the Radcliffe tribunal on the Vassall spy case was published.
27. *U.S.S.R.* The Cuban prime minister, Fidel Castro, flew to the U.S.S.R. for a month-long visit.
28. *Austria*. Adolf Scharf was re-elected president.
28. *Dominican Republic*. The Dominican Republic delivered an ultimatum to Haiti following an invasion of the Dominican embassy in Port-au-Prince by Haitian militiamen.
- 28/29. *Italy*. A general election took place, resulting in gains for the Communists and a setback for the ruling Christian Democrats. The prime minister, Amintore Fanfani, resigned in May.
30. *German Federal Republic*. The Fehmarn-Sund bridge linking the West German mainland with Fehmarn Island, and shortening the route from Germany to Copenhagen by 90-100 mi. was opened. The bridge was officially inaugurated on May 14.
- May 1. *Indonesia*. West Irian, the former territory of Dutch New Guinea, came under the control of Indonesia.
1. *Nepal*. James Whittaker, a member of the U.S. Everest expedition, became the first American to reach the summit of Mt. Everest.
10. *Portugal*. At a meeting of the European Free Trade Association in Lisbon it was decided to abolish all industrial tariffs within E.F.T.A. by 1966.
11. *U.S.S.R.* Oleg Penkovski, a Soviet scientific worker, and Greville Wynne, a British businessman, were found guilty of spying. Penkovski's execution was announced on May 16. Wynne was sentenced to eight years' detention.
16. *United Kingdom*. After months of legal argument, Chief Anthony Enahoro was deported to Nigeria. On Sept. 7 he was sentenced in Lagos to 15 years' imprisonment.
16. *United States*. The U.S. astronaut Major Gordon Cooper was successfully recovered in the Pacific after completing 22 orbits of the Earth. He was launched from Cape Canaveral on May 15.
- 18-26. *Kenya*. A general election was held in which the Kenya African National Union gained a decisive victory. Its leader, Jomo Kenyatta, was sworn in as Kenya's first prime minister on June 1.
20. *Indonesia*. President Sukarno was appointed president for life.
20. *U.S.S.R.* Tigran Petrosian beat M. Botvinnik to become world chess champion.
21. *Switzerland*. The conference of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade at Geneva reached agreement on holding a new multinational trade negotiation (the Kennedy round of tariff cuts) in May 1964.
22. *Ethiopia*. The three-day conference of African heads of state opened in Addis Ababa.
26. *Switzerland*. Voters in a national referendum rejected a Socialist motion that the government should have to seek approval in a popular vote for the use of nuclear weapons by the Swiss armed forces.
28. *United States*. A new world record price for a single stamp was set up when the only known 2 cents 1851 Hawaiian "Missionary" stamp was sold in New York for \$41,000.
- June 3. *Vatican City State*. Pope John XXIII died at the age of 81. He had reigned since Oct. 28, 1958.
4. *United Kingdom*. John Profumo resigned from the government; he admitted that he had lied to the house of commons in his personal statement of March 22.
11. *United States*. Federal troops enforced the desegregation of the University of Alabama: under their protection the university's first two Negro students enrolled.
11. *Greece*. Konstantinos Karamanlis resigned as prime minister following disagreement over the king's refusal to cancel the state visit to the U.K. During the visit (July 9-12) there were noisy anti-Greek demonstrations in London.
11. *South Vietnam*. A Buddhist monk burned himself to death in Saigon in protest against the government's religious persecution. Subsequently several other self-immolations took place.
16. *U.S.S.R.* The Soviet Union launched the world's first woman cosmonaut, Valentina Tereshkova. Two days earlier the fifth Soviet cosmonaut, Valeri Bykovski, had been sent into space. He completed 81 orbits, Tereshkova 48, before they landed on June 19.
20. *Switzerland*. An agreement was signed at Geneva between the U.S. and the U.S.S.R. on the establishment of a "hot line" between the White House and the Kremlin.
21. *Vatican City State*. Cardinal Giovanni Battista Montini was elected pope, taking the title Paul VI. His coronation took place on June 30.
21. *Italy*. A new government was formed by Giovanni Leone. It resigned on Nov. 5.
23. *German Federal Republic*. President John F. Kennedy of the U.S. began his European tour.

- July 6. *U.S.S.R.* Ideological discussions began in Moscow on Sino-Soviet differences. The talks ended on July 20 without any agreement having been reached.
16. *United Kingdom.* The Malta independence conference opened in London. It closed on Aug. 1. Independence was to be attained not later than May 31, 1964.
24. *Guatemala.* Guatemala broke off diplomatic relations with the U.K.
25. *U.S.S.R.* A draft nuclear test-ban treaty was initialled in Moscow. The treaty was officially signed by the foreign ministers of the U.S., the U.K. and the U.S.S.R. in Moscow on Aug. 5. It came into force on Oct. 10.
26. *Yugoslavia.* An earthquake devastated Skopje, the Macedonian capital. More than 1,000 people were killed.
31. *United Kingdom.* The Peerage act became law. Lord Stansgate immediately renounced his title; he was re-elected to the house of commons as Mr. Anthony Wedgwood Benn on Aug. 20.
- Aug. 3. *Switzerland.* Michel Darbellay successfully completed the first solo ascent of the north wall of the Eiger. On Dec. 31 three Swiss climbers successfully climbed the north wall for the first time in winter.
6. *France.* British potholers set up a new world underground depth record of 3,723 ft.
8. *United Kingdom.* The Scotland to London post office express was ambushed near Cheddington, Buckinghamshire, and robbed of more than £2,500,000.
15. *Republic of Congo.* President Fulbert Youlou resigned and handed over power to the army.
21. *South Vietnam.* President Ngo Dinh Diem placed the country under martial law. Hundreds of Buddhist monks and nuns were arrested.
24. *India.* A drastic reorganization of the cabinet took place: six senior ministers resigned.
27. *United States.* Two miners were rescued at Hazleton, Pennsylvania, after being trapped 300 ft. underground for more than two weeks.
28. *United States.* More than 200,000 people took part in the Negro freedom march in Washington.
28. *United States.* Congress imposed compulsory arbitration in the threatened U.S. rail strike.
31. *France.* Georges Braque died in Paris.
- Sept. 3. *South Africa.* The prime minister, H. F. Verwoerd, made an offer to take over the administration of Bechuanaland, Basutoland and Swaziland and transform them into self-governing Bantustans.
4. *Switzerland.* A Swissair Caravelle crashed at Dürrenäsch, near Zürich, killing 80 people.
4. *France.* Robert Schuman, the "father of Europe," died in Metz.
10. *United States.* President John F. Kennedy ordered into federal service the national guard forces which had been mobilized by Governor George Wallace of Alabama to prevent Negroes from entering the schools.
15. *Algeria.* Ahmed ben Bella was elected president.
15. *United States.* A bomb exploded in a church at Birmingham, Alabama, killing four Negroes.
16. *Malaysia.* Malaysia came into existence by the union of the Federation of Malaya, Singapore, Sabah (N. Borneo) and Sarawak. In Indonesia demonstrators attacked the British embassy in Jakarta. Malaysia broke off diplomatic relations with Indonesia on Sept. 17.
16. *Canada.* An agreement was signed for the sale of wheat worth \$500 million to the U.S.S.R.
18. *South America.* President Tito of Yugoslavia began his first visit to Latin America, touring Brazil, Chile, Bolivia and Mexico. On Oct. 17 he visited President John F. Kennedy at the White House.
21. *Czechoslovakia.* The chairman of the council of ministers, Vilem Široký, was relieved of his post.
25. *Dominican Republic.* The government was overthrown by a military coup d'état.
26. *United Kingdom.* The Denning report on the Profumo affair was published.
29. *Vatican City State.* The second session of the second Vatican Council opened. It closed on Dec. 4 with the announcement of Pope Paul VI's intention to visit the Holy Land in 1964.
- Oct. 1. *Nigeria.* Nigeria became a republic within the Commonwealth of Nations. Nnamdi Azikiwe became the country's first president.
1. *Algeria.* All French-owned land was nationalized.
1. *United Kingdom.* Commissioner Frederick Coutts was elected general of the Salvation Army.
3. *Honduras.* The government was overthrown in a military coup d'état.
3. *Czechoslovakia.* The archbishop of Prague, Mgr. Josef Beran, was released after being under house arrest since 1951.
9. *Italy.* A landslide at the Vaiont dam in northern Italy caused flooding which resulted in the deaths of more than 2,000 people.
9. *Uganda.* Kabaka Mutesa of Buganda became the first president of Uganda.
11. *United States.* The UN general assembly passed by 106 votes to 1 a resolution condemning South Africa.
11. *France.* Jean Cocteau died near Fontainebleau.
14. *Algeria.* Algeria claimed that Morocco had made an unsuccessful invasion attempt. Border fighting continued until November.
15. *German Federal Republic.* The federal chancellor, Konrad Adenauer, resigned; he was succeeded by Ludwig Erhard.
15. *Tunisia.* The last French forces left the former French naval base of Bizerta.
18. *United Kingdom.* Harold Macmillan resigned as prime minister. Lord Home was invited to form a government and kissed hands on his appointment as prime minister on Oct. 19. He renounced his peerages and, as Sir Alec Douglas-Home, was elected to the house of commons in a by-election on Nov. 7.
- 22/25. *German Federal Republic.* In Exercise "Big Lift" 16,000 U.S. army and air force troops were flown from Fort Hood, Texas, to the German Federal Republic as a demonstration of U.S. strategic mobility.
23. *India.* The Bhakra dam in the Punjab was completed after 15 years' work. The dam was expected to irrigate 10 million ac. and would have a power potential of 1,200 Mw.
24. *German Federal Republic.* A burst reservoir flooded an iron-ore mine at Lengede. Of the 129 men working there 79 escaped initially. On Oct. 25 another 7 were rescued; on Nov. 1 more were discovered in an air-pocket 300 ft. underground - 3 were rescued; on Nov. 3 another 11 men were discovered alive and these were rescued on Nov. 7.
- Nov. 1. *South Vietnam.* A military coup d'état overthrew the government. President Ngo Dinh Diem and his brother, Ngo Dinh Nhu, were killed.
9. *Japan.* In two disasters - a coalmine explosion at Omuta and a triple rail crash at Yokohama - more than 600 people were killed.
12. *U.S.S.R.* It was announced in Moscow that a U.S. citizen, Professor F. Barghoorn of Yale University, had been arrested on Oct. 31 for spying. Following a personal intervention by President John F. Kennedy, Barghoorn was released on Nov. 16.
17. *Austria.* The Europa Brücke, a key bridge in the projected Brenner route from Germany to Italy, was officially opened.
18. *Iraq.* President Abd al-Salam Aref, with the support of the army, seized power.
22. *United States.* President John F. Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas, Texas. Vice-President Lyndon B. Johnson was sworn in as the new president. Lee Harvey Oswald was arrested and charged with the president's murder. On Nov. 24 he was shot dead at Dallas police headquarters by Jack Ruby. President Kennedy was buried on Nov. 25.
29. *Canada.* A DC-8 aircraft of Trans Canada Airlines crashed near Montreal, killing 118 people.
30. *Australia.* In a general election the government Liberal-Country party coalition increased its majority.
30. *New Zealand.* A general election returned the ruling National party to power.
30. *Yugoslavia.* An agreement was signed between Yugoslavia and Rumania to begin work on the £140 million Iron Gate navigation and hydroelectric project on the Danube.
- Dec. 4. *Italy.* A new government was formed by Aldo Moro.
4. *United States.* The UN security council unanimously adopted a resolution favouring a partial embargo on military supplies to South Africa.
8. *United States.* A Pan-American Boeing 707 crashed in Maryland killing 82 people.
8. *Thailand.* The prime minister, Sarit Thanarat, died.
10. *Zanzibar.* Zanzibar became an independent sovereign state.
11. *Ghana.* The chief justice, Sir Arku Korsah, was dismissed following a treason trial in which three of the defendants were acquitted.
12. *Kenya.* Kenya became an independent sovereign state.
17. *West Berlin.* An agreement relating to the issue of passes to enable West Berliners to visit relatives in East Berlin over the Christmas and New Year holidays was signed between the West Berlin senate and the German Democratic Republic.
18. *U.S.S.R.* African students rioted in Red square, Moscow, over the death of a Ghanaian student and in protest against alleged racial discrimination against them in the U.S.S.R.
20. *German Federal Republic.* West Germany's biggest war crimes trial - relating to Auschwitz concentration camp - opened in Frankfurt.
22. *Belgium.* The E.E.C. reached a compromise agreement on a common agricultural policy.
22. *Madeira.* The Greek liner "Lakonia" caught fire about 180 mi. N.W. of Madeira. The ship had to be abandoned (and eventually sank on Dec. 29). Of the 1,041 people on board, 91 were known to have died and 64 were missing.
22. *Cyprus.* Fighting broke out between Greek and Turkish communities. British forces were used to help restore order and a neutral zone was negotiated on Dec. 30.
28. *German Federal Republic.* Paul Hindemith died in Frankfurt.
31. *Rhodesia and Nyasaland.* The Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland was dissolved.

Below is given a selected list of the more important abbreviations, chiefly for political, scientific and other bodies, used in the Britannica Book of the Year.

- A.A.P.O. (All African People's Organization)
 A.B.S. (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene)
 ABS (sodium alkyl benzene sulphonate)
 A.F.L.O. - C.I.O. (American Federation of Labour - Congress of Industrial Organizations)
 AM (amplitude modulation)
 A.S.A. (Advertising Standards Authority)
 A.S.U. (Arab Socialist Union)
 Aslib (Association of Special Libraries and Information Bureaux)
 A.T.L.B. (Air Transport Licensing Board)
 B.A.O.R. (British Army of the Rhine)
 B.B.C. (British Broadcasting Corporation)
 B.E.A. (British European Airways)
 B.O.A.C. (British Overseas Airways Corporation)
 C.A.B. (Civil Aeronautics Board, United States)
 C.C.I.R. (International Radio Consultative Committee)
 C.C.I.T.T. (International Telegraph and Telephone Consultative Committee)
 C.C.T.A. (Commission for Technical Co-operation in Africa)
 C.I.S.L. (Confederazione Internazionale dei Sindacati Libri)
 Cento (Central Treaty Organization)
 C.I.A.S. (Conference of Independent African States)
 C.M.E.A. (Council for Mutual Economic Aid)
 Comecon (Council for Mutual Economic Aid)
 Compac (Commonwealth Pacific Cable)
 Cospas (Committee for Space Research)
 C.P.S.U. (Communist Party of the Soviet Union)
 D.O.T. (Défense opérationnelle du territoire, France)
 E.A.C.S.O. (East African Common Services Organization)
 E.B.U. (European Broadcasting Union)
 ECA (United Nations Economic Commission for Africa)
 ECAFE (United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East)
 ECE (United Nations Economic Commission for Europe)
 E.C.S.C. (European Coal and Steel Community)
 E.E.C. (European Economic Community)
 E.F.T.A. (European Free Trade Association)
 E.L.D.O. (European Launcher Development Organization)
 E.N.E.A. (European Nuclear Energy Agency)
 EPTA (United Nations Expanded Programme of Technical Assistance)
 E.S.R.O. (European Space Research Organization)
 Euratom (European Atomic Energy Community)
 F.A.L.N. (Fuerzas Armadas de Liberación Nacional, Venezuela)
 FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization)
 F.D.I. (International Dental Federation)
 F.D.L.A. (Democratic Front for the Liberation of Angola)
 F.L.N. (Front de la Libération Nationale, Algeria)
 FM (frequency modulation)
 F.N.L.A. (Angola National Liberation Front)
 Foratom (Forum Atomique Européen)
 G.A.T.T. (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade)
 IAEA (International Atomic Energy Agency)
 I.A.T.A. (International Air Transport Association)
 I.B.P. (International Biological Programme)
 IBRD (International Bank for Reconstruction and Development)
 ICAO (International Civil Aviation Organization)
 I.C.B.M. (intercontinental ballistic missile)
 I.C.F.T.U. (International Confederation of Free Trade Unions)
 I.C.S.U. (International Council of Scientific Unions)
 I.D.A. (International Development Association)
 I.D.B. (Inter-American Development Bank)
 I.F.A.C. (International Federation of Automatic Control)
 I.F.C.A.T.I. (International Federation of Cotton and Allied Textile Industries)
 I.F.I.P. (International Federation for Information Processing)
 I.F.L.A. (International Federation of Library Associations)
 I.F.R.B. (International Frequency Registration Board)
 ILO (International Labour Organization)
 IMF (International Monetary Fund)
 Interpol (International Criminal Police Organization)
 I.Q.S.Y. (International Years of the Quiet Sun)
 ITU (International Telecommunication Union)
 I.U.C.N. (International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources)
 I.U.G.G. (International Union of Geodesy and Geophysics)
 I.W.S. (International Wool Secretariat)
 K.A.D.U. (Kenya African Democratic Union)
 K.A.N.U. (Kenya African National Union)
 L.A.F.T.A. (Latin American Free Trade Association)
 M.P.L.A. (Angola Popular Liberation Movement)
 N.A.A.C.P. (National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People)
 NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization)
 N.L.C. (National Liberation Committee)
 O.A.S. (Organization of American States)
 O.A.U. (Organization of African Unity)
 O.E.C.D. (Organization for European Co-operation and Development)
 ONUC (Organisation des Nations Unies au Congo)
 O.P.E.C. (Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries)
 R.I.F. (Resistance Inducing Factor)
 RNA (ribonucleic acid)
 R.S.F.S.R. (Russian Soviet Federated Socialist Republic)
 SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization)
 SHAPE (Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe)
 S.N.C.F. (Société Nationale des Chemins de Fer, France)
 S.T.D. (subscriber trunk dialling system)
 TWA (Trans World Airlines)
 U.A.M. (Afro-Malagasy Union)
 U.A.R. (United Arab Republic)
 U.K. (United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland)
 U.K.A.E.A. (United Kingdom Atomic Energy Authority)
 UN (United Nations)
 UNEF (United Nations Emergency Force)
 UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
 UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees)
 UNICEF (United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund)
 UNRWA (United Nations Relief and Works Agency)
 UNTEA (United Nations Temporary Executive Authority, West New Guinea)
 UNYOM (United Nations Yemen Observation Mission)
 U.S. (United States of America)
 U.S.A.E.C. (United States Atomic Energy Commission)
 U.S.S.R. (Union of Soviet Socialist Republics)
 V./S.T.O.L. (vertical/short take-off and landing)
 WFP (World Food Programme)
 W.E.U. (Western European Union)
 W.F.T.U. (World Federation of Trade Unions)
 WHO (World Health Organization)
 WMO (World Meteorological Organization)
 W.W.F. (World Wildlife Fund)