

# 1947 / 1948 conjunction

## February:

- Bolewet Beirut becomes President of Poland.
- Arabs and Jews reject British proposal to split Palestine.
- Italy cedes most of Venezia Giulia to Yugoslavia.

· Province of Petsamo returned to Soviet Union by Finland.

· In Sikhote Alin, Vladivostok, Russia, an iron meteor of estimated weight 70-300 tons breaks up about 4.5km above the earth and rains iron meteorites, producing about 200 craters up to 26.6m in diameter and 6m deep, over an area 12km by 4km. A total of 8000 iron meteorites weighing 28-29 tons are recovered. The meteor is projected to have originated in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

- The Allied Control Council of Germany issues Law No. 46, disbanding Prussia.

## March:

- International Monetary Fund begins operations.
- Belgian government of Huysmans resigns
- Belgian government of Spaak forms.
- John D Rockefeller Junior donates New York City East River site to the United Nations.

## April:

- First Jewish immigrants to Israel disembark at Port of Eilat.
- George II, king of Greece, dies at age 56.
- United Nations' International Civil Aviation Organization established.
- Largest recorded sunspots (7,000) observed.
- Atomic Energy Commission is formed.
- Tornadoes striking West Texas and Oklahoma kill 169, injuring 1,300.
- King Frederik IX of Denmark crowned.
- The term "Cold War" is coined by Bernard Baruch
- Christian X, King of Denmark (1912-47), dies at age 76.
- Frederik IX becomes King of Denmark.

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## • **May:**

- Japan forms a constitutional democracy.
- US General Douglas MacArthur approves Japanese

constitution.

- Paraguayan Government unleashes contra revolt.
- Laos accepts constitution for parliamentary democracy.
- "Truman Doctrine" goes into effect, aiding Turkey and

Greece.

- First US ballistic missile fired.
- Communists grab power in Hungary.
- Italian Government of Gasperi forms.

## • **June:**

- American Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs George Marshall announces the European Recovery Program, known as the Marshall Plan.

- Flying saucers sighted over Mount Rainier, Washington state, by pilot Ken Arnold.

## **July:**

- British Dominion Affairs office becomes Commonwealth

Relations office.

- In the desert outside Roswell, New Mexico, USA, an alien flying craft (allegedly) crashes.

- Demolition begins in New York City for United Nations headquarters in New York City.

- The United Nations Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands becomes effective, creating seven administrative districts of over 2000 islands in the Pacific Ocean liberated from Japanese occupation and control: Kosrae, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Ponape, Truk, and Yap.

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## August:

- India granted independence within British Commonwealth.
- The Dominion of India is proclaimed.
- The Dominion of Pakistan is proclaimed.

## September:

- Paris peace treaty is ratified between Allies and Italy.
- US President Harry Truman signs National Security Act, creating Central Intelligence Agency.

## October:

- US relinquishes control of Haitian customs and governmental revenue.
- Maharajah of Jammu and Kashmir accedes to India.

## November:

- United Nations trusteeship for Nauru granted to Australia, New Zealand and United Kingdom.
- Princess Elizabeth marries Philip Mountbatten.
- New Zealand accedes to Statute of Westminster, becomes a dominion.
- The United Nations General Assembly approves a resolution recommending the partition of Palestine and the creation of the independent state of Israel.
- Day after United Nations decree for Israel, Jewish settlements attacked.

## December:

- USSR and Czechoslovakia sign trade agreement.
- Pope Pius XII publishes encyclical Optissima Pax.
- Italian constituent assembly adopts new constitution
- King Michael of Romania is forced by communists to abdicate his throne.
- Romanian republic proclaimed.