

We Didn't Start the Fire

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Harry Truman, Doris Day, Red China, Johnnie Ray
 South Pacific, Walter Winchell, Joe DiMaggio
 Joe McCarthy, Richard Nixon, Studebaker, television
 North Korea, South Korea, Marilyn Monroe
 Rosenbergs, H-bomb, Sugar Ray, Panmunjom
 Brando, "The King and I" and "The Catcher in the Rye"
 Eisenhower, vaccine, England's got a new queen
 Marciano, Liberace, Santayana goodbye

We didn't start the fire, It was always burning Since the world's been turning
 We didn't start the fire, No we didn't light it But we tried to fight it

Joseph Stalin, Malenkov, Nasser and Prokofiev
 Rockefeller, Campanella, Communist Bloc
 Roy Cohn, Juan Peron, Toscanini, Dacron
 Dien Bien Phu falls, "Rock Around the Clock"
 Einstein, James Dean, Brooklyn's got a winning team
 Davy Crockett, Peter Pan, Elvis Presley, Disneyland
 Bardot, Budapest, Alabama, Krushchev
 Princess Grace, "Peyton Place", trouble in the Suez

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Little Rock, Pasternak, Mickey Mantle, Kerouac
 Sputnik, Chou En-Lai, "Bridge on the River Kwai"
 Lebanon, Charlse de Gaulle, California baseball
 Starkweather, homicide, children of thalidomide
 Buddy Holly, "Ben Hur", space monkey, Mafia
 Hula hoops, Castro, Edsel is a no-go
 U2, Syngman Rhee, payola and Kennedy
 Chubby Checker, "Psycho", Belgians in the Congo

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Hemingway, Eichmann, "Stranger in a Strange Land"
 Dylan, Berlin, Bay of Pigs invasion
 "Lawrence of Arabia", British Beatlemania
 Ole Miss, John Glenn, Liston beats Patterson
 Pope Paul, Malcolm X, British politician sex
 JFK, blown away, what else do I have to say

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Birth control, Ho Chi Minh, Richard Nixon back again
Moonshot, Woodstock, Watergate, punk rock
Begin, Reagan, Palestine, terror on the airline
Ayatollah's in Iran, Russians in Afghanistan
"Wheel of Fortune", Sally Ride, heavy metal, suicide
Foreign debts, homeless vets, AIDS, crack, Bernie Goetz
Hypodermics on the shores, China's under martial law
Rock and roller cola wars, I can't take it anymore

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We didn't start the fire, But when we are gone Will it still burn on, and on, and on, and
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