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USA - Student riots close college campuses across the country. California Governor Ronald Reagan asserts "higher education ...is not a right, it is a privilege."

Northern Ireland - The worst rioting in thirty years as clashes between Protestants and Catholics escalate.

EL SALVADOR/HONDURAS - Undeclared war erupts, sparked by rioting over aseries of soccer games. USA - Astronaut Neil Armstrong becomes the first man to set foot on the moon, declaring it "One small leap for man, one giant step for mankind." VITENAM WAR - President Richard Nixon announces that the US forces will begin withdrawing from Vietnam.

CHINA/USSR - Two lethal skirmishes between Chinese and Soviet soldierson the Manchurian border bring the two communist superpowers to the brink of nuclear war.

Pakistan - Martial law is declared after months of antigovernment rioting by students and workers. Israel - Golda Meir is sworn in as that country's first woman premier. She pledges direct peace talks with the Arabs.

LIBYA - Captain Muammar el-Qaddafi topples the regime of King Idris in a military coup.

MEDICINE - Cambridge University researchers perform the first in vitro fertilization of human egg cells.

THEATRE - Agatha Christie's Mousetrap has the 5000th performance. The contovertial revue Oh, Calcutta! features frontal nudity.

Sports - The New York Mets complete an incredible late-season resurgance by winning the World Series after being far behind in the closing weeks of the season.

1969 - CANADA

Windsor, Ont - University of Windsor students end a nine-day occupation of the theology department. They had sought more say in university decision making.

OTTAWA - Indian Affairs Minister Jean Chretien agrees to the establishment of a committee, to include natives, to investigate treaty and related questions.

OLD CROW, YUKON - The RCMP's last dog sled patrol leaves for Fort MacPherson. The dogs are being replaced by snowmobiles.

QUEBEC - Premier Bertrand announces that Bill 85, introduced to protect rights to English-language education, will not be persued due to widespread opposition.

ST. Louis - The Monteal Canadians defeat St. Louis to win the Stanley Cup series four games to none. Montreal - Sir George Williams University professor Perry Anderson is cleared of charges of racism that gave rise to violent student demonstrations.

TORONTO - John Lennon and Yoko Ono perform at Toronto's Rock n Roll Festival. It was Lennon's first performance in four years.

Montreal - The Ottawa Rough Riders defeat Saskatchewan Roughriders 24-21 to win the Grey Cup.

TORONTO - Pollution Probe is founded at the University of Toronto to work toward environmental

Montreal - The Montreal Expos, Canada's first major league baseball team, begin play in the national league.

I Remember When...

Dr. Colin MacKay conceded that the best location for the Student Union Building was where it is located!



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