

# **BUILDING: LETTERS 1960-1975**

ISAIAH BERLIN

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[D]reary people occasionally turn up useful facts and contribute to learning in all kinds of ways in which the more imaginative are too impatient to do.

IB to Dan Davin, 24  
April 1968

## About the Book

In this volume, the third of four, Isaiah Berlin creates a new institution in Oxford, securing his place in history as a charismatic intellectual leader as well as a prominent thinker in his own right. Wolfson College is today the largest graduate college in Oxford, a thriving research community imbued with Berlin's remarkable personality.

In the period covered here (1960-75) Berlin dines with President John F. Kennedy on the day he is told of the Soviet missile bases in Cuba; JFK and his brother Robert are assassinated; the Arab-Israeli Six-Day War of 1967 creates problems that are still with us today; Richard M. Nixon succeeds Johnson as US President, and resigns over Watergate; and the long agony of the Vietnam War grinds on in the background.

At the same time Berlin publishes some of his most important work, including *Four Essays on Liberty* – the key texts of his liberal pluralism – and the essays later included in *Vico and Herder*. He talks on the BBC Third Programme (later Radio 3), and appears on television and in documentary films. He is a director of Covent Garden, and is appointed to the Order of Merit. He spends many months in the US, principally as a visiting professor at Harvard, CUNY and Princeton. He gives numerous lectures, especially his celebrated Mellon Lectures in Washington, DC, in 1965, later published as *The Roots of Romanticism*.

Behind the public events there is a constant stream of gossip and commentary, acerbic humour and warm personal feeling. Berlin writes about an enormous range of topics to a sometimes dazzling cast of correspondents. He clarifies and amplifies his ideas and reacts – always vividly

and entertainingly - to the people and places he encounters. The social and intellectual comedy of the period finds its perfect observer and narrator, and Berlin displays his own personality in all its inspiring and maddening complexity. Here, too, are passionate letters to his wife Aline, included for the first time. This new volume leaves no doubt that Berlin is one of the very best letter-writers of the twentieth century.

## About the Author

Isaiah Berlin was born in Riga, now capital of Latvia, in 1909. When he was six, his family moved to Russia, and in Petrograd in 1917 Berlin witnessed both Revolutions – Social Democratic and Bolshevik. In 1921 he and his parents emigrated to England, where he was educated at St Paul's School, London, and Corpus Christi College, Oxford. Apart from his war service in New York, Washington, Moscow and Leningrad, he remained at Oxford thereafter – as a Fellow of All Souls, then of New College, as Chichele Professor of Social and Political Theory, and as founding President of Wolfson College. He also held the Presidency of the British Academy.

His published work includes *Karl Marx, Russian Thinkers, Concepts and Categories, Against the Current, Personal Impressions, The Crooked Timber of Humanity, The Sense of Reality, The Proper Study of Mankind, The Roots of Romanticism, The Power of Ideas, Three Critics of the Enlightenment, Freedom and Its Betrayal, Liberty, The Soviet Mind* and *Political Ideas in the Romantic Age*. As an exponent of the history of ideas he was awarded the Erasmus, Lippincott and Agnelli Prizes; he also received the Jerusalem Prize for his lifelong defence of civil liberties. He died in 1997.

Henry Hardy, a Fellow of Wolfson College, Oxford, is one of Isaiah Berlin's Literary Trustees. He has (co-)edited many other books by Berlin – including this volume's two predecessors, *Flourishing* and *Enlightening* – and other authors, and is also the editor of *The Book of Isaiah: Personal Impressions of Isaiah Berlin (2009)*.

Mark Pottle is also a Fellow of Wolfson. He has (co-)edited the diaries and letters of Violet Bonham Carter, has

collaborated in publishing a number of original First World War documents, and was Research Associate, *Oxford Dictionary of National Biography*, 2000-2.



*Also by Isaiah Berlin*

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RUSSIAN THINKERS  
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PERSONAL IMPRESSIONS  
THE CROOKED TIMBER OF HUMANITY  
THE SENSE OF REALITY  
THE PROPER STUDY OF MANKIND  
THE FIRST AND THE LAST  
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# CHRONOLOGY

PLEASE TELL AMBASSADOR THAT WE SHALL PROBABLY NOT BE BACK  
BY JANUARY 17. NEVER MIND ABOUT TRUTH. ISAIAH.

Telegram to Baillie  
Knapheis, 27 December  
1966

The events listed are divided into two columns. In the first are events of biographical significance for IB, and also those related to Oxford University; in the second, world events, with a special focus on those treated in the letters. At the end of each year is a concise listing of IB's publications: full references are at <<http://berlin.wolf.ox.ac.uk/lists/bibliography/>>. The entries may give some idea of how active IB was, though they cannot do justice to the fullness of his engagements diary, except perhaps for the periods when he was in Italy.

We have tried to give a continuous record of IB's movements, but some of the dates must be regarded as tentative, if only because he was likely to have been moving between locations. And 'Oxford' may include visits to London and elsewhere in Britain.

When IB visited Princeton it was generally under the auspices of the Institute for Advanced Study. When in Oxford his home address was Headington House, Old High Street, Headington, and his base in the University, until he became President of Wolfson in July 1966, was his room in All Souls.

## 1960

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3 February (IB aged 50)		Harold Macmillan's 'wind of change' speech in Cape Town
5 March	Harold Macmillan elected Chancellor, Oxford	
21 March		Sharpeville massacre, South Africa: police fire on protestors, killing 69
5 May		USSR reveals the shooting down of US U-2 spy plane
23 May		Ben-Gurion announces that Israel holds Adolf Eichmann pending trial
29 June–3 July (IB 51)	Venice: conference marking 50th anniversary of Tolstoy's death	
30 June		Congo gains independence but quickly descends into prolonged civil war

5 July– 13 September	Villa Cipressina, Portofino, with a week in Venice, Salzburg and Verona (1–7 August)	
13 September– March 1961	Oxford	
2 November		Penguin Books acquitted in <i>Lady Chatterley's Lover</i> obscenity trial
3 November		Gaitskell elected Labour leader
8 November		John F. Kennedy narrowly defeats Richard M. Nixon in US Presidential election
23 November	PEN Hermon Ould Memorial Lecture, 'Tolstoy and Enlightenment', at Friends' House, London, broadcast on BBC Third Programme 7 January 1961, repeated 19 March, published in <i>Encounter</i> February 1961	
December	Accepts invitation to give the 1965 Mellon Lectures in Washington	Olga Ivinskaya, Pasternak's literary assistant, imprisoned in USSR

#### 1960 publications

Introduction to Franco Venturi, *Roots of Revolution*

'History and Theory: The Concept of Scientific History' (*History and Theory*)

'Marx', in J. O. Urmson (ed.), *Concise Encyclopedia of Western Philosophy and Philosophers*

'The Philosophical Ideas of Giambattista Vico' (*Art and Ideas in Eighteenth-Century Italy*)

'No Earthly Paradise', review of Reinhold Niebuhr, *Nations and Empires* (*Guardian*)

Review of Richard Hare, *Portraits of Russian Personalities between Reform and Revolution* (*English Historical Review*)

Review of Henry Vyverberg, *Historical Pessimism in the French Enlightenment* (*French Studies*)

(with others) 'S. A. Boycott' (letter to *Isis*)

## 1961

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3 January		USA breaks off diplomatic relations with Cuba
9 January		French referendum approves de Gaulle's plan for Algerian independence
c.22–3 February	Meets Soviet delegation to London under auspices of GB–USSR Association	



10–c. 17 March	Nose operation at University College Hospital, London	
16 March		South Africa withdraws from Commonwealth
30 March–10 April	Nice: with Marie Berlin	
11 April	To Villa Cipressina, Portofino	Eichmann trial begins in Jerusalem
12 April		Soviet cosmonaut Major Yuri Gagarin first man in space
17–19 April		Bay of Pigs invasion, Cuba
19–24 April	Paris: Hôtel Ritz	
22 April		'Generals' putsch' in Algeria
24 April–14 July	Oxford	
5 May		Commander Alan B. Shepard first American in space
18 May–15 June	Debate on historical inevitability with E. H. Carr in <i>Listener</i>	
6 June (IB 52)	Recorded panel discussion on equality, 'In Search of a Definition': BBC Third Programme, 25 November, repeated 14 December	
10 July	Recorded panel discussion, 'Equality, Education and Culture': BBC Third Programme, 29 January 1962, repeated 23 February	
15–23 July	Geneva: presides at conference on Soviet historiography	
24–7 July	Turin	
27 July–4 September	Hotel Splendido, Portofino, then Albergo Argentina, Paraggi	
10 August		Britain applies for membership of EEC
13 August		Construction of Berlin Wall begins
4–21 September	Israel (via Rome) to attend Israel Music Festival; visits BG at Sde Boker	
18 September		Dag Hammarskjöld, UN Secretary General, killed in air crash in Northern Rhodesia

21 September– 7 November	Oxford: entertains the Stravinskys at Headington House in October, and suggests biblical story of Abraham and Isaac as libretto for a composition for Israel Festival	
c.8 November– 1 December	India: lectures in Delhi (13 November) on ‘Rabindranath Tagore and the Consciousness of Nationality’; joined by Aline 16 November; visits to Kathmandu, Madras, Bombay etc.	
29 November	Talk for BBC All India Radio, ‘The Philosophy of History’	
1 December	Oxford (to late March 1962)	
15 December		JFK renews American commitment to preserve independence of Vietnam

#### 1961 publications

- ‘La théorie politique existe-t-elle?’ (*Revue française de science politique*); repr. as ‘Does Political Theory Still Exist?’ in Peter Laslett and W. G. Runciman (eds), *Philosophy, Politics and Society*, 2nd series
- (unattributed) ‘Research Institutions’, chapter 9 of *Research in the Humanities and the Social Sciences: Report of a Survey by the British Academy 1958–1960*
- ‘Tolstoy and Enlightenment’, PEN Hermon Ould Memorial Lecture for 1960 (*Encounter*)
- Review of Elie Kedourie, *Nationalism* (*Oxford Magazine*)
- ‘What is History?’ (exchange of letters with E. H. Carr), *Listener*
- (with others) telegram to Ferenc Münnich, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Budapest, urging the release of István Bibó (quoted in *The Times*)

## 1962

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10 January	Interview with Bamber Gascoigne on ‘Freedom of Speech’ for Associated Television (ATV), broadcast 11 February, published 2008 in <i>Romulus</i> (Wolfson College)	
19 March		Évian Accords on Algerian Independence
Before 23 March	Recorded panel discussion, ‘Equality between People and Nations’: BBC Third Programme, 30 March, repeated 15 April	
c.24 March– 26 April	Israel: meeting of HUI Governors (27–9 March); joined by Aline and stepsons in early April	

Late April– c.30 July	Oxford	
31 May		Eichmann hanged
10 July (IB 53)		Telstar, the first telecommunications satellite, launched
Late July– c.12 September	Portofino/Paraggi	
c.12–17 September	Oxford	
c.17 September– January 1963	Harvard: Ford Visiting Research Professor till January 1963; joined by Aline in first week of November	
16 October	Washington: IB meets JFK at farewell party for the Bohlen	JFK told, with photographic evidence, of Soviet missile bases on Cuba
22 October		JFK's televised address to American nation on Cuban missile crisis
28 October		Nikita Khrushchev agrees to remove missiles from Cuba
Early November	Dinner at the White House	
12–15 November	Storrs Lectures at Yale: 'Three Turning Points in Political Thought'	
30 November		U Thant appointed UN Secretary General

#### 1962 publications

- 'The Biographical Facts', in Meyer W. Weisgal and Joel Carmichael (eds), *Chaim Weizmann: A Biography by Several Hands*
- 'The Purpose of Philosophy' (*Insight* [Nigeria]; repr. in *Sunday Times*)
- 'Mr Carr's Big Battalions', review of E. H. Carr, *What is History?* (*New Statesman*)
- (Unattributed) 'The Road to Catastrophe', review of Hans Kohn, *The Mind of Germany*, and G. P. Gooch, *French Profiles: Prophets and Pioneers* (TLS)
- (with others) telegram to János Kádár, Chairman of the Council of Ministers, Budapest, urging the release of István Bibó (quoted in *The Times*)

## 1963

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25 January– 7 April	Oxford	
14 January		De Gaulle effectively vetoes British entry into EEC

18 January		Death of Hugh Gaitskell
14 February		Harold Wilson elected Labour leader
7–14 April	Nice: with Marie Berlin	
14 April–25 July	Oxford (with a fortnight's stay in University College Hospital, London, beginning 17 April)	
4 June		John Profumo resigns over his affair with Christine Keeler
16 June (IB 54)	Dines at Buckingham Palace	
26 June		JFK: 'Ich bin ein Berliner'
1 July		'Kim' Philby revealed as the 'third man'
25 July–5 August	Israel: Jerusalem and Herzlia	
5 August–13 September	Albergo Argentina, Paraggi, with a visit to Venice (21–27 August)	
28 August		'I have a dream' speech by Martin Luther King, Jr, Washington
13 September–2 December	Oxford	
18 October		Harold Macmillan resigns; Alec Douglas-Home becomes Prime Minister next day
23 October	Publication of the Robbins Report on Higher Education	
22 November		JFK assassinated in Dallas; Lyndon Johnson becomes President
2 December–c.8 January 1964	California: visiting Commonwealth Fellows at Pacific Coast universities; joined by Aline early December; Christmas and New Year in NY	

### 1963 publications

Contribution to Clara Urquhart (ed.), *A Matter of Life*, on civil disobedience  
 'Historical Note', in *Khovanshchina* (ROH opera programme)  
 Contribution to 'Why Are These Books Neglected?' (*Twentieth Century*)  
 (With others) 'Dr Ranger's Expulsion' (letter to *The Times*)

## 1964

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9 January– 15 April	Oxford	
1 February	‘The Oxford Way’, conversation with Alexander Kendrick, broadcast in US on CBS TV	
7 February		Beatles arrive in NY at start of their first US tour
28–9 February	Aline visits Marie Berlin in hospital in Jerusalem	
6 March	Lecture at St Andrews	
18 March	Oliver Franks named chairman of a commission of inquiry at Oxford	
26 March	Records <i>Conversations for Tomorrow</i> with J. B. Priestley and A. J. Ayer, broadcast by BBC TV 25 April	
27 March		UN Peacekeeping Force starts work in Cyprus
15–23 April	Princeton, Washington, Baltimore, NY	
24 April–c.3 May	Oxford	
c.3/4–15 May	Aegean cruise: visits Istanbul, Athens, Rhodes	
15 May–5 June	Oxford	
5 June–19 August	Portofino; visits Marie Berlin in London 9–c.15 July	
12 June (IB 55)		Rivonia trial, Pretoria: Nelson Mandela and 7 others sentenced to life imprisonment for sabotage
2 July		Lyndon Johnson signs the Civil Rights Bill
27 July		Additional 5,000 US military advisers sent to South Vietnam
19–24 August	Jerusalem: for world premiere of <i>Abraham and Isaac</i> (23 August)	
24 August– 7 September	Portofino	
7 September– early October	Oxford	

c.4 October	Stanford: lecture at Hoover Library, 'Marxism and the International in the Nineteenth Century', published in SR	
c.6 October–early January 1965	Oxford	
14 October		Martin Luther King, Jr, awarded Nobel Peace Prize
15 October		Leonid Brezhnev succeeds Khrushchev as Soviet leader; Labour wins British General Election with majority of 6 – Harold Wilson becomes Prime Minister
3 November		Lyndon Johnson wins US Presidential election

#### 1964 publications

Contribution to *Meyer W. Weisgal*  
 'Felix Frankfurter at Oxford', in Wallace Mendelson (ed.), *Felix Frankfurter: A Tribute*  
 'From Hope and Fear Set Free', Presidential Address (*Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society*)  
 'Hobbes, Locke and Professor Macpherson', review of C. B. Macpherson, *The Political Theory of Possessive Individualism, Hobbes to Locke* (*Political Quarterly*)  
 'A Note on Nationalism' (*Forethought*)  
 'Portrait of Ben-Gurion', review of Maurice Edelman, *Ben-Gurion: A Political Biography* (*Jewish Chronicle*)  
 'Rationality of Value Judgments' (*Nomos*)  
 (in paraphrase) Contributions to John Keep and Liliana Brisby (eds), *Contemporary History in the Soviet Mirror*  
 'Olga Ivinskaya' (letter to the *Observer*)  
 Contribution to 'The Death of Lord Marks' (*Jewish Observer and Middle East Review*)

## 1965

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c.4 January	Rome	
Early January–early March	Oxford	
24 January		Death of Sir Winston Churchill
11 February	Representatives of All Souls give evidence to Franks Commission	
2 March		Beginning of 'Operation Rolling Thunder', US strategic bombing of North Vietnam

12 March	Oxford announces creation of two graduate colleges, St Cross and Iffley	
Early March–late April	Washington, DC: gives the A. W. Mellon Lectures at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, 'Sources of Romantic Thought', 14 March–18 April, published 1999 as <i>The Roots of Romanticism</i>	
28 March		Five-day civil rights march led by Martin Luther King, Jr, arrives in State capital of Montgomery, Alabama, from Selma
12 April	Interviewed by Arthur Schlesinger, Jr, on JFK, for the John F. Kennedy Library Oral History Project	
Late April–mid-July	Oxford	
28 April	Proposes the toast to the Royal Academy at the Academy's annual dinner; broadcast that night on BBC Home Service	
14 May	Attends unveiling of Runnymede memorial to JFK	
6 June (IB 56)	Anna Akhmatova receives Hon. D.Litt. from Oxford	
28 June	Opening night of <i>Moses and Aaron</i> at ROH	
7 July	'The Concert Interval', interview broadcast on BBC Third Programme (lost)	
12–14 July	Paris	
c.14 July–early September	Paraggi, with visit to Verona via Venice c.5–7 August	
28 July		Lyndon Johnson commits a further 50,000 US troops to Vietnam; Edward Heath elected Conservative Party leader
9 August	'Kits' van Heyningen named as the first master of St Cross College; later suggests IB become head of Iffley College; IB declines	
c.9–16 September	Oxford	

c.17 September– c.12 January 1966	Visiting Professor at Princeton, joined by Aline late September; lectures elsewhere, including NY, Kentucky and Toronto	
22 September		UN Security Council unanimously resolves on an unconditional ceasefire in the Indo-Pakistan war that began in April
16–17 October		Demonstrations throughout US and in London against Vietnam war
c.25–8 October	Woodbridge Lectures, Columbia, 'Two Enemies of the Enlightenment' (Hamann and Maistre)	
November	Conditionally accepts offer to become head of Iffley College; secures conditional offer of funding from McGeorge Bundy, on behalf of the Ford Foundation	
9 November		Abolition of death penalty (for murder) in the UK (made permanent 1969)
11 November		Ian Smith announces Rhodesia's Unilateral Declaration of Independence
Christmas and New Year	Barbados (as guests of Ronnie Tree)	

### 1965 publications

Contribution to Julian Huxley (ed.), *Aldous Huxley*  
Contribution to Ian Kemp (ed.), *Michael Tippett: A Symposium on his 60th Birthday*  
'Herder and the Enlightenment', in Earl R. Wasserman (ed.), *Aspects of the Eighteenth Century*  
(with H. L. A. Hart) 'Postgraduate Studies in Oxford', in *University of Oxford, Commission of Inquiry* (The Franks Commission)  
'Sulla teoria del Vico circa la conoscenza storica' ('On Vico's theory of historical knowledge',  
*Lettere italiane*)  
Review of C. P. Courtney, *Montesquieu and Burke* (*Modern Language Review*)  
'A Great Russian Writer', review of Osip Mandelstam, *The Prose of Osip Mandelstam* (NYRB)  
'The Thought of de Tocqueville', review of Jack Lively, *The Social and Political Thought of Alexis de Tocqueville* (*History*)

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## 1966

c.12 January– mid-March	Oxford: discusses possible Wolfson Foundation funding for Iffley College with Leonard Wolfson
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3 February		Soviets make first controlled landing of an unmanned probe, Luna 9, on the moon
14 February		Soviet writers Yuly Daniel and Andrey Sinyavsky sentenced to the Gulag for publishing their works in the West
c.19–25 March	Paraggi and Portofino	
25 March–c.4 April	Israel: on HUI business	
31 March		British General Election: Labour gains 96-seat majority
c.4 April–19 July	Oxford	
12 May	Publication of the Franks Report	
2 June		US lands space probe Surveyor 1 on moon
27 June (IB 57)	Hebdomadal Council indicates support for IB's plans for Wolfson College	
20 July (to early September)	Paraggi, with a visit to Venice for a congress on Verdi (30 July–4 August)	
26 July	Congregation promulgates decree creating Wolfson College, with IB as its President	
10 August–12 September	IB's 1965 Mellon Lectures broadcast on BBC Third Programme, repeated 5 October–6 November 1967	
13 August		China announces a 'Cultural Revolution' and purge of capitalist influences
5–c.21 September	Oxford	
22 September–28 December	NY: Professor of Humanities at CUNY; interviewed in US by Henry Brandon – the interview appears, against IB's wishes, as 'My Hopes and Fears' in <i>Sunday Times</i> , 6 November	
28 December–6 January 1967	Barbados, visiting Ronald Tree	

## 1966 publications

Introduction to Marc Raeff (ed.), *Russian Intellectual History*

Preface to H. G. Schenk, *The Mind of the European Romantics*

'L. B. Namier: A Personal Impression', in Martin Gilbert (ed.), *A Century of Conflict, 1850–1950:*

*Essays for A. J. P. Taylor*

(with Mary McCarthy and others) 'The Founders' (letter to *Time*)

'The Great Blood Libel Case', review of Maurice Samuel, *Blood Accusation: The Strange History of the Beiliss Case* (*Jewish Chronicle Literary Supplement*)

'New Ways in History' (letter to the TLS)

## 1967

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6–13 January      New York

13 January–  
19 March      Oxford

3 February      Talks for Sixth Forms, 'The  
Romantic Movement in Europe',  
in 'Four Distinguished Men' series,  
broadcast on BBC Home Service

9 March      Stalin's daughter, Svetlana Allilueva,  
defects to the West

19 March–  
18 April      CUNY

18 April–c.9 June      Oxford

16 May      De Gaulle vetoes Britain's  
second application to join the  
EEC (veto formally registered in  
December)

c.5 June      Powell & Moya chosen as architects  
for Wolfson College buildings

5–10 June  
(IB 58)      Six-Day War between Israel and  
Egypt, Syria, Jordan, Lebanon and  
Iraq

10–12 June      Boston and New York: awarded  
Hon. Doctor of Laws from  
Brandeis University,  
Massachusetts

c.12 June–early  
July      Oxford

6/7 July      Beginnings of the Nigeria–Biafra  
war

Early July–mid-  
September      Paraggi; Aline taken ill, nursed in  
Italy

14 July		Race riots in Newark, NJ, and later in Detroit and Washington
c.13 September– 24 December	Oxford	
2 October		Britain's first Polaris nuclear submarine commissioned
20 October		'Stop the Draft' demonstration in Oakland, California
Late December and New Year	Jerusalem	

### 1967 publications

Foreword to G. L. Seidler, *The Emergence of the Eastern World: Seven Essays on Political Ideas*  
 Contribution to Cecil Woolf and John Bagguley (eds), *Authors Take Sides on Vietnam*  
 (with others) 'Issues Behind the Oxford Fund' (letter to *The Times*)  
 (with others) 'Victor Gollancz' (letter to *The Times*)

## 1968

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10 January–late February	Oxford	
30 January		Communist Tet Offensive in Vietnam: US embassy in Saigon occupied
Late February– 3 March	CUNY	
4 March–4 April	Oxford	
14 March	'The Role of the Intelligentsia', talk to the Annual Conference of the University Teachers' Group, broadcast 23 April, repeated 11 August, published in <i>Listener</i> 2 May	
4–11 April	Paraggi	Martin Luther King assassinated in Memphis, Tennessee, on 4 April
11 April–5 May	Oxford	
2 May	The Queen lays foundation stone of Wolfson College	Sorbonne University closed after violent battles between student protestors and police in Paris
5–c.12 May	NY, Princeton	

13 May–early June	Oxford	
5 June		Senator Robert Kennedy fatally shot in Los Angeles
Early June	NY: Columbia University Commencement	
6 June–26 July (IB 59)	Oxford	
Late July–c.20 September	Paraggi	
20/21 August		Russian, East German and Polish forces invade Czechoslovakia, bringing an end to the 'Prague Spring'
20 September–late December	Oxford	
5 October		Civil rights march in Londonderry, Northern Ireland, ends in violence
17 October		Two black American athletes stage silent protest during medal ceremony at Mexico Olympics
c.23 October	Records 'Verdi and Schiller', broadcast on BBC Third Programme 11 January 1969, repeated 21 February 1969, published 1968 as 'The "Naivety" of Verdi' in <i>Hudson Review</i>	
6 November		Richard Nixon wins US presidential election
Late December–early January 1969	Jerusalem	

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Introduction to Alexander Herzen, *My Past and Thoughts: The Memoirs of Alexander Herzen*  
 Comment on Richard Pipes, 'The Origins of Bolshevism: The Intellectual Evolution of Young Lenin', in Richard Pipes (ed.), *Revolutionary Russia*  
 'The "Naivety" of Verdi' (*Hudson Review*)  
 'The Role of the Intelligentsia' (*Listener*)  
 Contribution to 'Books of the Year: A Personal Choice' (*Observer*)

## 1969

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Early January–mid-February      Oxford

24 January		LSE temporarily closes after violent student protests
13 February– c.11 May	CUNY; also lectured at Harvard and in North Carolina; visited Dartmouth	
17 March		Golda Meir becomes Israel's first female Prime Minister
2 May		Student sit-in at Columbia ends as authorities begin crackdown on campus protests
c.11 May–late July (IB 60)	Oxford	
20/21 July		Apollo 11 moon landing; Neil Armstrong becomes first man to walk on moon (21 July)
Late July– c.13 Sept.	Paraggi (with 'a terrific performance' of <i>Don Carlos</i> in Verona)	
14 August		British troops sent to Northern Ireland after sectarian violence
13–late September	Oxford	
Late September	Italy: conference on Machiavelli	
Late September –22 March 1970	Oxford	
5 November	Anti-apartheid demonstrations at the Springboks' match against Oxford at Twickenham	

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*Four Essays on Liberty*

Foreword to Michael Yudkin (ed.), *General Education: A Symposium on the Teaching of Non-Specialists*

'The Hazards of Social Revolution', in Aaron W. Warner, Dean Morse and Thomas E. Cooney (eds), *The Environment of Change*

'A Note on Vico's Concept of Knowledge', in Giorgio Tagliacozzo and Hayden V. White (eds), *Giambattista Vico: An International Symposium*

'One of the Boldest Innovators in the History of Human Thought' (Vico; *New York Times Magazine*)

'Reply to Orsini' (*Journal of the History of Ideas*)

## 1970

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22 March–c.9 April	NY, CUNY, Princeton; Columbus, Ohio; Ann Arbor, Michigan
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c.9 April–early August	Oxford	
4 May		4 students shot dead at Kent State University, Ohio, by National Guard during anti-war demonstrations
18 June ( <b>IB 61</b> )		British General Election: Conservatives returned with overall majority of 30; Edward Heath becomes Prime Minister
Early–20 August	Paraggi, with a visit to the spa at Abano Terme, Padua	
20–4 August	Oxford	
24 August–21 September	Paraggi	
6 September		Four airliners hijacked by Palestinian terrorists; 3 planes later blown up at an airfield in Jordan
21 September–mid-February 1971	Oxford	
8 October		Nobel Prize in Literature awarded to Alexander Solzhenitsyn
9 November		Death of Charles de Gaulle
12 November	Delivers Romanes Lecture, Oxford, 'Fathers and Children: Turgenev and the Liberal Predicament', broadcast on BBC Radio 3, 14 February 1971, repeated 5 September, published 1972	

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Foreword to R. D. Miller, *Schiller and the Ideal of Freedom: A Study of Schiller's Philosophical Works with Chapters on Kant*  
 'Benjamin Disraeli, Karl Marx, and the Search for Identity', in *Transactions of the Jewish Historical Society of England*  
 'Weizmann as Exilarch', in *Chaim Weizmann as Leader*

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## 1971

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6 February	First British soldier killed on duty in Northern Ireland 'Troubles'
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