

# Year 1989

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Soviet Union: In Vilnius 50,000 protesters demand the independence of Lithuania.

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Hungary: The Parliament passes legislation granting freedom of assembly and of association.

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Czechoslovakia: The first of a series of demonstrations is organised in Prague to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the self-immolation of Jan Palach; the authorities respond with repression; Václav Havel is sentenced to 9 months in prison.

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Poland: The 10th plenary meeting of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers' Party (Polska Zjednoczona Partia Robotnicza), facing the threat of the dismissal of the Party's leadership, permits trade union pluralism, i.e. the re-legalisation of the "Solidarity".

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Poland: In Białystok "unknown perpetrators" murdered Father Stanisław Suchowolec, a priest supporting the opposition.

