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Hungary's Revolt of 1956 (in a similar move that would happen in 1968), anti-Communist and anti-Soviet rebellion in Hungary, it was crushed by the Soviets. The uprising came about following a speech by Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev in which he attacked the period of Joseph Stalin's rule. Encouraged by the new freedom of debate and criticism, a rising tide of unrest and discontent in Hungary broke out into active fighting in October 1956. Rebels won the first phase of the revolution, and Nagy Imre became premier, agreeing to establish a multiparty system. On November 1 he declared Hungarian neutrality and appealed to the UN. Western powers failed to respond and on November 4 the Soviet Union invaded Hungary to stop the revolution. Nevertheless, Stalinist-type domination and exploitation did not return, and Hungary thereafter experienced a slow evolution toward some internal autonomy. 2500 Hungarians died, about 750 Soviets and Warsaw pact 'friends.'

Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis make their last movie 'Hollywood or Bust'(a movie Jerry Lewis hates to watch), also in the same year Abbott & Costello split, Laurel & Hardy's 31 years partnership came to an end with Babe Hardy's stroke, he died next year, Laurel died in 1965. Costello died 3 days before his 53rd birthday in 1959.

Floyd Patterson becomes world heavyweight boxing champion (after Rocky Marciano's retirement who was champion 9/23/1952-11/30/1956) after knocking out Archie Moore in 5th round in Chicago on 11.30.1956! Floyd still holds the title of youngest lineal heavyweight champion of 21 years, 10 months. Mike Tyson became lineal heavyweight champion when he beat Leon Spinks who came out of retirement to get serious beating in 90 seconds. Tyson was 21, 11 months, 27 days old.

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