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Abbreviations

BEP	brevet d'études professionnelles
CAL	comités d'action lycéens
CAP	certificat d'aptitude professionnelle
CCU	Comité consultatif des universités
CDP	Centre Démocratie et Progrès
CEA	Commissariat à l'énergie atomique
CEG	collège d'enseignement général
CERC	Centre d'études des revenus et des coûts
CERES	Centre d'études, de recherche et d'éducation socialistes
CES	collège d'enseignement secondaire
CFDT	Confédération française et démocratique du travail
CFP	Compagnie française des pétroles
CFTC	Confédération française des travailleurs chrétiens
CGT	Confédération générale du travail
CID-UNATI	Centre d'information et de défense-Union nationale des associations de travailleurs indépendants
CIR	Convention des institutions républicaines
CNESER	Conseil National de l'Enseignement Supérieur et de la Recherche
CNIP	Centre national des indépendants et paysans
CNJA	Centre national des jeunes agriculteurs
CNPF	Conseil national du patronat français
CPU	Conférence des présidents d'université
CREDOC	Centre de Recherches, d'Etudes et de Documentation sur la Consommation
CREP	Centre de Recherche Economique sur l'Epargne
DATAR	Délégation à l'aménagement du territoire et à l'action régionale
DEA	diplôme d'études approfondies
DESS	diplôme d'études spécialisées
DEUG	diplôme d'études universitaires générales

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DGRST	Délégation générale à la recherche scientifique et technique
EDF–GDF	Electricité de France–Gaz de France
EEC	European Economic Community
ENA	Ecole nationale d'administration
EPCSC	Etablissements publics à caractère scientifique et culturel
ERAP	Entreprise de recherches et d'activités pétrolières
FDES	Fonds de développement économique et social
FEN	Fédération de l'Education nationale
FGDS	Fédération de la gauche démocrate et socialiste
FNSEA	Fédération nationale des syndicats d'exploitants agricoles
GAEC	Groupeement agricole d'exploitation en commun
GDP	gross domestic product
GNP	gross national product
HLM	Habitation à loyer modéré
IFOP	Institut français de l'opinion publique
INED	Institut national d'études démographiques
INSEE	Institut national de la statistique et des études économiques
IUT	Institut universitaire de technologie
JAC	Jeunesse agricole chrétienne
JOC	Jeunesse ouvrière chrétienne
MLAC	Mouvement pour la Libéralisation de l'Avortement et de la Contraception
MODEF	Mouvement de défense des exploitants familiaux
MRJC	Mouvement rural de la jeunesse chrétienne
MRP	Mouvement républicain populaire
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
OECD	Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development
ORTF	Office de radio-télévision française
PCF	Parti communiste français
PDM	Progrès et démocratie moderne
POS	Plans d'occupation des sols
PS	Parti socialiste
PSU	Parti socialiste unifié
RATP	Régie autonome des transports parisiens
RPF	Rassemblement du Peuple Français
SAFER	Société d'aménagement foncier et d'établissement rural
SDAU	Schéma directeur d'aménagement et d'urbanisme

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SEREB	Société pour l'étude et la réalisation de l'engin ballistique
SESAME	Système d'étude du schéma d'aménagement
SFIO	Section française de l'internationale ouvrière
SMIC	Salaire minimum interprofessionnelle de croissance
SMIG	Salaire minimum interprofessionnelle garanti
SNCF	Société nationale des chemins de fer
SNECMA	Société nationale d'études et de construction de moteurs d'avions
SNES	Syndicat national de l'enseignement secondaire
SNI	Syndicat national des instituteurs
SNIAS	Société nationale industrielle aérospatiale
SOFRES	Société française d'enquêtes par sondage
UCRG	Union des clubs pour le renouveau de la gauche
UDR	Union des démocrates pour la république
UER	Unités d'enseignement et de recherche
UGCS	Union des groupes et clubs socialistes
UNEF	Union nationale des étudiants de France
ZAC	Zone d'aménagement concerté
ZUP	Zone à urbaniser en priorité

Chronological summary

1969

29 April	Georges Pompidou and Gaston Defferre announce their candidatures for the presidency
30 April	The Independent Republicans declare their support for Pompidou
12 May	Alain Poher announces his candidature
22 May	Jacques Duhamel declares his support for Pompidou
1–15 June	Presidential elections
20 June	Jacques Chaban-Delmas becomes prime minister
2 July	Formation of parliamentary club <i>Présence et action du gaullisme</i>
4 July	Formation of <i>Centre démocratie et progrès</i>
1–13 July	Foundation of <i>Parti socialiste</i> under the leadership of Alain Savary
20 August	The franc is devalued by 12.5 per cent
16 September	Prime minister Chaban-Delmas launches <i>Nouvelle Société</i> project
19 October	Maurice Faure becomes president of the <i>Parti radical</i>
October	<i>L'Anti-de Gaulle</i> by Louis Vallon
13 November	Pompidou declares position on nuclear industry
November	Liberalization of ORTF
1–2 December	Conference at The Hague on EEC enlargement
10 December	EDF signs up to first <i>contrat de progrès</i>
15 December	Pompidou decides to create a centre for the contemporary arts in Paris
19 December	The American press reveals Franco-Libyan negotiations on arms sales
24–9 December	The 'Cherbourg gunboats' affair

1970

7 January	Law introducing SMIC
14 January	Chancellor Brandt sets forth his <i>Ostpolitik</i> to the Bundestag
21 January	Law providing for the sharing out among Renault's employees of a part of the company capital The parliamentary UDR group question the objectivity of the first TV channel
28 January	Jean-Jacques Servan-Schreiber publishes his radical manifesto, entitled <i>Ciel et Terre</i>
8 February	Georges Marchais becomes assistant general secretary of the PCF
23–9 February	Visit of Pompidou to United States
Feb–March	Clashes at Nanterre and Assas. The dean of Nanterre, Paul Ricœur resigns from his post on 14 March
8–15 March	Cantonal elections
March	Creation of the Institut pour le développement industriel
March–April	Lorry drivers block roads; protests by farmers; demonstration of mayors outside Hôtel Matignon
4 April	Roger Frey calls on the majority to seek broad alliances for the municipal elections
20 April	Agreement between CNPF and trades unions on monthly basis for wages payment
20 May	Roger Garaudy is expelled from PCF
27 May	Disbandment of the Gauche prolétarienne
4 June	<i>Anti-casseurs</i> law
18 June	Victory of Conservatives in Great Britain. Edward Heath becomes prime minister
25–7 June	Chaban-Delmas attacked at UDR Conseil national
28 June	Servan-Schreiber elected parliamentary deputy for Nancy
9 July	Agreement reached on right to training leave
16 July	The Conseil Constitutionnel removes several clauses from the Pleven law on the creation of associations
10 August	German–Soviet treaty recognizing the Oder–Neisse border
20 September	Chaban-Delmas re-elected deputy of Bordeaux, defeating Servan-Schreiber
6–13 October	Visit of Pompidou to Moscow

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9 November General de Gaulle dies
 December The Senate opens an enquiry into irregularities in the administration of public affairs in La Villette

1971

7 January Government reshuffle; René Tomasini becomes UDR general secretary
 19 February Demonstration by lycée students following the ‘Guiot affair’
 24 February Colonel Boumédiène nationalizes French oil companies operating in Algeria
 26 February Pierre Messmer becomes minister for overseas departments and territories
 14–21 March Municipal elections
 20–1 May Heath–Pompidou talks in Paris
 16 June François Mitterrand becomes first secretary of the PS
 12 July The five UDR chairmen of National Assembly committees issue a criticism of the government
 16 July Laws on the reform of apprenticeship, the upgrading of technical education, and on job training
 19 July ‘Garantie foncière’ scandal and charging of UDR deputy Rives-Henry
 August Michel Poniatowski launches the idea of a federation of centrists
 20 September Senate elections
 12 October The PCF publishes its election manifesto, *Changer de cap* (‘Changing course’)
 17 October Servan-Schreiber becomes president of the Parti radical
 3 November Creation of Mouvement réformateur
 18 November Dega affair
 13–14 December Pompidou meets Nixon in the Azores

1972

19 January *Le Canard enchaîné* publishes Chaban-Delmas’ tax form
 22 January EEC membership treaty signed by Great Britain, Ireland, Norway and Denmark
 March PS programme, *Changer la vie*, published

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1 April	Senate report on clandestine advertising on television
23 April	Referendum on EEC enlargement
17 May	Chaban-Delmas is authorized to call for a vote of confidence in the National Assembly ‘if he deems it useful’
23 May	National Assembly approves confidence motion
16 June	Parti radical splits
26 June	Socialist party and communist party sign a <i>programme commun de gouvernement</i>
5 July	Law on regional public authorities; Chaban-Delmas resigns; Pierre Messmer becomes prime minister
12 July	Arthur Conte becomes director general of ORTF
5 September	Alain Peyrefitte replaces René Tomasini as UDR general secretary
6 September	Pierre Messmer outlines general policy to National Assembly, but does not request a vote
4 October	Foundation of the Mouvement des radicaux de gauche
8 October	Valéry Giscard d’Estaing declares that ‘France wants to be governed from the centre’

1973

7 January	Messmer sets out the majority’s programme in a speech in Provins
10 January	Visit of Pompidou to Minsk
27 January	Vietnam peace accord signed in Paris
12 February	Second devaluation of the dollar
4–11 March	Legislative elections
6 March	Messmer–Lecanuet electoral agreement on candidate withdrawals
2 April	Edgar Faure elected president of National Assembly; Roger Frey becomes president of UDR group
3 April	Pompidou’s message to parliament announcing a reform to reduce the presidential term to five years
5–12 April	Second Messmer government formed
22 April	Henry Kissinger proposes a new Atlantic Charter
31 May–1 June	Pompidou meets Nixon in Reykjavik
12 June	The Lip watchmaking firm at Besançon goes bankrupt and closes: the workers occupy the factory

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<i>28 June</i>	Disbandment of Ligue communiste and Ordre nouveau
<i>10 July</i>	Michel Debré criticizes the government's economic policy
<i>14 August</i>	The police clear the Lip factory
<i>11–17 September</i>	Pompidou travels to China
<i>6 October</i>	Outbreak of Yom Kippur war. Alexandre Sanguinetti elected UDR general secretary
<i>16 October</i>	Arthur Conte replaced by Marceau Long as director general of ORTF; the Arab countries reduce their oil exports by 25 per cent and increase the price by 17 per cent
<i>16–19 October</i>	The National Assembly and the Senate vote in favour of the introduction of five-year presidential terms
<i>24 October</i>	Plan to introduce five-year presidential terms shelved
<i>17–18 November</i>	UDR conference in Nantes
<i>4 December</i>	Alleged bugging of <i>Le Canard enchaîné</i> offices
<i>December</i>	Jean Charbonnel entrusts Claude Neuschwander with the task of turning Lip around
<i>14 December</i>	EEC summit in Copenhagen, including three new member states
<i>20 December</i>	Approval of the Royer law restricting the opening of large-scale retail outlets

1974

<i>5 January</i>	Pierre Messmer declares: 'Lip, c'est fini!'
<i>19 January</i>	The Conseil des ministres decides to float the franc
<i>11 February</i>	At the summit of industrialized countries in Washington, France opposes the creation of an organization of oil-consuming nations
<i>28 February</i>	Government reshuffle
<i>12 March</i>	Visit by Pompidou to USSR
<i>2 April</i>	Death of Georges Pompidou