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gauge quarrel. The Walloons are dissatisfied with the doctors, most of whom are Flemish-speaking. They claim that new taxes and rising living costs have hit the Walloon workers, and that the doctors should join them in making financial sacrifices.

In the churches, services have repeatedly been disrupted because the clergyman has used the wrong language for his sermon—Flemish in a French church or vice versa. At the universities even the theologians are in opposite camps, at daggers drawn.

In Brussels, Flemings pretend that they do not understand French and Walloons will not answer a Flemish question. Even the city's cafes, the last refuge of a one-time liberal society that believed in the maxim of live and let live, have become centres of angry scenes where an order given to the waiter in the "wrong" language can provoke a minor riot.

We take these facts from an arresting article in the Winnipeg Free Press, which notes that for the first time since 1830, when the modern Belgian state was founded, serious doubts are arising about the country's survival. The Walloons, who form the nation's smaller component and have not been increasing as fast as the more prolific Flemings, want to join France.

The Way It Goes

Just while the big powers are intensifying their efforts to get to the moon, comes word that the orb itself is losing its glamor in the fancy of a fickle public. That, at least, is the feeling of Thomas M. Jukes of the University of California space sciences laboratory, who has taken a list of songs published between 1900 and 1960 with the word "moon" in the titles and plotted it on a graph.

It was coasting along at about three or four songs a year in the early 1900's, rose sharply to about eight in 1920, then to a high of almost 20 in 1931 or so. It fell steadily to about four or five in 1940, held steady in 1950 and dropped off to one or two in 1960.

The reasons? Professor Jukes doesn't speculate. But a commentator suggests that around 1932, when moon songs were most popular, people had nothing much to do in those depression days but watch the moon. By 1960 more lovers were probably watching television than the moon.

One Man's Lament

Living in big cities isn't all it's cracked up to be. Here's the story a New York Post reporter tells about a man and his family who moved to New York City from Columbus, Ohio, a year ago. He tells it in the man's own words, without any polishing.

Bilingual Travails

The collapse of Premier Harmel's coalition government in Belgium, announced over the weekend, is attributed in large part to the language war between the country's French-speaking Walloons in the south and east and the Flemings in the north.

"A few months later we couldn't read about what was going on here because of the newspaper blackout. And then we couldn't see anything because the lights went out. "And then we couldn't go anywhere because of the transit strike."

EDITORIAL NOTE

Canada has pledged \$30 million toward the goal of \$275 million of the United Nations world food program for the next three years. Our contribution compares favorably with that of \$130 million pledged by the United States toward the co-operative attack which was begun last year on hunger throughout the world.



THE HITCH HIKER WITH STRINGS ATTACHED

American Self-Help Foreign Aid

If Congress approves, the nation's foreign aid program will get its biggest overhaul since the start of the Marshall plan soon after the end of World War II. Military and economic aid would be separated, as Sen Fulbright (D-Ark.), chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, has long suggested.

Another Blunder?

It looks as though the RCAF's new combat jet, the CF-5, is approaching its toughest mission—a dogfight on the floor of the House of Commons. If Opposition defence critics have anything to say about it, the American-designed plane will take a good pounding now that the U.S. Air Force has apparently written it off.

Expense Accounts

Whatever has become of the federal government's war against expense account living? In 1963 Finance Minister Walter Gordon resolved to do something about "the way in which certain taxpayers seem to be able to eat, drink and entertain on a lavish scale... financed in large part at the expense of public revenue."

Our Yesterdays

British-Japanese relations in the Pacific were approaching a crucial stage because of Japanese assistance to Nazi sea raiders and Japan's pressure on naval forces, reliable foreign sources said in Shanghai.

"This Happy Breed"

Perhaps it is only at times of extremity that the British character exposes itself—times of war, tribulation, and a breakdown in the plumbing.

TEN YEARS AGO

At a meeting in the Royal York Hotel in Toronto, Colonel F.I. Andrew of Charlottetown was elected as president of the Ayshire Breeders' Association, the first time in history that a P.E. Islander was given that distinction.

Dialing A Dietician

By Dr. Theodore R. Van Dellen In certain cities a person can obtain facts on normal nutrition by dialing the regional dietetic association. An answering service records the query with the caller's name, address, and telephone number.

The organization answers only questions dealing with normal nutrition and dietary modifications. They do not prescribe diets used in treating obesity, diabetes, peptic ulcer, or other medical conditions.

The middle class, unemployed homemaker was the most frequent caller. The society found that newspaper columns were the best media to publicize the service.

RINSE REACTION

Mrs. S. Q. writes: Could allergy to a hair rinse cause the neck glands to swell? This has been happening for six months.

FOOT PAIN

P. F. H. writes: How can a person determine whether foot pain is caused by hardening of the arteries or fallen arches?

NOT NEEDED

K. J. writes: Will the coccyx be missed after it is removed because of severe pain?

LIVER DISEASES

M. G. writes: What can be done for liver disease? Feed it with a diet rich in proteins and carbohydrates and protect the liver from harm by avoiding toxic agents such as alcohol.

TODAY'S HEALTH HINT

Feet need special protection on cold days.

The Belgian Problem

The final collapse of the Belgian coalition government spells one more worry for the European Common Market, just as it appeared to be finding a way around the impasse caused by France's withdrawal last July from active participation in market affairs.

Belgium now becomes the second of the six Common Market partners to find itself without a government, less than two weeks before the Market negotiators are to resume talks in Brussels on the previously-stalemate agricultural policy and other pending matters.

Italy is in the same fix. In both cases, the elements of the problem are similar—an inability to find sufficient common ground among the previous members of a coalition between Roman Catholic and Socialist parties—although the ingredients differ.

HOPELESSLY DIVIDED

Instead, representation in both the Senate and the Chamber of Representatives remained hopelessly divided among three main parties—the Social Christians (Catholics), the Socialists and the Liberals.

Writers In Jail

British newspapers have carried an appeal to Soviet authorities, signed by 40 prominent writers of France, Germany, Italy, the United States and Britain, asking for the release of the two Soviet writers, Andrei Sinyavsky and Yuli Daniel, who are accused of having had their books published abroad under the pseudonyms of Abram Terts and Nikolai Arshak.

The writers say in their appeal that they do not regard the works of either of these distinguished authors as propaganda and they emphasize that their respect for their work is based solely on its literary and artistic merits.

COLD CUTS POWER

STOCKHOLM (Reuters)—Sweden announced Thursday emergency plans to get electricity from Denmark as the arctic weather gripping northern Europe sliced into its own power supplies.

THE AFFAIR OF THE TWO WRITERS

The affair of the two writers is causing much miasma abroad, and also in the Soviet Union where in December police broke up a students' public meeting demonstrating against the arrest of the two men and the campaign of vilification unleashed against them.

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