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Slowing Down
While the scientists are sending artificial moons around the earth and generally penetrating into the secrets which Nature has hitherto kept to herself, the earth itself is taking a hand at confounding the scientists and their plans. Specifically, it is slowing down, 50 times faster than was supposed by those who keep a check on such abstruse matters.

This means, according to a group of British scientists, that "the earth will come to a dead stop a lot sooner than had been supposed and, like the moon, will then always show the same face to the sun. The countries which happen to be on the sunny side will continue to have permanent daylight, while those on the other side will be in perpetual darkness". Dr. Louis Essen of the National Physical Laboratories in Tiddington, Eng., who has the only atomic clock in the world—another is being wound up in Washington, D.C.—says he has found that days now are 1-10,000th of a second longer than they were two years ago. "This is the first time we have been able to measure the length of the day", says Dr. Essen. "However, the earth is not completely reliable and the days have been varying in length even in the same month by as much as 1-1000th of a second".

Considering the utter unpredictability of its inhabitants, the earth can afford to be a little "unreliable". In any event, this generation has nothing to worry about as far as the earth's coming to a halt is concerned. In Dr. Essen's computation, it will not happen for another 16,078,000,000 years!

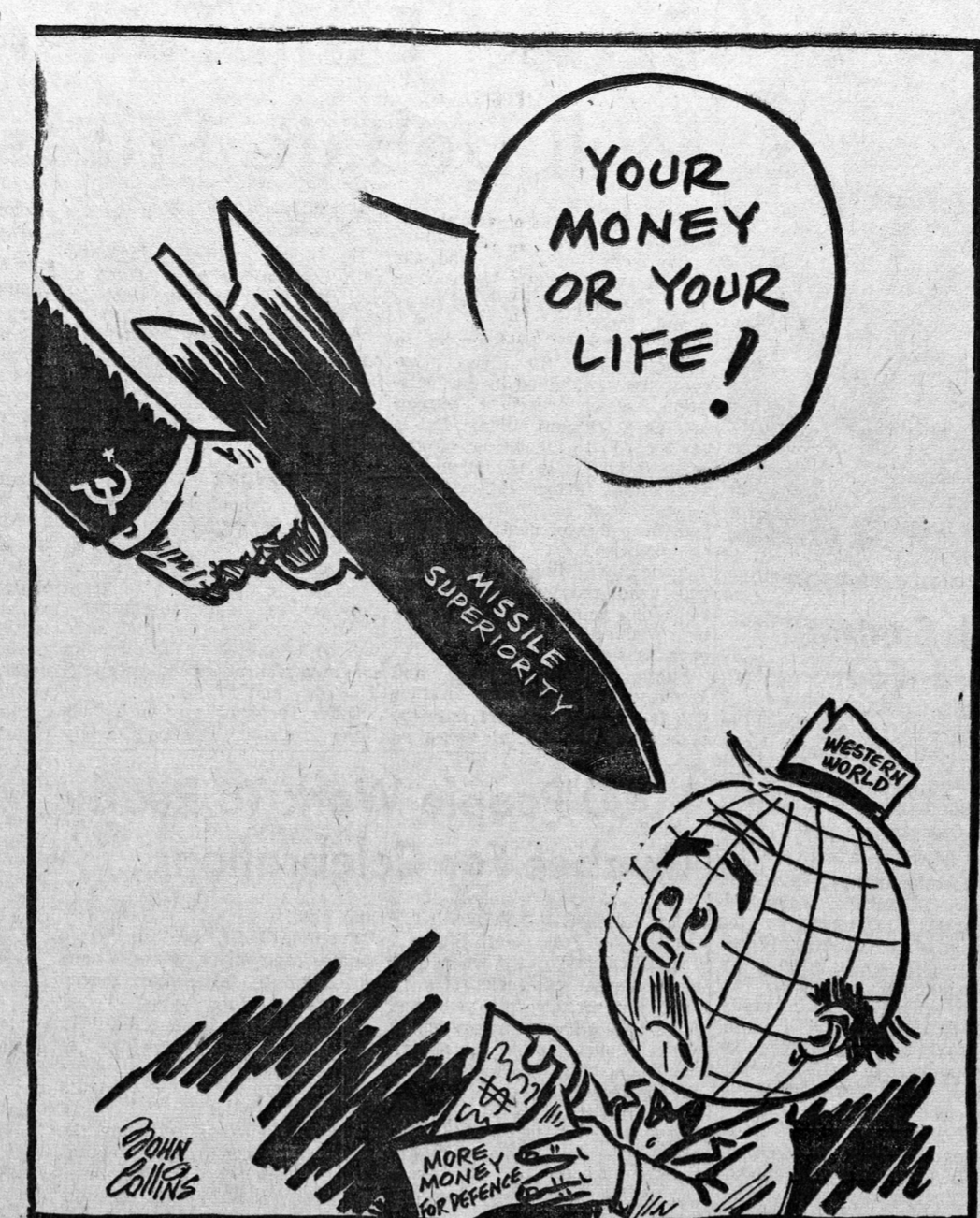
EDITORIAL NOTES
A project has been launched to give Ireland its first planetarium, to be built at Armagh, the ecclesiastical capital of the country. Total cost of the proposed building and equipment will be 80,000 pounds (\$224,000). Committees have been established in Ireland and in the United States to raise funds.

Secretary of State John Foster Dulles won't resign for a while yet, if President Eisenhower has anything to say about it. At a recent news conference the President became quite angry when a reporter suggested that a good many people both in and outside the United States were of the opinion that Mr. Dulles' usefulness had ended. Mr. Eisenhower referred to that as "a lot of trash" and stated that "Mr. Dulles is the wisest, most dedicated man I know".

Reports from Bonn and other German centres indicate that labor and industry, together with government, take the same commonsense view about inflation and its inevitable consequences. Union leaders and employers alike, noting that German exports have fallen off in the wake of wage-cost-price rises of the past twelve months, are talking moderation and compromise of the wage front in 1958. Both know that wage inflation means fewer orders and fewer jobs.

Referring to the "most dangerous misapprehensions" that the United States' military power is inferior to that of the Soviet Union, the chairman of the U.S. Joint Chief of Staff stated before a Congressional Committee that "such conclusions could actually increase the probability of total war". On the other hand, of course, they may help to persuade the joint chiefs of staff to stop their inter-service bickerings and get on with the job of bringing the military force of the country up to satisfactory strength.

The Soviet Union may be planning to regiment the weatherman. That's the word that comes from Washington, where the 11-man Advisory Committee on Weather Control predicts that weather, and not intercontinental missiles, may be the ultimate weapon. Washington meteorologists fear that the Russians may try their hand at melting the Poles ice cap, to the intense discomfort of coastal areas in North America and Europe; also that they may be cooking up a scheme to change world patterns of rainfall, robbing the North American continent of moisture vital for raising food crops. The bogeys raised by oldtime superstitions were nothing to what modern science can concoct.



THE ROCKETEER

UNITED KINGDOM OPINION

Towards The Summit

By "Onlooker" Thomson Newspapers, London, England, Bureau

With Parliament back into motion opinion is hardening regarding the value of having summit talks as soon as they can be arranged. But most think that the talks should be accompanied by preliminary talks among the foreign ministers.

The British view is almost identical to the German view just declared by Adenauer—that if the ground for conference is not well-tilled first before the chiefs start talking it may be easier for the whole business to get bogged down. And it is felt that an indifferent summit conference would be worse than no conference at all.

When would the British prefer the talks? Politically, there are reasons for thinking that they will seek a meeting some time in mid-summer. If it comes fairly soon on the heels of the budget, which is sure this year to contain some relief for the taxpayer, it will constitute another triumph to occupy public attention as polling comes near.

But whatever the budget brings forth, wanting more concessions right now are the coal miners, who have put in for a new pay rise. But they are losing, in the process, what public sympathy they once had. It is true that before the war miners were just on an existing rather than a living wage, but since the mines were nationalized under the immediate-post-war Labor administration they have had a fair share—and more—of the whip.

Cola prices to the consumer over here have gone up by about 400 per cent since pre-war days. In basic terms, where a hundred-weight bag of the coal that the British throw on their fires cost 28 cents, it now costs \$1.40. On the other hand, although output of coal since 1950 has remained fairly static—between 75 and 80 hundredweights every manshift—wages since that time have doubled.

AIRBORNE SQUABBLE
From below the ground to above the ground. Still unresolved here is the squabble that has arisen regarding the granting of the key contract to build a new jetliner for British European Airways—the state-run organization that covers the European mainland for Britain.

Just signed is a big order by British Overseas Airways for a Vickers—the same firm that did the Viscount and is now forging ahead with the larger Vanguard, its successor, for medium-distance routes. Not a penny of public money is being spent on the new plane, which will be faster (just) than the American Boeing 707 airliner.

But the squabble over the BEA aircraft is an indication that the Government over here, more than once bitten in the matter, is getting tough with manufacturers and insisting that they pool their resources more. And at the moment the industry, while ready to merge for specific projects, is reluctant to do it over a long term.

Now the choice is between de Havillands and a huge concern formed by an affiliation of the Hawker group, who have been making most military aircraft recently, and Bristol, who made the Britannia. And—after pouring millions of dollars of public money into civil aviation research since the war, the Government is sure of just one thing: that whoever gets the contract for the new airliner will have to "go it alone" with no help from the taxpayer. The order will be worth about 80 million dollars initially.

with a good chance of big overseas sales. IN THE LIMELIGHT Still keeping in the air it is probable that Britain's Royal Air Force will grab most of the headlines and most of the limelight when the Defence White Paper comes out here in the middle of next month.

The main reason: the reorg of Britain's defence system is being hastened by the introduction of more guided missiles, which will be coming in at least two years before they were originally expected.

Further cuts in the strength of Fighter Command are expected, and the future tendency will be to have all Britain's fighter stations ranged along the eastern coast of the country instead of, as now, strewn all over the place.

A personal sign of the times for the Londoner: Biggin Hill, most famous of all fighter stations during the Battle of Britain, lost its last fighters this week. The field, just over London's border, housed Spitfire and Hurricane squadrons during the Battle, and every pilot from the Commonwealth knew it.

Now among the reasons for giving it up is the fact that the new fighters coming along before missiles take over—the 1800 m.p.h. PLS—need a runway of 2500 yds. before they become airborne. Biggin Hill's runways are only 2000 yards—and there is no room to lengthen them.

I've got official statistics now to bolster up one of my main contentions gathered over the past few years—that women smokers here are on the increase and when they do start smoking there are no half-measures about it.

It is now known that the average British male smoker gets through 124 cigarettes a week (few of them incidentally filter-tips) and a woman 71. And although three out of four men smoke—the same as in 1939—the women's percentage is 41. About a ten per cent increase over pre-war days.

And the British smoke more ready-made packs—they call them "tailor-mades" over here—than Canadians, or for that matter Australians and New Zealanders.

MAXIMS

The chessboard is a symbol of life — of all life. The essence of life is struggle. Take struggle out of chess, or out of life, and what is left? In chess I have found happiness.

NOTES BY THE WAY

Women Longer Lived Than Men
By Herman N. Bundesen, M.D.
Picture America as a nation populated entirely by women—no men at all. While this will never happen, of course, we are heading in that general direction. Men are dying faster than women.

THREE CATEGORIES
Only in three categories is the female death rate significantly higher: cancer of the breast and genital organs and diabetes.

BENEFIT BOTH SEXES
Naturally, both men and women have benefited from our medical advances. Science has prolonged the lives of both sexes.

Nevertheless, men are dying faster—and younger than women. Why? We have several theories, but no actual proof.

For one thing, men in general get around a lot more than women and are therefore more frequently exposed to disease. Then, because they are the male animal they are more aggressive and lack the caution of the female.

Consequently, they meet more accidental deaths. Alcoholism also is much more prevalent among men.

BOTTLE-UP EMOTIONS
Men have a tendency to bottle up their emotions. Ulcers, high blood pressure and heart disease may be the result.

Women, on the other hand, resort to tears and hysterics to relieve their emotions. Men are also more subject to the stress of today's speeded-up world.

BETTER RESISTANCE
Perhaps women biologically can resist disease better than men can. But whatever the other reasons for their longevity, there is an additional fact of which I am positive: women take better care of themselves than do men.

Women will consult their doctor quicker and follow his instructions better than will their male counter part. Women, it appears, simply have more sense.

QUESTION AND ANSWER
G.T.: What causes a bone infection?
Answer: An infection of the bone, or osteomyelitis, most commonly occurs in children as a result of the spread of a bacterial infection from the throat to the bone. In adults, the infection usually follows some form of injury to the bone, such as a fracture or a gunshot wound.

OUR YESTERDAYS
(From The Guardian Files)
TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO
(Jan. 25, 1933.)
Damage estimated at over \$20,000 was caused on Tuesday night when the dam of the new Maritime Electric power plant in the Montague river was swept away during a storm.

The accident was caused by action of frost as the dam had been leaking for some days previous to the break. The terrific rush of water swept away Sutherland's Bridge and a number of other small spans.

The drying plant for fish which is owned by the firm of Mathew and MacLean of Souris is at present busily engaged in that work on quantities of fish which are being prepared for shipment in the near future.

TEN YEARS AGO
(Jan. 25, 1948)
Zero and sub-zero weather over the week-end did not stop the ferry Fairview which continued to make trips despite the prevailing cold weather. Three below zero was reported in Charlottetown while Tyne Valley reported

THE AGE OLD STORY
Thou hast also given me the shield of thy salvation; and thy right hand hath holden me up, and thy gentleness hath made me great.

FARM PRICES DROP
OTTAWA (CP)—Prices of some Canadian farm products eased slightly during last November, the bureau of statistics reported Monday. The price index, based on 1935-39 prices equalling 100, dipped to 219.9 from 223 in October and 225.8 in November, 1956.

EXPORTS INCREASE
OTTAWA (CP)—Value of Canada's domestic exports rose to a recorded \$4,397,200,000 in the first 11 months of 1957, due mainly to sharply increased shipments of uranium, cattle, crude petroleum and seeds. However, the bureau of statistics said the gain over the corresponding 1956 period was small because of big declines in sales of wheat, grains, wheat flour, planks and boards, wool pulp, copper and zinc.

THE VILLAGE OF PARKDALE ANNUAL MEETING
The annual meeting of the ratepayers of the Village of Parkdale, will be held in Parkdale Hall, Tuesday, February 4th, 1958 at 8 p.m.

TAXES DUE
Village taxes are past due and those unpaid at the end of January will be published and posted to solicitor for collection.

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