MIT alumnus proposes "Perpetual Calendar"

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"This calendar has more theoretical advantages than any other current proposal," claims Willard E. Edwards, MIT '28, originator of "The Perpetual Calendar."

The Calendar is a proposal for a new 13-month equal-quarter international civil calendar which would remain identical from year to year. Each quarter would consist of 91 days (broken into two parts), or 114 days in an abnormal year. The business world would look forward to great increased efficiency in bookkeeping were it to be adopted. The U.S. Congress and the United Nations have each been asked to adopt it as the new international civil calendar.

The separation of New Year's Day and Leap Year Day is necessary to keep the rest of the year standard, and only for this reason are the two days introduced.

Benediction

The Calendar has been officially endorsed by the Legates of Hawaii and Massachusetts, and the business world would look forward to great increased efficiency in bookkeeping were it to be adopted. The U.S. Congress and the United Nations have each been asked to adopt it as the new international civil calendar.

Feast conclusion

Another feature of the perpetual calendar will be elimination of confusion such as that which arose 7 years ago with the birth of George Washington--on February 11. This date is according to an "old-style" calendar whose confusion dates back to the days of Julius Caesar.

Holidays

The new calendar would have standardized holidays, such as Easter Monday (April 8), Labor Day (September 6), and Christmas Day (December 25). In addition, Hanukkah Day, Monday, June 11, would make six annual 3-day holidays in Hawaii. The originator, Willard Edwards, majored in electrical engineering when he attended the Institute, and presently lives in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Quarterly Identical

All quarters begin on Monday, the first working day of the week, and end on Sunday, the last day of the week. This is particularly helpful for businessmen and bankers. In addition, the first and 15th of each month always falls on a weekday, and there is never a Friday the 13th.

Leap Year Day

Once every four years there must be another day in the year, a day which would remain identical from year to year. Each quarter would consist of 91 days, (broken into two parts), or 114 days in an abnormal year. The business world would look forward to great increased efficiency in bookkeeping were it to be adopted. The U.S. Congress and the United Nations have each been asked to adopt it as the new international civil calendar.

The following list of recent hits by the two countries concerns the popularity of the Righteous Brothers and Walker Brothers. Both are while US groups who sing similar soul sounds, the former are from California and the latter from Texas. Despite their similarity, the Righteous Brothers are big in the US while the Walker Brothers have been the only US British "Help" album. Matt Monroe's "I Get You Babe," and "L.O.V." have been the only non-British items to hit the number one spot there.

One month delay

No barehand-rust charts can be made that lists in one country covers the popular British hits in the other. An examination of British hit charts for the past six months indicates that a big American hit has a new American group will do well in Britain and generally will do it six to eight months after it hits its American peak. This was true for "Like a Rolling Stone," "Get You Babe," "The Eve of Destruction," "I Love You So," "Shang a Shaggy," and "A Lover's Concoction," all of which made it to number two or two in America and two or three in Britain. On the other hand, the British seem to like the American groups quicker than we do. Both "Turn! Turn! Turn!" and "I Hear a Symphony" hit number one in America while failing to reach their top 10. However, the earlier tunes of the Byrds and Supremes did very well in Britain.

The Beatles and Rolling Stones are almost as big in Britain as in the U.S. "Help!" and the "Day Tripper"--"We Can Work It Out" combo were two of the four 1965 discs which sold over one million inside Inconsm...

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