

Do You Know?

Within the last 20 years, the United States has emerged as the largest producer of soybeans.

World consumption of *sugar*, excluding that in the Soviet Union, Eastern Europe and China, rose to 31,500,000 tons in 1955.

The 1956 pack of frozen cut *corn* reached an all-time high of 114,813,120 pounds.

Use of *aluminum* in automobiles increased in 1956 to an average of about 35 pounds per car.

Eradication of the *Medfly* in Palm Beach County, Florida, was accomplished primarily by means of airplane-applied poison-bait sprays.

PHYSIOLOGY

Human Body's Reactions Differ in Hunger, Pain

➤ THE BELIEF that the human body does not distinguish physiologically between hunger and pain has been disproved.

Dr. Bernard Engel, University of California at Los Angeles psychologist, has made a study of these "abnormal" physiological conditions.

Subjects who had fasted up to 24 hours showed a slight drop in blood pressure, a very slight rise in temperature, increased saliva flow, decreased respiration rate and an increased incidence of stomach contractions.

Subjects who had their feet suddenly plunged in a bucket of ice water showed a marked increase in blood pressure and an increased heart rate. The blood volume in their fingers also dropped, and a blocking of stomach contractions occurred. Anticipation of pain produced similar but not identical results.

"In general," said Dr. Engel, "the studies did not support earlier theories which had suggested that the body was unable physiologically to distinguish between hunger and pain."

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