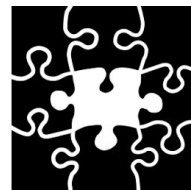


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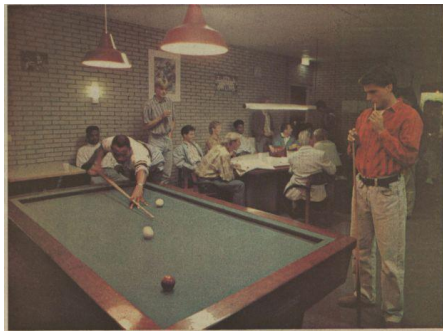
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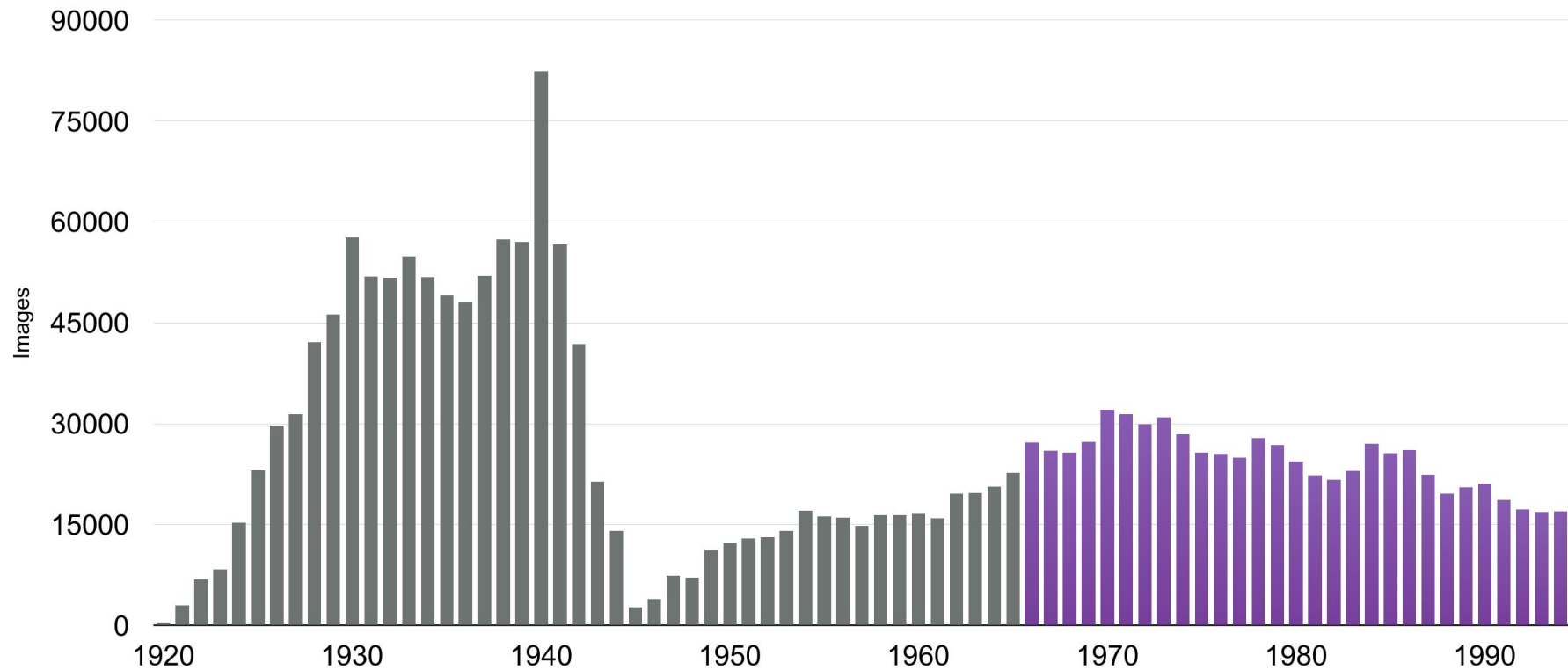


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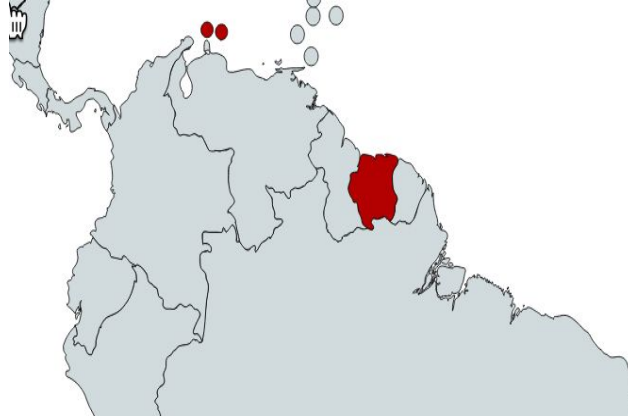
# A 20th Century Corpus



# Across the World



Netherlands

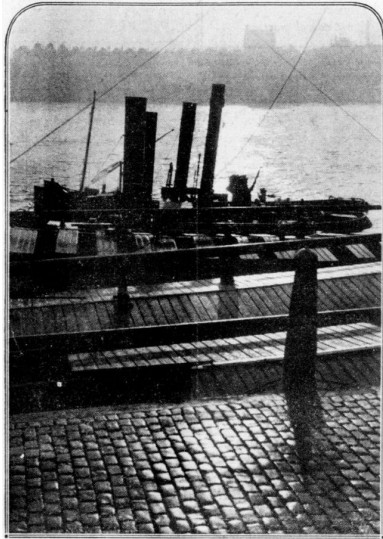


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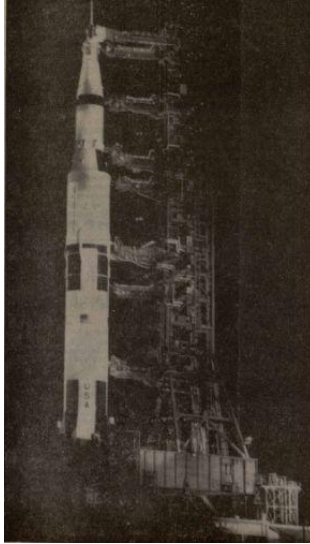


Indonesia

# The World Through (Dutch) Time



De Telegraaf, 30-11-1935



Nederlands Dagblad, 15-07-1969



Amigoe di Curacao, 13-11-1989

1920

1990

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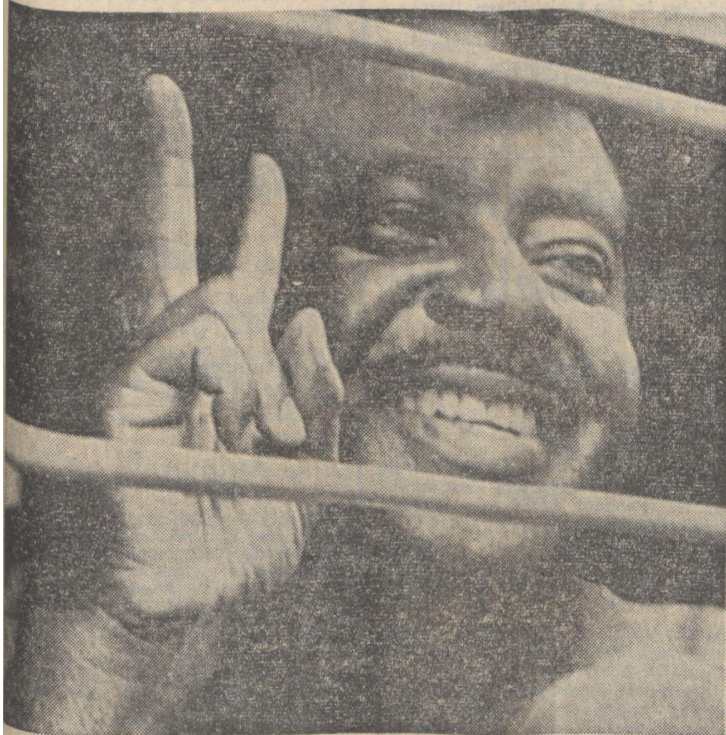


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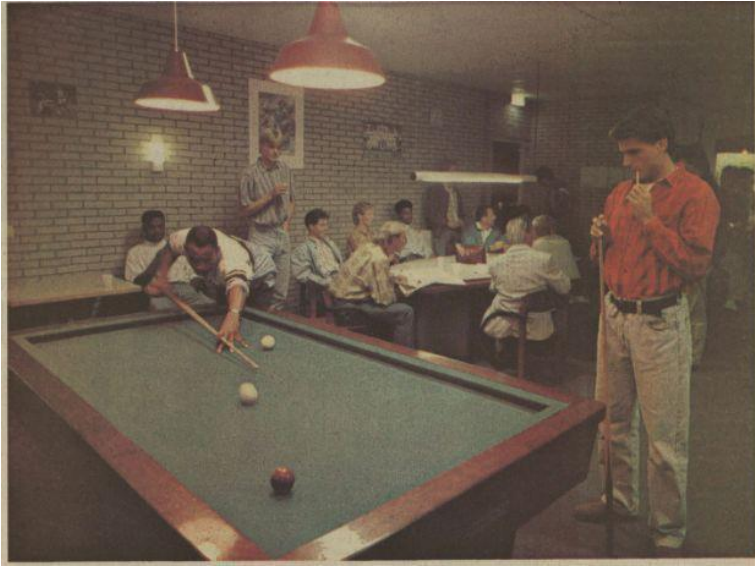
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20 DAGEN IN CEL WASHINGTON — Dominee Ralph Abernathy, die maandag werd angehouden toen hij een mars wilde organiseren van de „stad van de Wederopstanding naar het kapitol, is dinsdag wegens het organiseren van een mars zonder toestemming op het terrein van het kapitol tot 20 dagen hechtenis veroordeeld.

(Friese koerier: 26-06-1968)

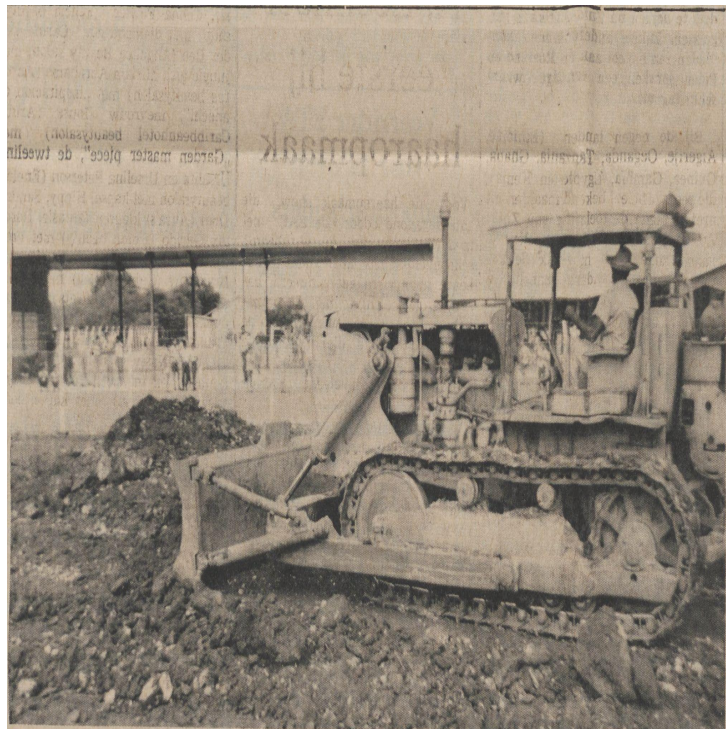
# People in Places



Biljarten in plaats van voetballen. Mart van Duren (rechts) kijkt naar een poking van Henri Meijer

(Nieuwsblad van het Noorden: 16-09-1991)

# Places



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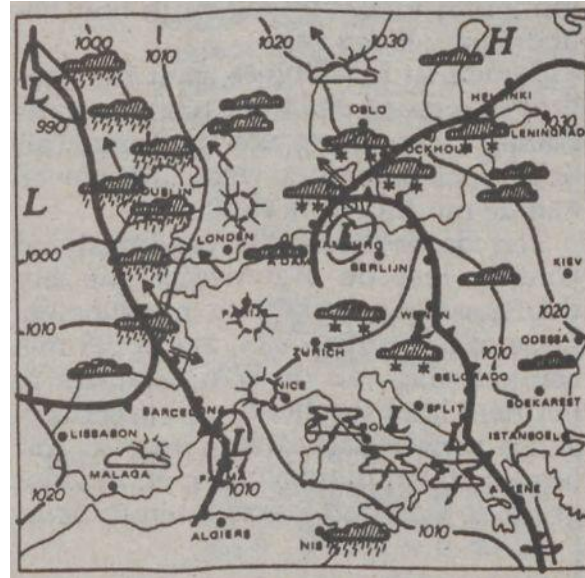
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# Weather Maps



(De Tijd, 02-12-1967)



(De Waarheid, 05-04-1984)

Opklaringen

Aan de periode met lage temperaturen komt geleidelijk een einde. Er waait geen koude noordelijke wind meer [...]

# Comic strips



# KBK-1M compared to other datasets

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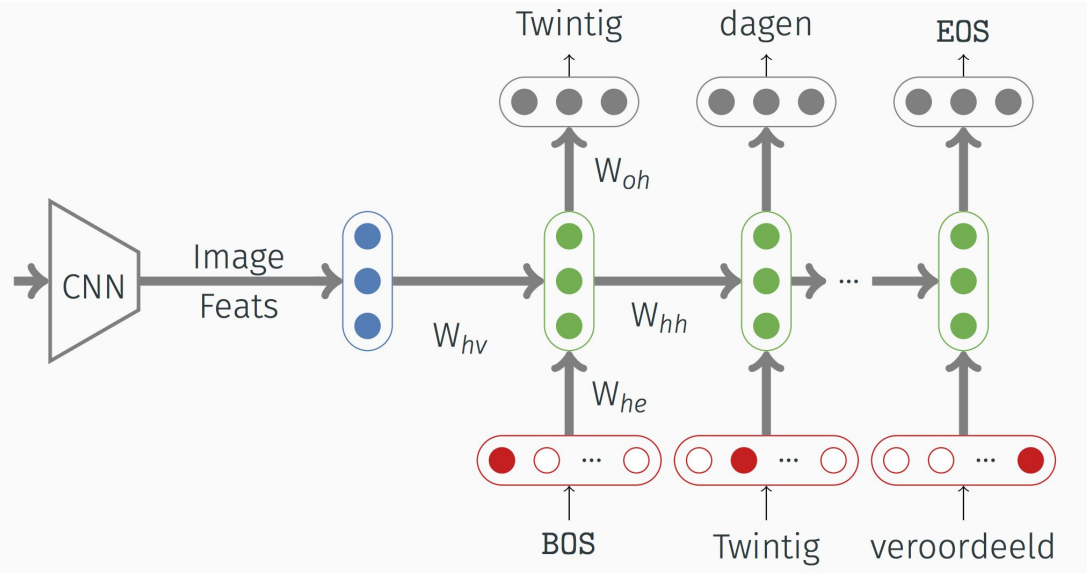
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| Multi30K (Elliott et al., 2016)  | 30,000    | Bilingual text   |
| MS COCO (Chen et al., 2015b)     | 164,062   | —                |

# KBK-1M for Language Generation



# KBK-1M for Multimodal Weather Report Generation

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|-------------|-----|------|-----|
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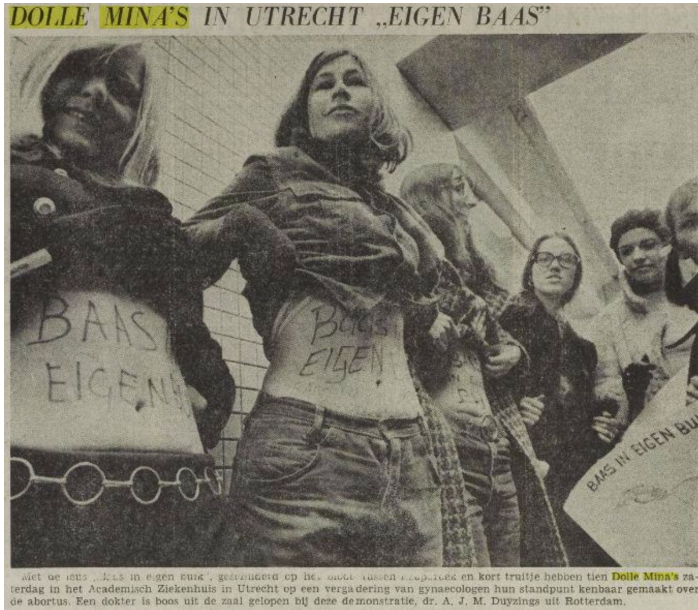
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# KBK-1M for Digital Humanities Research

- How can we automatically find reused images over time?



# Summary

- KBK-1M is 1.6 million images in Dutch newspapers
- Spanning three continents from 1922 - 1994
- Captioned images via Optical Character Recognition
- Available as year-by-year archives (517GB total)
- Get it at <http://lab.kbresearch.nl/>

# What happened in the 1920s?

- The emergence of “photo pages” in the central sheets of newspapers resulted in an explosion of photographic use in newspapers.

