

FRANCE - XMAS PARTY IN THE MILKY WAY.

A new directive by French Premier Mendes-France means that the country's school-children are compelled to drink milk. Previously, they put a glass of wine down the hatch with their lunch, but no more. And it's not only the kids who are affected. This, believe it or not, is a night club in Paris. The cows are guests of honour at a bottle party - milk bottles of course. Mendes-France, a great milk drinker himself, hopes to curb licensing hours and to raise the tax on drinks by about a fifth. This, they say, will either topple the Premier from power, or turn every cafe into a dairy. Meanwhile, with everyone hard at it meeting the new demands, it's a matter of self-service down on the farm.