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▲ **Tsar Peter the Great of Russia imposed a tax on beards as part of an effort to modernise Russian society along western European models**

1638: Louis XIV of France, the “Sun King” who built the Palace of Versailles, was born

1939: President Roosevelt declared U.S. neutrality as war began in Europe

1970: Jochen Rindt won the Formula One World Drivers’ Championship posthumously, having been killed in practice at the Italian Grand Prix

2022: Liz Truss became Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, but was forced to resign after only 49 days