Citizen Action on Saccharin

To The Denver Post:

HAVING JUST completed two extremely significant scientific studies, I hasten to tell the results to the American public.

The first was a three-year test during which 300 mice were made to consume the human equivalent of 100 pounds of sugar each day. Thirty-eight per cent of the mice died from stomach cancer, making it self-evident that sugar should be banned because it might possibly cause the same results in humans.

In the second test, I forced 300 mice to listen to all the Food and Drug Administration decisions banning products from consumption by the American people. Interestingly, all the mice died from cancer of the eardrum before they had heard even half the pronouncements.

Salisbury, N.C.

PAUL CARTER

To The Denver Post:

THE BAN on saccharin proposed by the FDA is totally uncalled for and a hazard to the health of diabetics, like myself, as well as overweight persons all over the nation.

If you drank thousands of cans of saccharin sweetened soft drinks a day you would have a 3 per cent chance of getting cancer from the saccharin. Think what sugar sweetened drinks would do—kill you? Undoubtedly.

Readers please do us all a favor and send a note to the following:

Rep. Patricia Schroeder
1507 Longworth Bldg.
Washington, D.C. 20515

Food and Drug Administration
5600 Fishers Lane
Rockville, Md. 20852

The note you send could read:
Please don't allow saccharin to be banned. I am (overweight, diabetic, etc.) and depend on diet sweeteners to control my calorie intake.
I don't know how long it might take the FDA to approve a replacement, and I can't use sugar.
(SIGNED WITH YOUR NAME.)

Millions of us are diabetic. Millions more are overweight. Let's not let the government take away something which makes our lives a little more bearable. Please write.

DENNIS HOLT

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To The Denver Post:

WE ARE thoroughly saturated with the dictatorial bureaucracy of the Federal Food and Drug Administration and the little do-gooders who worked so hard to pass the law restricting any carcinogenic agent from the consumers.

Why do smokers have free choice of whether or not they want to die of lung cancer when it has been proven smoking causes cancer? Could it be that the tobacco and sugar industries have a better and more lucrative lobbying system than the saccharin industry?

Have we forgotten what diabetes can do to millions of lives? Obesity is becoming more of a problem each year. This is known to cause coronary as well as many other diseases.

Since the law is stated to remove carcinogenic agents, how can cigarettes still be sold?

We are a civic-minded group of nurses who object to such partiality in the enforcement of this law.

We urge all readers to please write their legislators to halt this ban on saccharin.

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