

Discussion Continues In Utah Sheep Deaths

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Investigation, including blood tests on most of the persons involved, failed to substantiate charges that humans suffered from the discharge of a nerve gas, Sen. Frank E. Moss said today.

The Utah Democrat said he, personally, is persuaded that the gas used at the Dugway, Utah, Proving Ground, where the Army is testing nerve gas, was responsible for the deaths of about 6,400 sheep nearby. The Army, he added, has been less than candid in the whole affair.

According to a published report (Pearson-Anderson), two veterinarians who performed autopsies on the dead animals complained afterwards of "strange symptoms," and the Basque shepherd who tended the flock suffered from nausea, headaches, dizziness and diarrhea.

Conferred with Experts

Moss conferred with Dr. Richard A. Prindle, assistant surgeon general, and E.E. Saulmon, director of the Agriculture Department's Animal Health Division, about the matter. Specifically, he asked about the assertion that the veterinarians—Drs. Kent Van Kampen and Lynn James of Utah State University—apparently had suffered nerve gas symptoms.

The two men worked in the field from early till late on March 14, the day after the test, and were exhausted, Moss said, and "it appears they said they were drawn out, terribly tired."

Both have been asked to have blood tests made immediately, Prindle said.

Meanwhile, he said, blood tests were taken from the shepherd and owner, and of the 43 residents of Skull Valley, where the flock was grazing when the illness struck. In every case, the level of cholinesterase, the chemical contained in the gas, was found to be within the limits of safety, he said.

Circumstantial Evidence

Prindle and Saulmon conceded that circumstantial evidence appears to identify the nerve gas test as responsible for the death of the sheep, but declined to state this unequivocally.

What's Playing At the Movies

PROVO

Academy — To Sir With Love
Paramount — The Biggest Bundle of Them All
Uinta — Bonnie and Clyde
Pioneer — Grand Slam plus Maroc 7
Fox — Guess Who's Coming to Dinner?

OREM

Geneva — To Sir With Love
Scera — The Taming of the Shrew
Timp — Rough Night in Jericho plus Gambit

SPRINGVILLE

Art City—Waterhole No. 3
Villa— Up the Down Stair Case.

PAYSON

Huish — Fire Creek

PLEASANT GROVE

Grove — The Greatest Story Ever Told

AMERICAN FORK

Coral — Fathom