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It worked for cherry-lovers

Our feedback on foods can make a difference

By PATRICIA McCORMACK

NEW YORK (UPI) — Calling Consumers of lard, lovers of pizza and users of feminine deodorant sprays: Uncle Sam needs your help.

Consumer Register, which lists summaries of major consumer proposals before Federal agencies, invites comments on these three items. The statements, we are assured, will be considered in changing some regulations.

This response from the lowly customer is something Uncle Sam's standards and regulations writers seek with regularity and pay attention to, says the Office of Consumer Affairs.

After a lot of hearings, for example, Uncle Sam's Food and Drug Administration announced that effective Dec. 31, standards go into effect for frozen cherry pie.

This is a first. It will require a minimum amount of cherries in a pie. Not less than 25 per cent of the weight.

The effect of this regulation: if there is less than the minimum, manufacturers will not be allowed to call their pies frozen cherry pies.

Here are the details on standards now under consideration:

—Pizza. Aug. 31 is the deadline for comments on a proposal to change standards for cheese and meat content of pizzas produced in food processing plants. Proposal would require that pizza contain at least 12 per cent cheese, permit raw as

well as cooked meat in pizza with meat, and continue the requirement that pizzas with meat contain at least 15 per cent meat. By permitting raw as well as cooked meat, Agriculture says consumers should have a wider selection of pizza products. Send comments to Hearing Clerk, Agriculture Department, Washington D.C.

—Lard. Aug. 17 is the deadline for (Continued on Page 4)

Chief investigators may hear tapes alone

By WES PIPPERT

WASHINGTON (UPI) — Moving to avoid a constitutional confrontation, Sens. Sam Ervin Jr. and Howard Baker Jr. proposed Sunday that they and Special Prosecutor Archibald Cox make a private inspection of President Nixon's Watergate tapes.

The proposal might permit an out-of-court settlement in the Senate Watergate committee's legal actions to force Nixon to produce the secret tapes of his conversations. A suit, probably to be filed in U.S. District Court today, almost certainly would be decided by the Supreme Court.

"I think it would be fine," Ervin (D-N.C.), the committee chairman, and Baker, (R-Tenn.), the vice chairman, said in identical comments on the proposal first made in the Baltimore Sun on Saturday.

Senate Republican Leader Hugh Scott of Pennsylvania also urged Sunday that there be some outside access to the tapes, although he said it ought to be done through Cox and the grand jury, not the Senate committee. Cox also has subpoenaed the White House tapes and a federal judge has set a show cause hearing for Aug. 7.

"By settling it out of court is meant that some means might be found by which the President's replies, the President's information, can be made available to the American people. We're uncomfortable, of course, until it is," Scott said.

"If any disclosure of the tapes is to be made, it ought to be made in that forum (Cox and the grand jury) rather than to the Ervin committee."

All the senators were interviewed on television — Baker and Ervin together on CBS' Face the Nation program and Scott on ABC's Issues and Answers.

Baker and Scott also signaled the White House to indicate which additional witnesses should testify in the Senate hearings before Nixon makes his promised statement on Watergate.

"If the President's testimony on making a substantial or important statement interdependent with our finishing a given number of witnesses or a particular witness, I would finish those witnesses if we had to stay here all of August," Baker said.

"I expect him to respond as soon as the major witnesses have been heard by the Ervin committee," Scott said.

The hearings begin their 10th week today, with John Ehrlichman, formerly one of Nixon's top two aides, expected to finish his testimony after five days in the witness chair.

Baker also said the committee will "certify" any apparent perjury by its witnesses to the Justice Department for prosecution.

Skylab crew is queasy up there

By AL ROSSITER Jr.

HOUSTON (UPI) — The Skylab 2 astronauts interrupted work in the space station Sunday to settle persistent motion sickness symptoms they feared might delay the first spacewalk planned for the 59-day research mission.

Alan Bean, Owen Garriott and Jack Lousma took antinausea pills and a NASA physician reported they were showing signs of improvement late in the day.

"I think we're really going to wait until tomorrow morning and see just how the crew is doing," Dr. Royce Hawkins said in the late Sunday briefing. "If they have in fact made the adaptation, I would say that we could go ahead and stay right on schedule. If they are not, we're certainly going to have to give them more time and this would mean some changes."

(The crew left earth Saturday morning, beginning the planned record-length mission with a flawless liftoff from Cape Kennedy. They successfully docked with the giant orbiting laboratory after eight hours of flight.)

(They carried with them a menagerie of spiders, mice, minnows and gnats for experiments designed to investigate how living creatures fare in outer space.)

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