

Canada Doesn't Want Bomb

WASHINGTON (AP)—Canada has asked for no further atomic energy from the United States, and we're exchanging certain classified information on atomic research developments with them.

Prime Minister C. D. Howe said that Canada's minister of commerce and the cabinet member responsible for all energy research, is acting during the vacation of Prime Minister St. Laurent.

Howe said, "maybe as the American one, good bomb, nevertheless, that is not interested in producing atomic bombs, but instead in making atomic energy for peaceful purposes."

Howe said, "There are some classified information we don't get, but we are not interested in making atomic energy for peaceful purposes."

Tough Roosters Turn Tender When Fed a Hormone Diet

By Robert E. Geiger
WASHINGTON (AP)—Scientists can cut a chicken's personality to many different patterns by feeding it chemical substances and hormones, which are extracted from glands.

The big question now is this: Will these substances have the same effect on the people who eat the chickens as they did on the chickens?

Tough old roosters become tender-hearted and tender meated. They quit fighting. They lose their interest in hens. The barnyard is peaceful.

"That's why we are very careful in approving these new substances for use in chickens intended for eating," says one official of the Food and Drug Administration.

"We can't be sure yet what effect some of these drugs might have on people."

"There may be some tough-minded human beings whose personality couldn't be changed by a ton of this stuff. But we have to protect the women and young people who might be more sensitive."

Hormones control such things as sex characteristics, body growth and ability to put on fat. Chemical substances manufactured in the laboratory, called synthetic estrogens, imitate the results of some hormones.

Hormones and synthetic estrogens, fed in extra quantities, do such things as make chickens put on feathers faster, make birds fat by slowing down the life processes and make hens lay more eggs. Besides, there are those roosters that quit crowing and fighting and lose their sexual activity.

Now that synthetics can be manufactured, scientists are finding a lot of new uses for them. They may help revolutionize the poultry business because the eating qualities of birds can be improved substantially and birds can be made to put on weight faster.

The government has approved the use of synthetic estrogens contained in a pellet inserted in the chicken's neck. The chicken absorbs the content of the pellet. Then, when his head is chopped off, the pellet goes along with it. This protects people from eating any large dose that might remain in the pellet.

But it is unlawful to use some hormones and synthetics in chicken feed.

People who have eaten hormone-treated chickens say it is delicious meat.

Louis Franke of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College says he took some from a college experimental flock.

"You had to be careful frying those birds," he says. "They were so tender that by the time one side was browned, the whole chicken almost fell apart."

Frankie didn't know, at the time, they were hormone-treated broilers. He thought they must be a new breed because they were so unusually delicious.

One combination of hormones tried at the Texas college put weight on chickens almost twice as fast as other chickens gained. When they were dressed they had about four per cent more meat in ratio to bone and other inedible parts than other chickens.

At a recent meeting of veterinarians one scientist told of a tough old rooster that lived only to fight, boss the hens and create a barnyard disturbance.

A few shots of female sex hormones made him quit crowing and strutting. And the scientist said solemnly this old rooster squatted like a setting hen trying to find a nest of eggs to hatch. He even clucked like a hen that has laid an egg.

The government food expert, discussing this case, said one serving of this old bird's meat wouldn't turn a cavalry officer's voice to soprano. But when it comes to the public and humanity in the mass, he added, the government can't be too careful.

ROSE BUSH MOVES IN
BAY CITY, Mich. (AP)—A rose bush in Mrs. Sophie Doner's front yard blooms in her living room. The bush worked its way between a window and the frame. The eight-foot shoot inside remains green all winter and blooms early in the spring before the bush outside has more than buds.

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