



'HOT' DOG—Dorf, a three-month-old dachshund, swallowed a piece of uranium ore and now suffers from "fallout". His hair is coming out. His owner, Larry Williams, blames the ore but scientists are skeptical. (UPI Telephoto)

Uranium Ore Eaten by Pup Said To Be Causing 'Fallout', Appetite Loss

Henryetta, Okla. (UPI)—The owner of a dachshund who suffers from "fallout" insisted today his pup was "radioactive," but an official of the Atomic Energy Commission was skeptical.

"He makes my geiger counter go like mad," said Larry Williams, 54, a Henryetta funeral home operator. "Why, I'm afraid to go look at him without dark glasses."

Hair Falling Out

The trouble with Dorf, a three-month-old dachshund, is that his hair is falling out and he's lost his appetite.

Williams, an amateur rock collector, said it was because Dorf ate some refined uranium concentrate ore that Williams brought back from Mexico last week. He said the dog ate "probably about a spoonful" of the potent powder.

That was five days ago. A

New Strains of Live Polio Virus Claimed Successful

New York (Science Service)—New strains of live polio viruses that appear more beneficial than those used in the live polio vaccine fed to millions of Russians during 1959 have been described here.

Dr. Albert Sabin of the University of Cincinnati, developer of the live virus polio vaccine recently tested on a mass scale in Iron Curtain countries, reported his success to date with new strains of live virus to colleagues attending the Gustav Sern symposium on viruses here.

These oral vaccines will be tested and ready to submit to the U. S. PHS for licensing by the end of this year, Dr. Sabin predicted.

couple of days later, the dog's hair started falling out. "He's not bald by any means," Williams said, "but he's losing his hair."

But in Washington, Dr. Charles L. Dunham, director of the Atomic Energy Commission's division of biology and medicine, said he doubted that uranium ore could provide enough radio activity to have that effect.

Normal Shedding?

Dunham suggested the dog might be shedding normally, or be suffering from some disease, and that might erroneously have been connected with the swallowing of the uranium ore.

Williams is having Dorf treated by an Okmulgee, Okla. veterinarian, and said "some medical doctors" also had examined him.

He said the veterinarian had given some hope for Dorf's recovery.

Some 5½ million American homes now have some form of air-conditioning — an increase of three quarters of a million during the past year. To sell this growing market, manufacturers invested nearly \$2 million in newspaper advertising in 1958.

U.S. diplomats in South America have advised the State Department and the White House that the President should be prepared for enormous crowds, some every bit as large as the huge turnout for Eisenhower in India last December.

Back Stairs: Story of Mamie's Decision

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UPI White House Reporter

Washington—UPI—Back stairs at the White House: Those close to the President say there is nothing whatever to rumors in diplomatic circles about why Mrs. Eisenhower decided not to accompany her husband to South America this month.

In Rio de Janeiro, a city of about 3,500,000, officials are expecting a welcome crowd in the streets of the beautiful Brazilian metropolis of more

than one million persons on the afternoon of Eisenhower's arrival there.

And officials in another Brazilian city, Sao Paulo, vow that their welcome for Eisenhower will be every bit as large as the show in Rio.

Number of Farm Tractors Increases

Washington — (Science Service) — The number of farm tractors in the world has increased by about 70 per cent in the past decade. During the same period, the farm horse population has dropped by seven per cent.

The number of tractors in 1957, excluding Russia and Red China, had gone up to 8,728,000 against 5,149,000 in 1949, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations reported here.

Ninety-three per cent of the world's farm tractors are concentrated in North America, Europe and Oceania. The remaining seven per cent are spread over various countries in Latin America, the Far East, and Near East and Africa, regions that account for 65 per cent of the world's arable land.

Four reasons cited by the FAO for the expansion in farm mechanization were more favorable prices for farm products, the rising cost of agricultural manpower, a greater variety of machines more suitable to local conditions, and increasing machine-consciousness coupled with wide-spread government encouragement.

As of mid-1959, the nation's coal stockpiles contained about 70 million tons — enough to satisfy normal requirements for about 62 days.

Reports are coming in, too, from Japan where the President will visit in June. American embassy officials in Tokyo are forecasting that Eisenhower's public reception there will be the largest thing the President has ever seen.

The President is reported privately to be somewhat burned up by two recent instances of where he thought his picture was being taken solely for private purposes. The photographs in question were offered for publication within hours after they were taken.

The incidents involved took place while he was hunting in Albany, Ga., and more recently on the golf course at La Quinta, Calif., where hotel officials urged the President to stop for a look at one of their trout ponds.

Someone handed him a rod baited with cheese and he fished embarrassedly for a few minutes. His picture was made at the time, he thought, for someone's private album and yet within an hour or two, the picture was in commercial circulation.

So, beware the next "amateur" photographer who tries to shoot an exclusive picture under circumstances where the regular White House news photographers are within ready call, but are staying away as part of their bargain with the President to respect his privacy.

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