

STATEMENT CONCERNING PAUL L. DAY

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The writer is a citizen of the United States by birth and is Head of the Department of Food Science and Technology at Cornell University. The following is a short biographical sketch indicating education, positions held, and public service of the writer:

B.A. Panama College, 1926; Ph.D. Cornell University, 1930. Major fields of interest: nutritional value and technology of foods; development of instrumentation in the measurement of quality in foods; food additives. Formerly Technical Director, Sheffield Farms Co., Inc.; Director, Sealtest, Inc.; Food Processing Specialist, U. S. Aid Program, Formosa; Senior Food Conservation Officer, United Nations Children's Fund; Member of Nutrition Survey Teams, Interdepartmental Committee on Nutrition for National Defense, Iran, Pakistan, and Lebanon. Presently Consultant of the Interdepartmental Committee on Nutrition for National Defense; Member of the Food and Nutrition Board, National Research Council and Member of its Food Protection Committee; Member of the Council on Foods and Nutrition, American Medical Association; and Member of the Council of the Gordon Research Conferences.

The writer has been well acquainted with Dr. Day both professionally and socially since 1953 through knowledge of his scientific work and meetings with him on the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council, the Council on Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association, and meetings of the Gordon Research Conferences.

Dr. Day is a man of the highest character, of outstanding scientific and administrative ability, and with a pleasing and friendly personality. The writer has personally observed his ability to work cooperatively on boards and committees with people of divergent opinions.

Dr. Day's reputation among scientists and educators places him in the top group of American scientists. He has published approximately one hundred original articles describing the results of his scientific work in the fields of biochemistry and nutrition. He was Head of the Department of Biochemistry in the School of Medicine at the University of Arkansas for more than 30 years. In recognition of his administrative ability, he was given the additional duties of Assistant Dean of the Graduate School in the University of Arkansas Medical Center during the last two years of his tenure in Arkansas. He has received important special honors from the American Chemical Society and the American Institute of Nutrition.

Among the students and young coworkers in his laboratory have been people who have later achieved a national reputation including such outstanding men as Dr. William J. Darby, Director of the Institute of Biochemistry and Nutrition at Vanderbilt University, and Dr. John R. Totter, Dean of the School of Natural Sciences, University of Georgia.

Dr. Day has distinguished himself in public service on the national scene on numerous boards and committees. He was Chairman of the Gordon Research Conference on Vitamins and Metabolism in 1955, a member of the Food and Nutrition Board of the National Research Council since 1953, a member of the Governing Board of the Institute of Laboratory Animal Resources from 1955 to 1958. He has been the representative of the Food and Drug Administration on the Council on Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association since 1958.

In the writer's personal contacts with Dr. Day, he has found him to be a man of sound judgment and sincere interest in contributing to improved nutrition and to the safety of foods in the United States. He has carefully and conscientiously interpreted the policies of the Food and Drug Administration to the Council on Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association in a manner that has added to the high respect that the members of the Council have for the Food and Drug Administration.

Examples of the outstanding research findings of Dr. Day's laboratories are the experimental demonstration of the role of folic acid as a precursor to the factor for pernicious anemia and demonstration of symptoms in the rat from riboflavin deficiency.

The most recent public service Dr. Day has accomplished has been an important contribution to the report of the Council on Foods and Nutrition of the American Medical Association on the regulation of dietary fat. The writer served as Chairman of this Committee and the study was extended for approximately two years. In spite of the controversial nature of the problem, Dr. Day maintained a calm and judicious attitude and made an important contribution to the body and conclusions of the report.

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