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The BA Debate

"FOOD ADDITIVES — FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MANUFACTURER OR THE CONSUMER?"

The past 12 months have seen an unprecedented growth of public interest in food additives, now commonly referred to as E numbers. Books have abounded, television programmes propounded and special interest groups have been set up.

Much of the relevant information is complex and the issues are controversial. What is the certainty of toxicological testing, not just into short term but long term effects? Do the tests take into account the so-called cocktail effect, the ingestion of a huge variety of additives? Are chemical additives safer than untested natural ingredients? Is the consumer getting value for money or are additives being used for value-adding to cheap raw ingredients? What are the nutritional hazards to the population — child hyperactivity and other allergies, for example?

Taken out of context, the facts can be misleading and discussion of the problems is frequently based on emotion rather than on scientific investigation. The British Association for the Advancement of Science, therefore, has selected Chemical Additives in Food as the subject of its second Debate, to be held during the Annual Meeting at the University of Bristol.

Chaired by Sir Andrew Huxley, a past president of the BA, the motion will be debated by four speakers, all well known for their forthright views. It is hoped that a closely argued and informed discussion will ensue. The session is open to all and advance booking and/or tickets are not required.

Wednesday 3 September 1986: 14.00-16.30 hrs:
Rm 1.11, Department of Physics, University of Bristol

Chairman: Sir Andrew Huxley OM FRS,
Master of Trinity College, Cambridge

Speakers: Dr P P King, General Secretary,
Society of Chemical Industry
Dr Erik Millstone, Science Policy Research
Unit, University of Sussex

Mr Philip Strachan, Unilever Research
Laboratory, Colworth House

Ms Caroline Walker, co-author of
'The Food Scandal': Council member,
Coronary Prevention Group



"Root of hemlock digg'd i' the dark,
Liver of blaspheming Jew: gall of goat,
§202

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