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### UTAH VETERINARIAN TO SPEAK AT UM ABOUT SHEEP DEATHS

MISSOULA---

A veterinarian concerned with the controversial Skull Valley, Utah, sheep deaths in mid-March will speak at the University of Montana Monday (May 20).

Dr. D. A. Osguthorpe, special consultant to the governor of Utah on the deaths of 6,000 sheep in the desolate Skull Valley, will speak on "Utah Sheep Deaths and Dugway Nerve Gas Tests."

His speech will be at noon May 20 in Room 207 of the Health-Science Building on the Missoula campus.

Dr. Osguthorpe, veterinary medicine consultant at Utah State University and a sheep rancher himself, was called upon by Utah Gov. Calvin L. Rampton to view the scene of the dying and dead sheep on March 14. Arriving at the area with other veterinarians and assuming that nerve agents were responsible, Dr. Osguthorpe administered a counteracting drug, but was unable to stop the sheep from dying.

Nerve gas tests, being conducted March 13 by the Army at the Dugway Proving Ground about 20 miles south of the grazing sheep, have been attributed by some sources to be the cause of the deaths. According to reports, more than 400 gallons of an unidentified toxic chemical being tested for chemical warfare were sprayed from an airplane, burned in disposal pits and fired in 55-millimeter shells.

The Army originally denied any responsibility for the deaths, but later retracted its statement.

Army investigators reported that no traces of dye, marking the test chemical were found beyond two miles from the testing site, and that no wild animals were apparently affected. Dr. Osguthorpe collected 15 dead rabbits, rodents and birds that suggested otherwise.

The public is invited without charge to hear Dr. Osguthorpe speak. His visit to UM is being sponsored by the UM Zoology Department.