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STATEMENTS BY DR. ALBERT SCHATZ

Comments concerning fluoridation by Dr. Albert Schatz, a professor at Temple University, have been appearing in various newspapers. The Health Sciences Center of Temple University, on December 8, 1972, issued a statement affirming its support of fluoridation and indicating that "The charges made by Dr. Schatz, including the studies which he cites, have been examined and found to be of insufficient substance to alter the position of the recognized scientific and professional communities which endorse this proven public health measure."

The allegations by Dr. Schatz of carcinogenic effects of fluoride, including referenced reports from Birmingham, England, and Japan, have been reviewed also by the Division of Cancer Cause and Prevention of the National Cancer Institute, NIH, DHEW, (see PPB 43) which has concluded:

Fluorine or fluoride salts are not carcinogenic.
Water fluoridation applied for the purpose of
dental caries prophylaxis poses no hazard relevant
to cancer causation.

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