FOOD-CANCER

The FDA is violating federal law by allowing residues of a cancer-inducing hormone to reach consumers, Sen. Proxmire charged. Proxmire urged an immediate ban on the artificial hormone Des, known to cause cancer in laboratory animals, and to incite beginning cancers in man, in the fattening of cattle. Based on USDA sample checks, the Senator said it is safe to estimate between 100,000 and 150,000 head of cattle containing residues of the hormone were slaughtered last year. (AP)

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MARIJUANA

It's not easy for anxious parents to listen with an open mind to arguments for legalization of marijuana. They're apt to feel that only a wicked or foolish person would want to see pot more readily available to young people than it already is. Dr. Lester Grinspoon is neither wicked nor foolish. After long and careful study of all sides of the question, Grinspoon is convinced that present anti-marijuana laws are doing far more harm than good. He believes that "If we are to avoid having this harm reach the proportions of a real national disaster." This conclusion, and an impressive array of arguments to support it, are presented in his new book, "Marijuana Reconsidered." Grinspoon acknowledges that use of marijuana may under some circumstances be harmful to some people, particularly adolescent children. But a detailed review of medical evidence leads him to this verdict: "The harm resulting from the use of marijuana is of a far lower order of magnitude than the harm caused by abuse of narcotics, alcohol, and other drugs. There are equally reputable and conscientious medical scientists and law enforcement officials who vehemently disagree with Grinspoon's conclusions. This agonized issue is one on which every citizen has a responsibility to make up his own mind. Grinspoon's book is a cogent presentation of one of the possible viewpoints. (Cassels, UPI)

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*- Dr Grinspoon
Drug - this clown
is far on the left

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