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to the editor

Hearing aids

In the proposal suggested by Colston Warne, president of Consumers Union, that legislation should be enacted to force the VA to make a public disclosure of its hearing aid evaluation data (SN: 10/12/68, p. 360), it should be understood that data available in this area would not be in the best interest of the consumer since the criteria of good engineering design alone do not affect the suitability of a particular aid for a particular person's hearing loss.

A rating list of hearing aids would presuppose that the hearing loss is of secondary importance and noncontributory in the selection of a certain hearing aid. The consumer must be enlightened to the fact that there is no one hearing aid regardless of model, size, cost or VA rating that will be the preferred choice in all types of hearing losses. The selection of a hearing aid should not be

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Rabies

I doubt that 30,000 people a year in Mexico develop rabies, as stated by Emil Zubryn in *SCIENCE NEWS* Vol. 94, 28 December 1968. My doubts were increased by the final paragraph in which he stated that a very high percentage of cases was fatal. It is well established that no human has survived rabies.

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Anomalous water

In connection with the interesting article on the existence of a modified form of water (SN: 12/21/68, p. 615), I would call your attention to a semi-technical exposition by B. V. Deryagin and N. V. Chirrayev "Do We Know Water" which appeared in *PRIRODA* No. 4 (1968) pp. 16-22. An English translation "Phenomena of Anomalous Water Described" was prepared by the Joint Publications Research Service (No. 45989, 25 July 1968) and is available from NASA as N68-31510.

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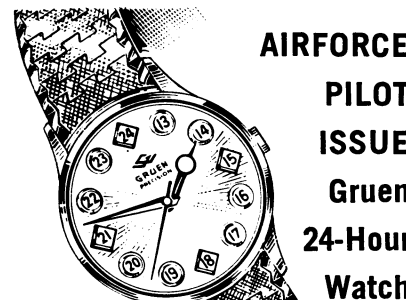
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