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INTRODUCTION

In general, three types of compounds are used for the purpose of liberating carbon dioxide from baking soda for lightening or "leavening" baked products. These compounds include: acids (e.g.tartaric acid), acid salts (e.g.calcium acid phosphate and potassium acid tartrate) and non-acid salts which act as very weak acids (e.g.sodium aluminum sulphate). Typical reactions of these compounds with baking soda are:

$$H_2C_2H_4O_6 + 2NaHCO_3 - Na_2C_4H_4O_6 + 2CO_2 + 2H_2O_6$$

Tartaric

Acid

$$\mathtt{KHC_4H_4O_6+NaHCO_3} \xrightarrow{\quad \quad } \mathtt{KNaC_4H_4O_6} + \mathtt{CO_2+H_2O}$$

Potassium Acid

Tartrate

"Cream of

Tartar"

$$3CaH_4(PO_4)_2+8NaHCO_3-ACa_3(PO_4)_2+4Na_2HPO_4+8CO_2$$

Calcium Acid

Phosphate

Sodium Aluminum

Sulphate

"Alum"

Besides the acid salts of orthophosphoric acid, those of pyrophosphoric acid have been used extensively in commercial baking.

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The latter were at one time brought under the careful scrutiny of the Food and Drug Administration because of the supposed harmful effects of pyrophosphates when injected into small experimental animals (1). However, the lack of evidence of harmful effects from their use by the consuming public over a period of twenty years and negative evidence of harmfulness in a laboratory study (2) have resulted in the general acceptance of pyrophosphates as baking compounds. Moreover, it has been shown (3) that pyrophosphates are utilized practically as well as orthophosphates for meeting the phosphorus requirements of rats. It is therefore evident that certain compounds may not only serve a useful purpose in baking, but may also contribute to the nutritional supply of some essential mineral element. Evidence of the nutritive value of mono-calcium phosphate extensively used in self-rising flours, particularly in southern states was further indicated in a comparative study of the nutritional value of various types of bread and biscuits (4).

The use of alum baking powders and aluminum kitchen ware has also been subject to criticism and attack at various times. Much of this effort to discourage the use of aluminum products has been of commercial origin and must therefore be discredited. The fact is that not very much is known about the biological role of aluminum and about the limits of tolerance for this element.

It has been shown that aluminum could be detected in the blood of dogs fed an aluminum free diet supplemented with an alum baking powder (5). There was however no evidence of a cumulative effect in the blood. A study of the aluminum balance of pre-school children led to the conclusion that aluminum is not essential at this stage of life (6). On the other hand, it may be significant that aluminum is present in

many tissues of the body such as brain, heart, liver, kidney and spleen (7). Evidently the requirement is very slight because it has been shown that one microgram per day of aluminum will satisfy the need of the rat (8). More specifically, it has been demonstrated that the addition of a minute amount of aluminum will accelerate the oxygen uptake in a succinic dehydrogenase-cytrochrome system (9). That fairly large amounts of aluminum are well tolerated by rats is shown by the fact that rats fed diets containing one per cent of sodium aluminate or of one per cent aluminum acetate remained in good health throughout the period of the experiment (10).

It was the purpose of this study to determine the wholesomeness of a new baking compound developed by the Victor Chemical Company of Chicago, Illinois. The compound was a complex sodium aluminum acid phosphate to which the formula $NaAl_3H_{14}(PO_4)_8.3H_2O$ was assigned. This compound will be referred to as "Al.P." throughout the paper.

EXPERIMENTAL PART !!

In order to determine the wholesomeness of the baking compound, it was planned to use a generation type of feeding test involving reproduction and rearing of two litters by each female. Accordingly, several groups of young rats were assembled in such a way as to provide the greatest possible similarity as to sex, weight and litter origin. The animals, which were weighed weekly, were segregated as to sex until they had attained sexual maturity at which time they were assembled into comparable breeding groups composed of three females and one male. At least two litters were obtained from each female. When pregnancy was apparent, each female was segregated and allowed to remain with the young for twenty-one days. In order to achieve greater uniformity in the growth of the young, all large litters were reduced to seven. Smaller litters were raised but the results were not included in the general averages except in the case of litters of six animals. The young were weighed at twenty-one days and again at twenty-five days being continued on the ration used in raising the parents.

A comparison was made between groups receiving the stock ration used in this laboratory and the same ration supplemented with one per cent of the baking compound.

The stock ration had the following composition:

Yellow Corn Meal	35%
Ground Whole Wheat	25%
Powdered Whole Milk	20%
Linseed Oil Meal	10%
Alfalfa Loaf Meal	6%
Brewer's Yeast	3%
Table Salt	1%

The results of this experiment are summarized in tables I and II.

More extensive data are given at the end of the thesis. (PP 15,16,17,18)

Table I

Ration	Sex	Number of Animals	Initial Weight (Grams)	Average Weight at 5 Weeks	Average Weight at 10 Weeks	ll Animals Final Weight
Stock Stock + 1% "Al.P." Stock + 1% "Al.P."	Q 0 Q 0	12 4 12 4	67.5 85.7 66.3 83.7	165.4 196.3 161.8 210.3	211.9 283.0 212.1 290.8	298.5 476.5 298.0 478.5

Table II

Litter Wts.:

		Average Weight	Average Weight
Ration	Number of Animals	at 21 days (Grams)	at 25 days (Grams)
Stock	62	37.6	46.9
Stock + 1% "Al.P."	6 2	38.1	46.9

Discussion:

It is apparent from the data in tables I and II that there were no significant differences in the growth of the original animals nor in their offspring. The animals in both groups appeared to be identical in every respect. It may therefore be concluded that the addition of one per cent of the new baking compound to the stock ration was without noticeable effect on growth, reproduction and rearing of the young.

EXPERIMENTAL PART IIII

Inasmuch as the baking compound under investigation would normally be ingested in a prepared food, the second part of the study involved the use of biscuits prepared with the baking compound. The following recipe was used to prepare the biscuits:

Flour	400	gm.
NaHCO3 (C.P.)	5	gm.
"Al. P."	5	gm.
Table salt	8	gm.
Crisco	8	tablespoonsful
Milk	11	fl. oz.

The biscuits were baked in an electric over at 450° for 30-35 minutes. They were then air-dried, ground and incorporated in a diet which consisted of the following:

Ground dry biscuit	55%
Whole milk powder	25%
Alfalfa loaf meal	10%
Casein (edible commercial)	5%
Brewer's yeast	4%
Table salt	1%

The diet was compared with the stock ration using two groups of rats selected and managed as previously described. The results are summarized in tables III and IV with more extensive data given at the end of the thesis. (PP 19, 20, 21, 22)

Table III

Ration	Sex	Number of Animals	Initial Weight (Grams)	Weight at 5 Weeks (Grams)	Weight at 10 Weeks (Grams)	Final Weight
Stock	Q	6	64.2	152.8	195.2	229.0
Stock	O ^{ZP}	'2	75.5	244.4	327.0	431.5
Biscuit	Q	6	68.7	164.8	193.7	236.8
Biscuit	O	.2	77.5	245.0	327.0	452.5

Table IV

Number of Animals		Average Weight at 21 days (Grams)	Average Weight at 25 days (Grams)
Stock	36	35.3	46.7
Biscuit	39	36.2	48.0

Discussion:

The results in tables III and IV indicate that a diet containing fifty-five per cent of dried biscuits baked with the "Al.P." sustained as good growth and permitted as good reproduction and rearing of young as did the stock ration. This is further evidence of the wholesomeness of the new baking compound.

EXPERIMENTAL PART HILL

To determine the availability of the phosphorus in the "Al.P.", varying quantities of the baking compound were added to a rachitogenic diet, both in the form of the acid salt and after neutralization with sodium bicarbonate. This procedure was used because of the findings of Zucker et al. (11) and Lynch (3) who showed that when enough available phosphorus was added to a rachitogenic diet, normal growth and bone development resulted. This use of a rachitogenic diet in the production of experimental rickets is based on the fact that when the phosphorus of the diet is limited in amount and restricted to cereal sources in which much of the phosphorus is in the form of phytin, the inclusion in the diet of a large amount, three per cent, of calcium carbonate will so decrease the utilization of the phosphorus that the calcification of the skeleton is practically inhibited. The development of rickets is therefore due to a very low concentration of inorganic phosphorus in the blood (13). This is attributed according to Steenboch, to the precipitation of the phytin by calcium before hydrolysis of the former can occur: thus the phosphorus is unavailable for absorption (14). The addition of available phosphorus to the diet tends to elevate the inorganic phosphorus content of the blood and thus restores the calcifying process.

Young animals weighing between forty and fifty grams were fed the rachitogenic diet containing various levels of the free baking compound and the neutralized baking compound. The neutralized form of the baking compound was prepared by mixing the "Al.P." with sodium bicarbonate in the ratio used in baking (1:1) adding water and then evaporating to dryness on a steam bath. The rachitogenic diet used had the following composition:

Yellow	corn meal	63%
Gluten		20%
Ground	whole wheat	10%
Yeast		3%
CaCO ₃		3%
Table s	salt	1%

In view of the fact that 1 gram of "Al.P." was equivalent to 1.34 grams of the neutralized "Al.P.", the baking compound was added to the rachitogenic diet in the quantities of 1, 2, 3 and 4 per cent by weight; the neutralized compound was added in quantities of 1.34, 2.68 and 4.02% by weight. The animals were weighed once a week and sacrificed at the end of the fourth week at which time blood samples were taken and one femur dissected from each animal. The blood was analyzed for inorganic phosphorus using the Youngburg method and the Fischer photoelectric colorimeter using the 425 mu filter. The method was modified to the extent of using a blank and allowing the blank, standard and unknown to stand for five minutes instead of one minute. The per cent transmission was converted to optical density using the table on page 472 in "Practical Physiological Chemistry" by Hawk, Oser and Summerson. The milligrams per cent of phosphorus was calculated by the formula:

Concentration of Unknown Density of Unknown Conce Density of Standard of Standard Standard

The dissected femora, cleared of adhering tissue, were extracted with 95% ethanol and ashed. The summarized results are given in table V and more detailed data are given at the end of the thesis. (PP 23)

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Table V

Ration	Number of <u>Animals</u>	% Bone Ash	Blood Inorganic Phosphorus (mgm %)	Average Final Weight (Grams)	Average 4-week gain in Weight (Grams)
Stock	12	41.47	5.25	103.83	62.67
Basal Rachitogenic	12	15 . 12	2.31	78.00	,26.83
Basal + 1% "Al.P."	12	17.69	3.53	89.00	42.67
Basal + 2% "Al.P."	12	29.86	4.10	97.33	52.67
Basal + 3% "Al.P."	12	41.84	5.47	100.83	57.66
Basal + 4% "Al.P."	12	40.33	4.62	91.67	51.33
Basal + 1.34%	12	20.38	3.59	81.50	37.83
neutralized "Al.P."					
Basal + 2.68%	12	42.96	5.25	101.66	59.00
neutralized "Al.P."					
Basal + 4.02%	12	42.06	4.53	100.66	52.33
neutralized "Al.P."					

Discussion:

It is evident from the results shown in table V that with an increase in the amount of "Al.P.", either as the acid salt or the neutralized form, added to the basal diet there is an increase in blood phosphorus, bone ash and weight gained over the four-week period. increase reaches a maximum with the 3% level for the acid salt and the 2.68% level for the neutralized form. This indicates that the phosphorus in the neutralized form is more effectively utilized than that of the acid salt. Further evidence of this difference in availability is indicated by the fact that adverse effects are attained at levels of 4% of the acid salt and 4.02% of the neutralized form, inasmuch as the 4.02% of the latter supplies the same amount of phosphorus as 3% of the acid salt. It is known that the addition of acid to a rachitogenic diet affects the degree of rickets developed in rats so that the differences observed between the two forms may perhaps be due to this The fact that both forms are readily assimilated indicates that this baking compound may be considered as a potential source of

phosphorus in human diets.

SUMMARY:

- 1. The addition of one per cent of the sodium aluminum acid phosphate to a normal diet has no ill effects whatsoever in rats as judged by growth, reproduction and rearing of young.
- 2. A diet containing fifty-five per cent of biscuits prepared with this baking compound supported normal growth, reproduction and rearing of young in rats.
- 3. The new baking compound may therefore be regarded as wholesome.
- 4. The addition of the sodium aluminum acid phosphate or its neutralized form to a rachitogenic diet indicated that the phosphorus supplied by either form was readily available.
- 5. The new baking compound, sodium aluminum acid phosphate, is therefore a potential source of phosphorus for nutritional purposes.

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STOCK RATION

Weight in Grams

Date	<u>01</u>	<u>92</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>96</u>	<u>ð1</u>	<u> </u>
2/5/47 2/12 2/19 2/26	57 76 100 110	80 100 126 146	65 80 104 126	73 94 122 146	60 82 112 136	77 102 135 156	50 64 96 128	65 86 130 166
3/5 3/12	124 138	166 186	146 166	160 176	156 176	166 178	160 190	200 232
4/9 4/16 4/23 4/30	168 174 174 190	212 217 221 235	183 195 210 227	196 220 235 245	216 225 235 240	210 220 240 250	244 295 313 330	276 32 7 350 365
5/ 7 5/1 4 5/21 5/28	200 203 210 220	225 228 235 243	263 240	245 260 280	250 255 260 270	260 278 333	345 358 380 380	380 390 410 410
6/18 6/25	250	272	230			240	430 430	445 440
7/2 7/9 7/16 7/23 7/30	250 260 280	275 260 2 7 0 290 305	250 265 270 310	:270 :290	300 295 300	255 260 285 330 Died	350 370 380 390 400	450 430 460 450 470
8/6 8/13 8/20 8/27	256 260	·260 ·262		334 284 302	315 330		430 463 458 464	475 480 463 468
9/10		316	284				470	478
10/1 10/8 10/22	304	332	295 30 7 318	356	346 352 364		525 514	535 530

Matings: 1. 01, 02, 05, 61 2. 02, 04, 06, 62

STOCK + 1% "AL.P."

Date	<u> 97</u>	<u> </u>	Q 9	<u>010</u>	<u>011</u>	<u> 912</u>	<u> </u>	<u> 34</u>
2/5/ 47 2/12 2/19 2/26	60 72 90 102	85 113 143 164	60 70 96 110	60 84 114 138	57 82 108 136	84 114 138 156	55 76 116 150	61 84 118 158
3/5 3/12	120 138	182	125 140	156 172	154 170	174 188	185 218	193 228
4/9 4/16 4/23 4/30	164 175 182 200	235 213 245 264	205 215 235 260	184 225 245 280	208 235 220 224	210 196 215 245	312 327 350 360	288 300 320 335
5/7 5/14 5/21 5/28	220	300 301 310	23 7 280	-220	240 258 305 315	24 7 255 285 330	375 385 419 410	340 350 380 380
6/18 6/25	240	270	290	260	330		420 430	430 420
7/2 7/9 7/16 7/23 7/30	·250 ·255	303	260 295 330	270 290	-298 310	280	430 440 460 470 470	425 440 450 455 460
8/6 8/13 8/20 8/27	262 313	325	290 28 6	280 290 296	317 362	288	475 470 475 460	462 457 455 454
9/10				348			478	468
10/1 10/8 10/22	310 322 348	318 352 388	330 342	305	336 345	342 354	510 51 4 510	505 520

Matings: 1. 07, 08, 011, 53 2. 09, 010, 012, 64

STOCK RATION

Date	<u>913</u>	<u>014</u>	<u>915</u>	<u>016</u>	<u>017</u>	<u>018</u>	<u> </u>	<u> 76</u>
3/13/47	60	7 0	66	66	72	64	68	64
4/2 4/16 4/23 4/30	119 135 145 147	134 163 180 188	142 169 195 205	142 169 190 200	132 150 162 170	143 179 195 209	152 190 190 200	130 173 195 210
5/7 5/14 5/21 5/28	158 165 180 178	195 203 222 220	217 225 228 240	215 220 225 238	182 185 200 200	220 230 240 240	214 233 245 260	230 245 265 265
6/18 6/25	193 190	255 258	270 275	260 265	220	265 262	3 05 3 12	315 320
7/2 7/9 7/16 7/23 7/30	185 190 245	250 260 275 300	270 265 275	275 270 280	230 245	270 268	300 290 300 310 320	310 315 325 360 365
8/6 8/13 8/20 8/27	310 310 320	262 268	283 280 300	·300 ·330	253 265	,285 ,294	330 350 360 360	372 360 365 371
9/10		.300	288	312			380	38 7
10/1 10/8 10/29	230 248 287		30 7 286	314 325	288 290 322	313 358	392 402 425	402 413 425
11/5	300	357	295	338	320	335	430	432

Matings: 1. 014, 013, 015, δ6
2. 018, 017, 016, δ5

STOCK 4 1% MAL.P."

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3/13/47	66	70	7 0	54	70	60	70	65
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5/7 5/14 5/21 5/28	172 177 190 180	192 203 215 210	200 212 235 240	195 202 214 220	174 188 202 203	200 216 230 228	270 278 292 290	,230 ,240 ,250 ,252
6/18 6/25	210 200	240 230	268 270	242 245	232 23 4	260 260	285 310	270
7/2 7/9 7/16 7/23 7 /30	210 212	240 250 265 270 300	260 265 280 320	250 253 315 320 343	245 252	272 275 305 315	340 350 360 370 370	295 297 310 320 340
8/6 8/13 8/20 8/27	235 240	320 278	280	278 280	2 7 2 277 316	252 259 274	375 370 380 360	352 350 360 360
9/10			332				378	380
10/1 10/8 10/29	242 320	282 310	306 33 7	265 300	302 320	298 311 344	411 416 435	415 432 433
11/5	329	315	344	298	330	352	443	441

Matings: 1. 019, 020, 021, 07 2. 023, 024, 022, 68

STOCK RATION

Date	<u> 025</u>	9 26	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>გე</u>
7/26/47	52	68	69	53	72	71	7 3	78
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9/6 9/13 9/27	146 155 168	160 168 183	166 1 7 3 188	153 164 186	160 174 193	16 7 183 105	273 292 323	260 288 316
10/4 10/11 10/18 10/25	176 195 214	188 206 220	198 210 234	201 214 226 225	202 212 240 248	216 235 236 248	336 356 358 364	318 322 342 345
11/1 11/8 11/22 11/29	20 4 220	181 198		226 242	220	277 265	387 403 411 418	358 370 388 400
12/6 12/13 12/20	255 218 213	222 240	262 255 292	213 230		273 273 308	427 411 412	410 390 395
1/10/48 1/1 7 1/31	230	215 243	210 254	221 252	214 240 280	-235 -260	432 430 410	360 370 408
2/21	238	22 7	232	248	214	·215	447	416

Matings: 1. 025, 026, 027, 69 2. 028, 029, 030, 610

BISCUIT RATION

Date	<u> 931</u>	<u>932</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>811</u>	312
7/26/47	65	52	70	80	68	77	76	79
8/2 8/9 8/16 8/23 8/30	90 103 127 145 165	82 103 1:23 134 145	98 115 151 160 180	107 118 140 146 160	95 110 137 147 168	104 126 149 158 171	116 150 190 215 240	117 147 184 222 250
9/6 9/13 9/27	170 175 185	153 163 174	187 200 211	165 1 7 2 180	170 185 200	180 186 204	256 285 318	268 287 320
10/4 10/11 10/18 10/25	178 186 203 213	184 194 208 214	220 228 242	184 192 212 241	186 218 242	210 226 265	330 346 365 360	324 324 350 350
11/1 11/8 11/22	210	242		210		230	3 77 384 396	35 7 380 391
12/6 12/13 12/20	217 217 222	225 230 244	272	262 285			414 397 403	422 400 402
1/10/48 1/17 1/31	248 260	250	260 2 7 3	252	[,] 260	253 260	400 410 440	390 415 435
2/17 2/21	210	214	285	225	273	214	450 454	445 451

Matings: 1. 031, 032, 033, 511 2. 034, 035, 036, 512

WEIGHT OF LITTERS

Animal	Ration	No. in orig.	No. in Litter Weighed	Wt. of Litter at 21 days	Wt. of Litter at 25 days
٥l	Stock	9	7		267
		9	7	255	324
ç 2	Stock	11	7	225	273
	_	9	7	335	402
Q 3	Stock	10	5	212	260
Q4	Stock	9	7	254	324
		6	4	205	248
Ç 5	Stock	9	7	207	256
		8	6	213	268
91 3	Stock	9	7	168	223
		7	7	170	214
Q14	Stock	8	7	235	299
		8	6	165	189
Q15	Stock	8	7	219	2 74
	~. ·	11	7	171	208
916	Stock	11	7	217	253
		7	7	223	290
Q17	Stock	9	7	231	283
		9	7	320	396
918	Stock	11	3	152	208
		12	7	19 3	241
ç 7	Stock+1% "Al.P."	8	7		350
	_	10	7	198	246
♀ 8	Stock+1% "Al.P."	3	3		'210
		9	7	249	310
ç 9	Stock+1% "Al.P."	9	7	236	318
Q1 0	Stock+1% "Al.P."	8	7	274	361
	_	8	7	290	353
Qll	Stock+1% "Al.P."	7	7	238	306
Q12	Stock+1% "Al.P."	9	7	315	371
		6	6	212	271
Q 19	Stock+1% "Al.P."	9	7	168	217
	<u>.</u>	9	7	169	225
9 20	Stock+1% "Al.P."	7	7	274	· 3 46
		8	6	225	286

Animal	Ration	No. in orig.	No. in Litter Weighed	Wt. of Litter in 21 days	Wt. of Litter in 25 days
9 21	Stock+1% "Al.P."	8	7	236	318
•	- /- · · ·	8	5	197	244
Q 22	Stock+1% "A1.P."	6	6	232	324
		7	5	231	264
923	Stock+1% "Al.P."	12	7	231	,283
		9	7	173	236
ç24	Stock+1% "Al.P."	8	7	251	327
		7	7	237	315
9 25	Stock	8	7	204	243
\$ 20	50001	8	5	196	252
9 26	Stock	8	6	167	216
•		11	6	155	208
9 27	Stock	5	-3	121	145
		8	-3	107	1 3 7
9 29	Stock	7	6	170	215
		9	6	187	227
ç 30	Stock	8	6	209	250
		6	6	[,] 250	301
9 31	Biscuit	8	5	176	-248
•0-		8	7	192	271
93 2	Biscuit	8	6	174	236
		8	7	251	291
ç 33	Biscuit	6	6	271	356
		9	6	285	347
Q 34	Biscuit	7	7	260	330
		8	6	241	276
Q3 5	Biscuit	6	3		247
ç 36	Biscuit	7	6	203	238
		8	7	312	364



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