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Radio news, 22 Jan 71, gave location where sheep died as 150 miles southwest of Dugway Proving Grounds.

Same news item said it was believed sheep died from eating a poisonous plant, locoweed, which is highly toxic to sheep when they do not have access to water. (There was snow in the area.) (Would one graze sheep in area without water?)

Later radio news item, same day, quoted unnamed rancher as saying locoweed will not grow at elevation where sheep were grazing. (Were sheepherders affected in any way?)

Encyclopedia defines locoweed as any one of several species of the genera Astragalus and Oxytropus, and halogen as any member of the family of very active elements consisting of fluorine, chlorine, bromine, and iodine.