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Dear Henry,

About pizza, here is a copy of my response to the first letter correcting me. Now there are more reports about eating pizza way back when. Two more in today's paper. I think we might set up a Society of Pizza Historians. Or it could be the Pizza Phyllia Society. Margeret thinks the annual dues could be a Pizza Margherita. And of course there would be recognition of the unfortunates who cannot take pizza. They would be suffering from pizzarea. They would be pizzaphobiacs.

Regards,



Ancel Keys

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Life in the lobby yet!

Henry.

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Letters from Readers  
The Minneapolis Star Tribune  
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Your issue of June 29 prints two more letters about the history of pizza. My successor in the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. Dr. Henry Blackburn, now Mayo Professor, writes that before 1950 Chicago offered unbeatable pizza at "Pizzeria Uno."

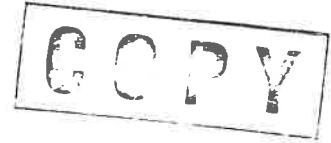
I think we should organize a Society of Pizza Historians. My wife Margeret suggests that Pizza Margherita should be served at the Society meetings.

Yours,

Ancel Keys, Professor Emeritus

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Mr Michael Steinberg  
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Dear Mr Steinberg,

I am glad to have your amendment, I think it better to call it correction, to my letter to the Star Tribune. We were not in Trastevere in 1952 and have rarely been there since. With an automobile it is difficult; the streets are too narrow. I am sure one can get there on the bus but we have not explored the bus lines of Rome.

At the suggestion of colleagues in several countries I have been writing some memoirs and pizza comes in the section on Naples. Where in my first draft I had written that pizza was a Neapolitan invention, I now write: "pizza was a Neapolitan specialty, not well known elsewhere when we first met it in Naples in 1952. We did not see it in Rome when we stopped there on our way back to Oxford. We did not look for it but colleagues said it was a Neapolitan specialty." This will come after a bit I wrote about spaghetti.

"A hundred years ago it was agreed the best spaghetti was made in suburbs on the bayshore south of Naples - Bagnano, Torre del Greco, Torre Annunziato - where it would be hung out from the second floor to dry close to the dirt road and the horse-drawn wagons below. Perhaps the spaghetti got a special flavor that way,"

I write from our Minneapolis address but for more than half the year we are in our home 100 miles south of Naples. There several of us retired medical scientists relax and continue writing and working on data accumulated over the years. We plan to return there in September. The address is Minnelea, 84060 Pioppi (SA). We are only five miles from Elea, now called Velia, where a colony of Greeks settled in 535 B.C. Minnelea is on the water of the Mediterranean.

Yours,

Ancel Keys