

RADIATION AND HEALTH

Radioactive materials are hazardous because they give out ionising radiation. However, like many scientific discoveries, radioactivity provoked a mixed reaction. Some people sought to commercialise it – would you eat uranium flavoured ice cream? At the same time, films and comic books emphasised its harmful effects.

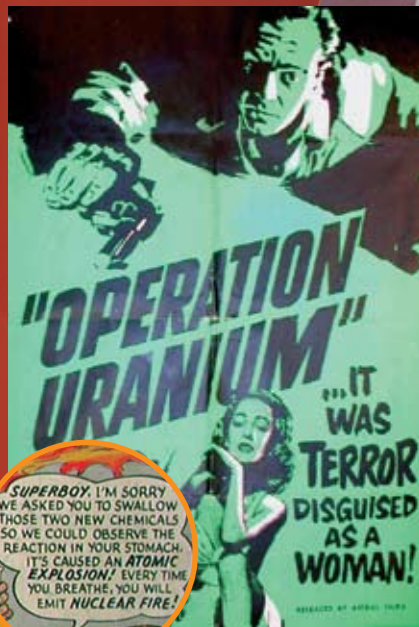
Take the medicine ...

- Radium chocolate
- Uranium ice cream
- Radioactive face cream
- Radium water – to be taken twice a day
- Energy tablets



Just for fun ...

◀ Radioactive Man – he glows in the dark



◀ Something wrong with the science here..

▲ Uranium – even more frightening than a woman



Talking sense

Two health physics posters giving advice to workers in the 1940s.

