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NOBEL PRIZE WINNER
Prof. Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi

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NOBEL PRIZE GOES TO SZENT-GYORGYI

Hungarian Wins the Award in
Medicine for Discoveries in
Biological Combustion

HE ISOLATED VITAMIN C

Got It From Paprika Grown
Near Home After Returning
in Despair From Chicago

Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Oct. 28.—
Professor Albert von Szent-Gyorgyi,
Hungarian medical research worker
of Szeged University, Hungary, was
announced today as the winner of
the 1937 Nobel Prize for Physiology
and Medicine valued at about
£8,000.

He was chosen for the prize by
the Stockholm higher faculty of
medicine "as a reward for his dis-
coveries on the biological process
of combustion, especially in rela-
tions to vitamins A and C."

Isolated Vitamin C

Wireless to THE NEW YORK TIMES.
LONDON, Oct. 28.—British bur-
tists still vividly remember F. T.
sor von Szent-Gyorgyi's viplac
Aberdeen in 1934 when at a cChu-
tion of the British Association
the Advancement of ScienceConc-
scribed his success in idesiste-
and isolating vitamin C, or Dou-
acid, cheaply and in large opai-
ties. Speaking in broken will
he gripped the imaginatioClub.
world's foremost scientists. Mis-
estly and haltingly he t. Y.
story of his researches. ttenc

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could be assimilated by a sim M
injection in the treatment of M
diseases that hitherto had baff M
medical men.

Son of Wealthy Austrian

Professor von Szent-Gyorgyi is the
son of a once wealthy Austrian and
has spent a large portion of his life
in laboratories in Austria, Germany,
England and Hungary. He has lec-
tured at Harvard University, and in
1930 spent several months in the
United States under the auspices of
the Mayo Clinic and the Josiah
Macy Jr. Foundation of New York.

The scientist received a degree of
Doctor of Philosophy from Cam-
bridge University in 1918, and dur-
ing the following twelve years
worked in many laboratories in Eu-
rope. In 1930 he returned to Hun-
gary and began his efforts to isolate
and identify ascorbic acid, or vita-
min C.

Three years later he was success-
ful and since then medical experi-
ments have produced unexpected
results by means of the substance,
including cures of purpural hem-
orrhages, nephritis, certain non-
inheritable forms of haemophilia,
pyorrhea and Addison's disease.
Professor Szent-Gyorgyi, however,
has laid no claims to miraculous
propensities of the substance, con-
tending that medicine must test its
properties carefully.

The identification and isolation
of ascorbic acid might never have
been discovered had not the wife
of Professor Szent-Gyorgyi one day
served him a luncheon dish too-
strongly flavored with paprika.
Rather than distress his wife by
his lack of appreciation of her culi-
nary achievement, he took his plate
to his laboratory. There as a last
resort he tried an analysis of the
paprika, from which he finally ex-
tracted ascorbic acid.

After years of experiment with
plants and substances from all
parts of the world, his efforts suc-
ceeded with a plant grown in large
quantities in his native land.

This year Dr. Szent-Gyorgyi was
invited to deliver the Abraham
Flexner lecture at Vanderbilt Uni-
versity.

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