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Nutrition in the German Press. REINHILD BENTERBUSCH and *ULRICH OLTERS-DORF, IÖS-BFE, Garbenstr. 13, D-70599 Stuttgart, Germany.*

Information about nutrition in newspapers is often criticised, but has in fact been rarely investigated. This reason to study nutrition related topics in German press over a period of one year (14.02.1994-13.02.1995). 15,292 contributions were collected by a press cutting agency from 501 different newspapers (ca. 148,000 issues). A nutrition related contribution—of postcard size on the average—appeared in only one of ten issues. Articles dealt with specific foods (17%), nutritional diseases (14%), nutrients (11%), risk groups (10%), and special diets (10%). Only 4.8% of contributions were devoted to so-called food scandals. Some topics as e.g. nutrition problems of the poor and the nutritional situation worldwide are neglected. In the German press nutrition indeed is a subject of secondary importance.