

5) *Generalized concept of the reaction; oxazolones and oxazonium intermediates.* The use of oxazolone and oxazonium structures as a source of carbanions has been considered by some (4) as a serious objection to the idea that other types of carbanions can participate in the acylamido reaction. It appears to this author that the oxazolone concept is helpful, although perhaps needlessly elaborate, in interpreting the course of the reaction in this specialized case, so long as it is not made the basis for overemphasis on the need for resonance stabilization of the carbanion. There is, moreover, considerable merit in a more generalized concept of the reaction which will coordinate the data on other decarboxylations, not all of which involve anhydride condensations. Our observations on the formation of disulfides and aldehydes on decarboxylation of sulfonamido acids (13) provide an example.

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- 3) *Eysarcoris* Hahn, 1834 (Class Insecta, Order Hemiptera) (proposed validation of existing nomenclatorial practice) (pp. 294-5) (File 212).
- 4) *acuminata* Ioff & Tiflov, 1946 (as published in the combination *Rhadinopsylla* (*Rectofrontia*) *acuminata*) (Class Insecta, Order Siphonaptera) as applied to species No. 68 (proposed elimination of homonymy caused by printer's error) (pp. 296-7) (File 386).

2. The present notice is given in pursuance of decisions taken, on the recommendation of the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature, by the Thirteenth International Congress of Zoology, Paris, July 1948 (*Bull. Zool. Nomencl.*, **4**, 51, 57 [1950]; *ibid.* **5**, 5, 131).

3. Any specialist who may desire to comment on any of the foregoing applications is invited to do so in writing to the Secretary to the International Commission (28 Park Village East, Regent's Park, N. W. 1, Eng.) as soon as possible. Every such comment should be clearly marked with the commission's file number as given in the present notice.

4. If received in sufficient time before the commencement by the International Commission of voting on the applications in question, comments received in response to the present notice will be published in the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*; applications received too late to be so published will be brought to the attention of the International Commission at the time of the commencement of voting on the application in question.

5. Under the decision by the International Congress of Zoology specified in paragraph 2 above, the period within which comments on the applications covered by the present notice are receivable is a period of six calendar months calculated from the date of publication of the relevant part of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*. The double part now in question was published on August 15, 1951. In consequence, any comments on the applications published in this double part should reach the secretariat of the International Commission at latest by February 15, 1952.

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Secretary to the International Commission  
on Zoological Nomenclature

## Zoological Nomenclature: Notice of Proposed Suspension of Rules in Certain Cases for Avoidance of Con- fusion and the Validation of Current Nomenclatorial Practice (A. (n.s.) 9)

NOTICE is hereby given that the possible use by the International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature of its plenary powers is involved in applications relating to the undermentioned names included in Parts 9/10 of Volume 2 of the *Bulletin of Zoological Nomenclature*, which was published on August 15, 1951:

- 1) *Entamoeba* Casagrandi & Barbagallo, 1895, *Endamoeba* Leidy, 1879, and *Poneramoeba* Lühe, 1909 (Class Rhizopoda) (action designed to validate existing practice) (pp. 243-81) (File 185).
- 2) *dentatus* Diesing, 1839 (as published in the binominal combination *Stephanurus dentatus*) (Class Nema-

## Mathematicians and the California Oath

AT ITS meeting of September 4, 1950, the Council of the American Mathematical Society passed the following motion:

The Council of the American Mathematical Society deploras the harm done to academic freedom and scientific progress by the recent action of the Regents of the University of California in imposing arbitrary and humiliating conditions of employment on the faculty. The Council notes that this action has already resulted in a great discontent and loss of morale in the California faculty, and in the consequent desire of many distin-