large effects in macromolecules and particularly in their function. Aberrations in the structure of deoxynucleic acids may be of especial importance because of the role of these acids in gene structure and cell division.

Further work is in progress to find other physiological effects of D_2O and to understand the mechanism of these effects in biochemical terms.

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Dating of Zawi Chemi, an Early Village Site at Shanidar, Northern Iraq

Briefly mentioned by Robert Braidwood in his article, "Near Eastern Prehistory" (*1*), the open village site of Zawi Chemi Shanidar, situated in northern Iraq, has recently provided material for a carbon-14 date. The charcoal sample was dated as $10{,}870 \pm 300$ years before the present at the radiocarbon laboratory of the U.S. Geological Survey and bears the laboratory number W-681. This site, tested under Smithsonian Institution sponsorship (*2*), has two occupations, totaling a depth of 1.5 m. The upper, layer A, is of post-Christian date. The lower, layer B, in which the sample was recovered, contained a preceramic industry which may be generally equated with "early Neolithic" or Braidwood's "incipient cultivation." The sample (*3*) was picked from a broad charcoal streak at a depth of 1.2 m, well within layer B. Some tree rootlets were observed in various parts of the excavation, but no contaminating rootlets were seen in the immediate area of the sample.

A few centimeters beneath the locus of the sample and to one side was found a roughly circular enclosure about 3 m in diameter, composed of river cobbles and field stones. It looks like an example of primitive architecture. The carbon date would appear to give an approximate age for this feature.

The same material culture was found in the upper stratigraphy of Shanidar Cave, about 4 k away, which provides a reasonable basis for assuming contemporary or seasonal occupations at both sites. Furthermore, an age of $10{,}600 \pm 300$ years before the present (W-667) was determined from a charcoal sample from the top of layer B of the cave, or Shanidar B1. This is just beneath and somewhat intermixed with material from the base of layer A, where close resemblances with Zawi Chemi B are found.

Charcoal is known to absorb carbon from humic acids in circulating ground water. This contaminating carbon can be older or younger than the charcoal, depending on its source, but a younger source is more likely in most situations. For this reason, samples being prepared for radiocarbon dating are boiled in solutions of HCl, then in NaOH, and finally in HCl again. The material extracted in the alkali treatment consists of the humic acid and lignin fraction which can contain the transported "foreign" carbon. This portion is not included in the C^{14} analysis. Generally, only the remaining material is used. However, the sample from the open village site (W-681) was found after separation to be too small for an analysis, and so both fractions were combined for the run. The error quoted after the age does not include the possibility of foreign contaminants, which is impossible to assess, but as is customary, merely gives the counting error due to random disintegrations. The sample from the cave (W-667) yielded sufficient material for a normal analysis.

Karim Shahir, an open site excavated by the University of Chicago Oriental Institute team and situated about 160 k to the southeast, has an industry which is rather like that from Shanidar Cave and the Zawi Chemi village site. We can say tentatively, on the basis of the present evidence, that Karim Shahir, the related sites, and the Shanidar occupations are culturally as well as chronologically related (*4*).

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Nucleolar Chromosome in the Rust Fungus Scopella gentilis

Allen (*1*), while working with *Puccinia malvacearum* Bert., first surmised that in rust fungi the nucleolus is probably organized on some definite locus of a chromosome. Olive (*2*), in a cytological study of *Coleosporium vernoniae* Berk. & Curt., noted that during the early stages of meiosis a nucleolus organizing chromosome is discernible. The morphological details of the chromosome as found in rust fungi, however, do not seem to have been fully elucidated. Singleton (*3*), in *Neurospora crassa* Shear & Dodge, has demonstrated the occurrence of a satellite chromosome associated with the nucleolus during mitosis as well as meiosis. The satellite zone [SAT-zone (*4*)] during pachytene, however, was not clearly demarcated, and it was observed that either due to the close proximity of the "b chromomere" to the satellite or due to its being distantly located, the latter frequently lost its identity. In the chromosome map of *N. crassa* this was designated "chromosome 2" because it was the second longest in a complement of seven.

In the study reported here (*5*) it was determined that *Scopella gentilis* (Syd.) Mundk. & Thirum. possesses a haploid complement of eight chromosomes. It was found that in early diplotene the nucleolar chromosome pair, because of its distinctive morphology, could be easily differentiated from the other seven pairs (Figs. 1–3). Inasmuch as the present observations are based on aceto-orcein preparations, the nucleolus is barely visible as an unstained globular refractive body (Fig. 3, arrow). The satellite-zone consists of a pair of stalked satellites or trabants followed by a swollen knoblike region. Its resemblance to the heterochromatic region found in the nucleolar chromosomes of certain higher plants is quite suggestive. The short arm, apart from bearing the nucleolus organizer, also possesses two interstitial chiasmata (Fig. 2). A small achromatic gap can be observed just where the long arm of the chromosome begins (Fig. 2, arrow) which possibly denotes the centromere position. The chromosome in diplotene measures about 8.5 μ, and it is the longest pair in the whole complement. In the upper focus of the microscope the