genesis in *Drosophila* (Sobels). Harm discussed repair of lesions by enzymes and the idea that repair, to be effective, must occur before DNA synthesis; this is becoming an increasingly attractive explanation for the various findings with *Escherichia, Paramecium,* and *Drosophila.*

The influence of dose rate and dose fractionation on mutation induction by ionizing radiation was discussed for the mouse (W. L. Russell), silkworm (Y. Tazima and S. Kondo), and *Drosophila* (H. J. Muller, I. I. Oster and S. Zimmering, and C. E. Purdom). The existence of dose rate and fractionation effects is now well established for the mouse and the silkworm but the data for *Drosophila* are still equivocal. Some of the effects in the mouse and silkworm can be explained best by hypotheses involving repair of premutational damage. Other effects require hypotheses postulating some form of selection, such as differential cell killing.

Concerning the changes in sensitivity during gametogenesis and early cleavage stages, a number of striking parallels are found between diverse organisms. A rather full description was given by R. C. von Borstel and W. St. Amand of the changes in sensitivity from early oögenesis to early cleavage in *Habrobracon.* F. E. Würgler studied in detail the changes in sensitivity of *Drosophila* eggs during the first few cleavages. The *Habrobracon* and *Drosophila* studies agree in showing a peak of sensitivity just after meiosis in fertilized eggs and a periodic rise and fall in sensitivity corresponding to the first few cleavage mitoses.

The sensitivity of sperm and of various stages of spermatogenesis in *Drosophila* were discussed. R. Sävhagen summarized her work on the variation of sensitivity to induction of various types of genetic effects during spermatogenesis. J. Mossige considered in some detail the factors responsible for the difference in sensitivity between various batches of mature sperm. H. Traut analyzed the basis for variation in the form of the dose curves for recessive lethals in sperm of different origins. D. L. Lindsley pointed out the relations between the chromosome constitution of the sperm and its sensitivity to inactivation by radiation. B. P. Kaufman and H. Gay discussed electron microscopical and cytochemical studies of spermatogenesis.

Work by L. B. Russell on the sensitivity of various stages in gametogenesis and in the early development of the mouse zygote is now extensive enough to allow a number of comparisons with the studies on *Drosophila* and *Habrobracon.* These comparisons result in several striking parallels. G. E. Magni discussed the major changes in sensitivity that occur during meiosis in yeast and compared the sensitivity of mitosis and meiosis in this organism, both in regard to spontaneous and radiation-induced mutation.

The symposium was organized by F. H. Sobels who assembled a group of approximately 100 major investigators in the field. There were six half-day sessions and an evening session with a total of 24 invited papers. There was adequate time for discussion, and the discussion was lively. The conference was well organized and succeeded admirably in its purpose of defining the present status of research in this general area in the presence of most of the active workers. The invited papers and recorded discussion will be published by Pergamon Press.

Important advances have been made in understanding the mechanisms by which the initial radiation damage to the chromosomes is converted to chromosome aberrations or mutations, and it is becoming possible to apply this knowledge to interpreting variations in radiation sensitivity. The existence of dose rate and dose fractionation effects in the induction of specific locus mutations can no longer be doubted for either the mouse or the silkworm although the situation remains equivocal for *Drosophila.* Work in this area is turning now to analyses of the reasons for these effects. Many data have been accumulated on variations in radiation sensitivity during gametogenesis in various organisms, and some striking similarities have been found between quite diverse organisms. Though a number of more or less plausible explanations have been offered for the variations in sensitivity, general agreement has not yet been reached; the major advances in this area have been more descriptive than analytical.

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Forthcoming Events

January

23–26. American Assoc. of **Physics Teachers**, New York, N.Y. (R. P. Winch, Williams College, Williamstown, Mass.)

23–26. American Group **Psychotherapy**

Assoc., annual, Washington, D.C. (AGPA, 1790 Broadway, New York 19)

24–27. American **Mathematical** Soc., annual, Berkeley, Calif. (AMS, 190 Hope St., Providence 6, R.I.)

25–6. International College of **Surgeons**, West Indies congr., aboard *S.S. Santa Rosa.* (Secretariat, 1516 Lake Shore Dr., Chicago 10, Ill.)

26. Association for **Symbolic Logic**, Berkeley, Calif. (T. Hailperin, Dept. of Mathematics, Lehigh Univ., Bethlehem, Pa.)

26–28. **Mathematical** Assoc. of America, annual, Berkeley, Calif. (H. M. Gehman, Univ. of Buffalo, Buffalo 14, N.Y.)

27–1. American Inst. of **Electrical Engineers**, winter general meeting, New York, N.Y. (R. S. Gardner, AIEE, 33 W. 39 St., New York 18)

28–2. American **Library** Assoc., Chicago, Ill. (D. H. Clift, ALA, 50 E. Huron St., Chicago 11)

28–2. **Body Composition**, conf., New York, N.Y. (J. Brozek, Dept. of Psychology, Lehigh Univ., Bethlehem, Pa.)

30–1. Military **Electronics**, natl. winter convention, Los Angeles, Calif. (F. P. Adler, Space Systems Div., Hughes Aircraft Co., Culver City, Calif.)

31–1. American Soc. for **Engineering Education**, college-industry conf., Atlanta, Ga. (W. L. Collins, Univ. of Illinois, Urbana)

31–1. Society of **Rheology**, annual western regional meeting, Emeryville, Calif. (T. L. Smith, Stanford Research Inst., Menlo Park, Calif.)

31–2. Western Soc. for **Clinical Research**, annual, Carmel-by-the-Sea, Calif. (H. R. Warner, Latter-day Saints Hospital, Dept. of Physiology, Salt Lake City 3, Utah)

February

4–8. **Rice Genetics** and **Cytogenetics**, symp., Los Baños, Laguna, Philippines. (Inter. Rice Research Inst., Manila Hotel, Manila, Philippines)

4–9. Recent Trends in **Iron and Steel Technology**, symp., Jamshedpur, India. (Secretary, Indian Inst. of Metals, 31 Chowringhee Rd., Calcutta, India)

4–20. Application of **Science and Technology** for the Benefit of Less Developed Areas, U.N. conference, Geneva, Switzerland. (Science Conference Staff, Agency for International Development, 826 State Dept. Annex 1, Washington 25)

5–14. International **Radio** Consultative Committee, Plan Subcommittee for Asia, New Delhi, India. (V. Barthoni, 128 rue de Lausanne, Geneva, Switzerland)

6–9. American College of **Radiology**, Chicago, Ill. (F. H. Squire, Presbyterian–St. Luke's Hospital, 1753 W. Congress St., Chicago 12)

8–18. United Nations Committee on **Industry and Natural Resources** in Asia and the Far East, Bangkok, Thailand. (S. Santitham, Rajadamnern Ave., Bangkok)

10–15. **Management** Function in Research and Development, conf., Pasadena, Calif. (Management Development Section, Industrial Relations Center, California Inst. of Technology, Pasadena)

10–16. **Planned Parenthood**, intern.

conf., Singapore. (V. Houghton, Intern. Planned Parenthood Federation, 69 Eccleston Sq., London, S.W.1, England)

11–14. American Soc. of **Heating, Refrigerating, and Air-Conditioning Engineers**, New York, N.Y. (R. C. Cross, 345 E. 47th St., New York 17)

11–14. Industrial **Lubrication**, intern. conf. and exhibit, London, England. (E. V. Paterson, Scientific Lubrication, 217a Kensington High St., London W.8)

11–15. Quantum **Electronics**, intern. symp., Paris, France. (Secrétariat, Troisième Congrès International d'Electronique Quantique, 7 rue de Madrid, Paris 8e)

12–14. **Lysozomes**, symp. (by invitation), London, England. (Ciba Foundation, 41 Portland Pl., London W.1)

13–15. **Electrochemistry**, 1st Australian conf., part I, Sydney, Australia. (F. Gutmann, Physical Chemistry Dept., Univ. of New South Wales, Kensington, N.S.W., Australia)

13–16. National Soc. of College Teachers of **Education**, Chicago, Ill. (E. J. Clark, Indiana State College, Terre Haute)

14–15. American Soc. for **Quality Control**, Textile and Needles Trades Div., annual conf., Clemson, S.C. (H. F. Littleton, c/o Charles H. Bacon Co., Lenoir City, Tenn.)

15–14 Apr. **Aeronautics and Space**, intern. exhibition, São Paulo, Brazil. (Santos Dumont Foundation, Avenida Ipiranga N°. 84, São Paulo)

16–23. Caribbean **Dental** Convention, Port of Spain, Trinidad. (A. V. Awon, 43–45 Frederick St., Port of Spain)

17–21. Technical Assoc. of the **Pulp and Paper** Industry, annual, New York, N.Y. (TAPPI, 360 Lexington Ave., New York 17)

18–20. American **Standards** Assoc., natl. conf., New York, N.Y. (ASA, 10 E. 40 St., New York 16)

18–20. **Biophysical** Soc., annual, New York, N.Y. (A. Mauro, Rockefeller Inst., New York)

18–20. **Electrochemistry**, 1st Australian conf., part II, Hobart, Tasmania. (J. N. Baxter, Chemistry Dept., Univ. of Tasmania, Hobart)

18–25. Expert Committee on **Food Additives**, FOA/WHO, Rome, Italy. (Intern. Agency Liaison Branch, Office of the Director General, Food and Agriculture Organization, Viale delle Terme di Caracalla, Rome)

19–22. **Radiochemistry**, inter-American conf., Montevideo, Uruguay. (Pan American Union, Washington 6)

20–22. Fundamental **Cancer** Research, annual symp., Houston, Tex. (L. Dmochowski, Section of Virology and Electron Microscopy, M. D. Anderson Hospital, Houston 25)

20–22. **Solid-State Circuits**, intern. conf., Philadelphia, Pa. (F. J. Witt, Bell Telephone Laboratories, Inc., Murray Hill, N.J.)

20–23. National Assoc. for Research in **Science Teaching**, Washington, D.C. (J. D. Novak, Biological Science Dept., Purdue Univ., Lafayette, Ind.)

20–24. Diseases of the **Chest**, intern. congr., New Delhi, India. (M. Kornfeld, American College of Chest Physicians, 112 E. Chestnut St., Chicago 11, Ill.)

21–22. American Soc. for **Quality Control**, regional conf., Las Vegas, Nev. (S. R. Wood, Dept. 61, Bldg. 160, Aerojet-General Corp., Azusa, Calif.)

22–23. American **Psychopathological** Assoc., annual, New York, N.Y. (F. A. Freyhan, c/o St. Elizabeths Hospital, Washington 20, D.C.)

23–28. American Soc. for **Testing** and **Materials**, Atlantic City, N.J. (H. H. Hamilton, 1916 Race St., Philadelphia 3, Pa.)

24–25. Unit Processes in **Hydrometallurgy**, symp., Dallas, Tex. (F. T. David, Colorado School of Mines, Golden)

24–27. **Diffusion**, intern. conf., Palm Springs, Calif. (J. A. Biles, Univ. of Southern California, School of Pharmacy, Los Angeles 7)

24–28. American Inst. of **Mining, Metallurgical, and Petroleum Engineers**, annual, Dallas, Tex. (E. Kirkendall, AIME, 345 E. 47 St., New York 17)

25–27. Advanced **Marine Engineering** Concepts for Increased Reliability, symp., Ann Arbor, Mich. (G. L. West, Jr., Dept. of Marine and Nuclear Engineering, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor)

25–1. **Environmental Engineering**, natl. conf., Atlanta, Ga. (W. H. Wisely, American Soc. of Civil Engineers, 345 E. 47 St., New York, N.Y.)

26–27. **Dairy Engineering**, natl. conf., East Lansing, Mich. (C. W. Hall, Dept. of Agricultural Engineering, Michigan State Univ., East Lansing)

26–1. Society of **Plastics Engineers**, annual technical conf., Los Angeles, Calif. (G. P. Kovach, Foster Grant Co., 289 N. Main St., Leominster, Mass.)

27–3. American College of **Cardiology**, Los Angeles, Calif. (D. Scherf, 55 E. 86 St., New York 27)

28–2. Experimental Aspects of **NMR Spectroscopy**, Pittsburgh, Pa. (W. A. Straub, Applied Research Laboratory, U.S. Steel Corp., Monroeville, Pa.)

March

1–3. **Developing Brain and Binding Sites** of Brain Biogenic Amines, intern. symp., Galesburg, Ill. (H. E. Himwich, Research Div., Galesburg State Research Hospital, Galesburg)

2–6. Canadian Assoc. of **Radiologists**, annual, Quebec, Canada. (J. L. Léger, 1555 Summerhill Ave., Montreal 25, P.Q., Canada)

4–6. Association of **Iron and Steel Engineers**, western meeting, Los Angeles, Calif. (T. J. Ess, 1010 Empire Bldg., Pittsburgh 22, Pa.)

4–6. **Wildlife Management** Inst., Detroit, Mich. (C. R. Gutermuth, 709 Wire Bldg., Washington 5)

4–8. **Analytical Chemistry and Applied Spectroscopy**, 14th annual, Pittsburgh, Pa. (W. A. Straub, Applied Research Laboratory, U.S. Steel Corp., Monroeville, Pa.)

4–9. **Astronautics**, 3rd Inter-American symp., São Paulo, Brazil. (Symp. Secretariat, Sociedade Interplanetaria Brasileira, Caixa Postal 6450, São Paulo)