

Brooklyn), an oyster epicurean, made many in the audience uneasy. The concentration by shellfish of phytoplankton dinoflagellates, such as *Gonyaulax catenella* and *G. tamarensis*, has led to the death of some consumers of raw clams or raw oysters. These flagellates produce a potent neurotoxin concentrated by the filter-feeding shellfish. Eating these shellfish may mean paralysis or death. Analysis of the two toxins derived from laboratory cultures indicates that they are quite similar physiologically (paralysis leads to death in mice), but chemical identifications are still lacking.

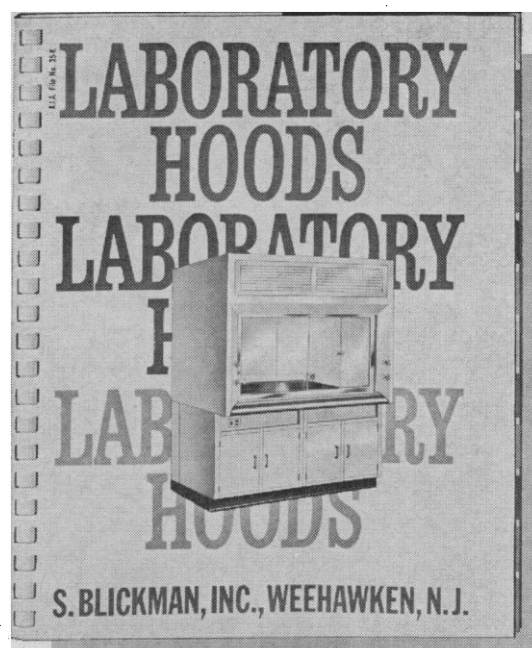
The consensus of the symposium was that understanding how pollution affects the marine environment is obtainable only by joint efforts of scientists who have widely diverse training, and that the "standard" methods developed for other environments were inadequate.

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American Association of Physical Anthropologists

The American Association of Physical Anthropologists held its 33rd annual meeting in Mexico City 20-25 June. Louis S. B. Leakey from Kenya described and analyzed the fossil hominoid remains called *Zinjanthropus* and *Homo habilis*—the former with huge teeth and jaws and the latter with dental and other features that place it in the genus *Homo*. Besides U.S., Canadian, and Mexican scholars, James M. Tanner and N. A. Barnicot from England, José Pons and Miguel Fusté from Spain, J. Tacoma from the Netherlands, Juan Munizaga from Chile, and Hertha de Villiers from South Africa also participated.

Much interest centered on Mexican problems, especially James E. Anderson's demonstration of human skulls up to 87 centuries old from Tehuacan. But, besides studies in Mexico, the pattern of the tapestry of the "human fabric" (as the species was described in one presentation) was shown to repeat itself in various parts of the world by studies of American Indians, Canary Islanders, Melanesians, Southeast Asians, East Africans, and others. This worldwide view of the human species belonging to a genus with a history millions of years deep influenced the clos-



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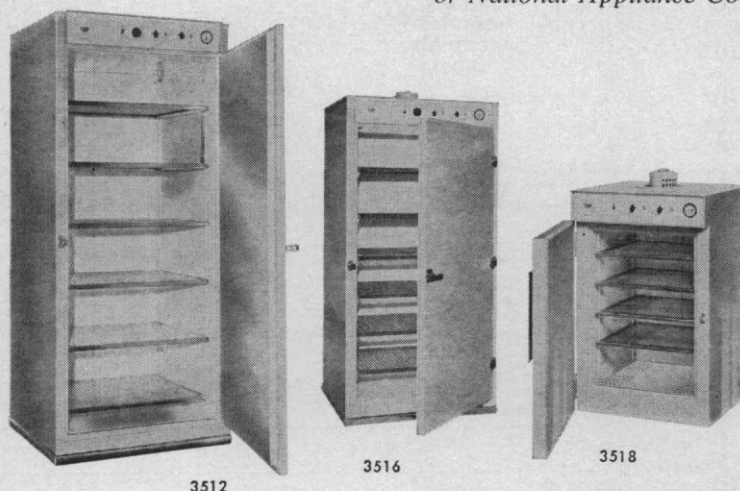
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ing round-table discussion on the direction of developments in the science. In this broad perspective physical anthropology was seen as the study of the gamut of human variability.

At the meetings, the National Institute of Anthropology and the National University first issued two volumes, *Physical Anthropology 1953-1961* and *Yearbook of Physical Anthropology—1962*. These are volumes 9 and 10 of the Yearbook series formerly published by the Wenner-Gren Foundation for Anthropological Research. These and future issues may be secured from the Instituto de Antropología e Historia, Córdoba 45, Mexico 7, D.F. (\$4.50 per volume).

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Forthcoming Events

October

16-24. American Soc. of **Clinical Pathologists**, annual, Bal Harbor, Fla. (ASCP, 445 N. Lake Shore Dr., Chicago, Ill.)

17-18. Society for **Psychophysiological Research**, 4th annual, Washington, D.C. (L. A. Gustafson, SPR, 74 Fenwood Rd., Boston, Mass. 02115)

17-20. College of American **Pathologists**, Bal Harbor, Fla. (E. E. Simard, Box 136, Salinas, Calif.)

18-21. Association of **Military Surgeons** of the U.S., Washington, D.C. (Brig. Gen. F. E. Wilson, Suite 132, 1500 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20005)

18-22. **Metallurgical Soc.**, fall meeting, Philadelphia, Pa. (D. A. Parks, Inst. of Metals Div., Metallurgical Soc. of AIME, 345 E. 47 St., New York, N.Y. 10017)

18-23. American Acad. of **Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology**, Chicago, Ill. (W. L. Benedict, 15 Second St., SW, Rochester, Minn. 55901)

18-24. **Dental Education**, 2nd Latin American seminar, Mexico City. (D. Restrepo, Pan American Sanitary Bureau, 1501 New Hampshire Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20036)

19-20. **Unconventional Inertial Sensors**, symp. (secret), Farmingdale, N.Y. (R. E. McIntyre, RMG-8, Bureau of Naval Weapons, Washington 25, D.C.)

19-21. **Mechanisms**, conf., American Soc. of Mechanical Engineers, Lafayette, Ind. (T. P. Goodman, Technological Inst., Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill.)

19-21. Academy of **Psychosomatic Medicine**, New York, N.Y. (R. N. Rutherford, 200 Broadway, Seattle, Wash.)

19-21. Technical Assoc. of the **Pulp and Paper Industry**, plastics-paper conf., Washington, D.C. (TAPPI, 360 Lexington Ave., New York 10017)

19-22. Association of Official **Agricultural Chemists**, 78th annual, Washington, D.C. (L. G. Enslinger, AOAC, Box 540, Benjamin Franklin Station, Washington, D.C. 20044)