

nism of the open water and marine phases of homing. The book is written in a style that the general public will find exciting and understandable, but the volume also provides sufficient data to serve colleagues working in other scientific disciplines as a general review of the problem. Investigators working in the field of fish migration will refer to the volume, not only because it is a succinct summary of Hasler's theories, but also for the account of the historical development of the reasoning behind his experiments. Particularly intriguing is chapter 8, on sun compass orientation, which presents results of some very interesting experiments during which fish trained in orientation were transferred from Wisconsin to South America.

The book is organized for the general reader, almost half of it being devoted to the stream phase of salmon homing—for example, a discussion of the laboratory experiments and field tests of the various hypotheses. A shorter section discusses the open water and oceanic phases of salmon migration, phases that Hasler's group has only recently begun studying. Some of this portion of the book is based on

the work of other West Coast investigators. The book closes with a summary of other or alternative types of mechanisms that could account for fish homing and, finally, a statement of Hasler's complete hypothesis. Although almost all of the scientific terms are defined, a notable exception is the term and concept of *imprinting*. The chapter on sun orientation is the most technical but, even here, Hasler has done a remarkable job of simplifying a complex phenomenon. In essence, the volume is a summary of the evidence for Hasler's hypothesis of salmon migration. The weight of the evidence, as might be expected, varies with the state of the knowledge of the various phases of the homing process. Hasler recognizes these limitations and suggests many lines for profitable investigation. The volume is well illustrated with line drawings and photographs, and it is remarkably free from errors. A bibliography of some 119 references and a three-page index terminate the volume.

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discussed briefly, but there is little about modern molecular orbital theory in the considerations of structure. In opening the section on aromatic compounds, for example, the formula chosen to illustrate the benzene nucleus or benzene ring is the Kekule structure. The oscillatory hypothesis is mentioned, along with conjugated systems, but the concept of delocalized electrons is not discussed.

Many topics that seem familiar today—ferrocene, carbonium ions, and hydroboration, for example—are not included, but for such specific topics it is hard to evaluate the influence of the time element.

As a book from Russia, there are points of interest—the presentation of the Butlerov theory of structure, for example. But even in this aspect many possibly interesting comparisons are lost because we lack information on the background and purpose of the original Russian editions.

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## Russian Monograph in Translation

**Organic Chemistry** (Gordon and Breach, New York; Noordhoff, Groningen, 1965. 568 pp., \$16), by B. Pavlov and A. Terentyev, is a 1965 issue in translation, but the book itself is much older. The translation is presumably based on a revised and enlarged edition of the original Pavlov text, which was prepared by Terentyev and first printed in 1958, with a second edition in 1960. The volume reviewed here was translated from the Russian by Boris Belitzky.

Even with allowance for these dates, however, Western readers who compare this volume with modern organic textbooks will find that it seems quite old-fashioned. The general choice of topics seems sound and the coverage of the field reasonably extensive, but the approach is one that we would class "traditional," with the emphasis placed on the study of organic compounds on the basis of the nature of functional groups.

The change in organic chemistry, beginning about 1930 with the growing influence of concepts of chemical kinetics and molecular structure, to the

systematic consideration of the types of transformations organic chemicals undergo and thus to the field of reaction mechanisms, finds little reflection here. The introductory material emphasizes theories of structure, but says nothing of reaction rates or mechanisms. The "lariat" system of notation to show the groups apparently involved in reaction is frequently used. The existence of free radicals is mentioned, but their role in such reactions as polymerization is not discussed. The only reference to Diels-Alder reactions is a brief mention of diene synthesis. The transition-state is not discussed.

The approach to structure has the same flavor of times past. The text notes that optical and electrical properties may give information on strengths of bonds, distances between atoms, and the like, but the author notes that one can only "touch upon" these topics. Thus, there is brief mention of dipole moments, molecular refraction, and the rotation of polarized light, but no discussion, for example, of infrared spectra.

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## New Books

### Economics and the Social Sciences

**The Arctic Frontier.** R. St. J. Macdonald, Ed. Univ. of Toronto Press, Toronto, Canada, 1966. 321 pp. Illus. \$7.50. Eleven papers: "The Arctic setting" by Moira Dunbar; "Resources and communication in the Arctic" by Michael Marsden; "The administration of northern peoples: The USSR" by Terence Armstrong; "The administration of northern peoples: Canada and Alaska" by Margaret Lantis; "The administration of northern peoples: America's Eskimos—pawns of history" by Diamond Jenness; "Administrative and constitutional changes in Arctic territories: Canada" by F. B. Fingland; "Administrative and constitutional changes in Arctic territories: The USSR" by Neil C. Field; "Sovereignty in the north: The Canadian aspect of an international problem" by Gordon W. Smith; "The strategic significance of the Canadian Arctic" by R. J. Sutherland; "International scientific relations in the Arctic" by G. W. Rowley; and "The international implications of Arctic exploitation" by George W. Rogers.

**Abstraction and Concept Formation.** An interpretative investigation into a group of psychological frames of reference. Anatol Pikas. Harvard Univ. Press, Cambridge, Mass., 1966. 319 pp. \$7.

**Brief Separations.** Christoph M. Heinicke and Ilse J. Westheimer. International Universities Press, New York, 1965. 367 pp. Illus. \$8.50. This is a report of the work of the Child Development Research Unit of the Tavistock In-

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