

other scientists testified that any further use of DDT would lead to increased losses of Suffolk County's wildlife. In some instances, counsel for the Mosquito Control Commission unwittingly led them into testimony damaging to the commission's cause. Take, for example, the following series of questions by the commission counsel and answers by Wurster.

Q. Now, isn't it a fact that everybody in this room has got DDT in them, isn't that right?

A. That's right.

Q. And most of the birds you find flying around, they will have DDT in them, isn't that right?

A. That's right.

Q. And as a matter of fact if you were to make a study and use some birds as a control, you would find that a lot of them had more DDT in them than those that you found dead and analyzed in your laboratory, isn't that correct?

A. No, that's absolutely wrong.

Whereupon Wurster gave a detailed account of an experiment in which DDT was used for control of Dutch elm disease in New Hanover, New Hampshire, but not in Norwich, just across the river from New Hanover. In New Hanover 70 percent or more of the robins died, whereas in Norwich the population of robins actually increased, Wurster said.

Through questioning the superintendent of the Mosquito Control Commission and other witnesses presented by the defense, Yannacone sought to discredit defense arguments. For instance, there was the following exchange between Yannacone and Christian T. Williamson, the commission superintendent, who had testified that when DDT is properly applied no harmful buildup of DDT residues in the food chain of fish and wildlife results.

Q. [Yannacone]. I would like to find out where [you] got this opinion.

A. Well, it is my personal opinion and logic.

Q. You don't base it on any technical literature?

A. I cannot pinpoint or report on technical literature that a statement of that kind may have been in, so I can't say.

Q. You formulated this opinion. Do you consider yourself an expert?

A. On what?

Q. On this particular subject.

A. No.

Q. Oh, then those weren't expert opinions?

A. You are talking about the build up in the food chain, and I am not an expert on the food chain. . . .

Q. Did you form [your opinion] from personal observation in 35 years of field

## NEWS IN BRIEF

● **RACE REPORTS:** The Council of Graduate Schools has urged the U.S. Office of Education to eliminate the reports that colleges and universities must furnish showing the racial composition of their enrollments (*Science*, 15 Sept., p. 1293). A resolution, passed by the Council during its annual meeting, noted that while the reports were intended to bring about an end to racial discrimination, they actually represent "a form of discrimination in reverse" because they "require the categorizing of students into racial groupings such as 'white,' 'Negro,' and 'other.'" The resolution said, "the acquisition of such data in effect requires the institution to record inexact observations of racial characteristics or engage in the offensive practice of direct questioning of students regarding racial origin."

● **SOCIOLOGISTS' VIEWS: WAR:** Thirteen hundred fellows and active members of the American Sociological Association have signed an open letter to President Johnson protesting "the continued bombing of North Vietnam and the killing of innocent civilians." The letter urged "an immediate and unconditional cessation of the bombing of North Vietnam; an immediate, vigorous and genuine attempt to seek negotiations for peace and representation of all parties concerned; orderly, phased withdrawal of American forces from Vietnam."

● **WHALE RESEARCH:** The U.S. Bureau of Commercial Fisheries has announced it will collect as many as 100 gray whales (*Eschrichtius gibbosus*) between 17 January and 12 February 1968 for research use. The whales will be landed at Richmond, Calif., where investigators will be allowed to obtain data and material. Additional information may be obtained from the Marine Mammal Biological Laboratory, Sand Point Naval Air Station, Seattle, Wash. 98115.

● **HISTORY OF GENETICS:** Manuscripts and printed materials on the history of genetics are being solicited by the Library of the American Philosophical Society of Philadelphia. The correspondence, journals, notes, and other papers of Albert F. Blakeslee, Charles B. Davenport, Milislav Demerec, Herbert S. Jennings, and George

H. Shull are now in the library as well as smaller groups of William E. Castle's and Thomas Hunt Morgan's papers. The materials are available for research, subject to conditions imposed by the donors.

● **ENGINEERING ART:** Experiments in Art and Technology, Inc. has announced a competition for the best contribution by an engineer to a work of art produced in collaboration with an artist. A first place award of \$3000 and two second place awards of \$1000 each will be made to engineers for their technical contribution to the collaboration. Selected works from the competition will be displayed at the Museum of Modern Art, New York City, during the fall of 1968. Entries should be submitted by 1 June 1968. More information is available from Experiments in Art and Technology, Inc., 9 East 16 St., New York 10003.

● **OBERLIN DRUG CODE:** The General Faculty of Oberlin College has adopted a policy statement on student drug use in which marijuana is separated from a general definition of "drugs." Under the code, "Drugs are defined as including barbiturates, amphetamines, prescription tranquilizers, LSD compounds, mescaline, psilocybin, DMT, narcotics, and opiates." The code states that possession or consumption of drugs "may be subject to severe penalties up to and including expulsion" while the "penalties invoked for possession, consumption or sharing of marijuana, or misconduct resulting therefrom, will generally be less severe, but may include the entire range of penalties up to and including suspension."

● **NEW PUBLICATIONS:** A special issue devoted to chemical and biological warfare has been published by *Scientist and Citizen*. Copies may be obtained for \$1 each from the Committee for Environmental Information, 5144 Delmar Blvd., St. Louis, Mo. 63108. The National Science Foundation recently released another in a series of statistical studies on industrial research and development. Titled *Basic Research, Applied Research, and Development in Industry, 1965*, copies may be obtained for 65 cents each from the Government Printing Office, Washington, D.C.