

A lengthy and discouraging account of the economics of black market LSD sales can be found in *Bulletin 28*, published by the Psychedelic Information Center, 26 Boylston Street (Apt. 3), Cambridge, Massachusetts 02138.

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Reference

1. This study will be published in a 1970 issue of the *Journal of Psychedelic Drugs*. Although the black market LSD was collected in late 1967, and analyzed at that time, it was impossible to publish the results until this year. It is likely that the quality of these drugs has further deteriorated since the 12 samples were purchased.

Name Names!

Whalen (Letters, 6 Mar.) does a service to the scientific community by calling to our attention the rather frequent practice of multiple publication of the same data in more than one journal article, but he leaves the discussion on the level of generalities. If the evidence were published, wouldn't such exposure do the necessary cleansing job? If Whalen has the name of an offending author and supporting references, why not print them in *Science*? If other readers of the literature would do likewise, *Science* could publish a periodic list of offending authors and this practice should disappear in a few years. Why prolong this stream of theoretical abuses?

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Whalen did not state the dates of these three publications—whether they were immediately consecutive, simultaneous, or widely spaced. The last category of publishing is my concern. I have in my files articles written by a so-called authority, published at approximately 5-year intervals, which reiterate, restate, and generally “beat the same dead horse.” This repetition of publishing the same information can serve only one purpose—to satisfy the ego of the author by keeping his name in print. Such redundancy is a poor substitute for new informative contributions—these “leaders” should quietly rest on their laurels.

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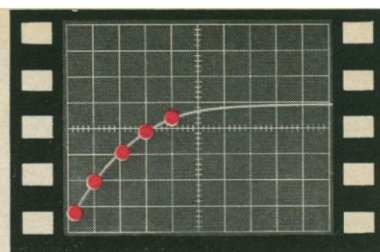
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