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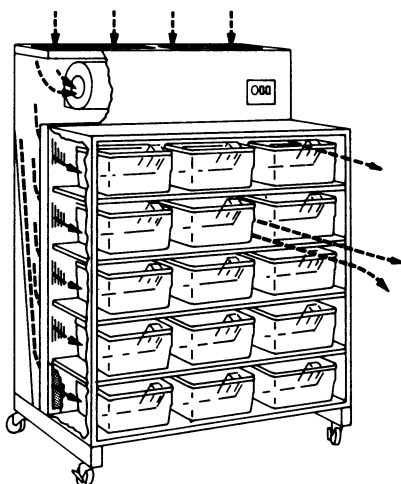


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proved varieties of high-yielding rice developed at IRRI were named and released by the Vietnamese government in November 1973. One more became available in November 1974, and at least two more will be named in April 1975.

The IRRI has also helped the IAR develop research objectives, manpower and facilities requirements, and a training program for a 10-year National Rice Research Program, and we are helping the Ministry of Agriculture find and support a Vietnamese scientist to lead this program.

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Marine Faunal Areas

In his review (13 Dec., p. 1028) of my book *Marine Zoogeography* (1), Richard Rosenblatt comments that there is not an explicit statement of criteria to be used in the establishment of regions, provinces, and boundaries, that the chapter on the pelagic realm has a literature list that ends in the 1960's, and that he could not find any mention of the central oceanic gyres. The facts are that the province (the basic zoogeographic unit) is defined in chapter 1 (1, p. 16), the chapter on the pelagic realm refers to five works published in 1970 or more recently, and that the latter chapter also includes a discussion of water masses and currents (1, pp. 335-338) in which the gyres are mentioned.

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The Big Horn Medicine Wheel

In his article (7 June, p. 1035), John A. Eddy describes the solstitial alignment of the cairns of the Big Horn Medicine Wheel in northern Wyoming and suggests that the heliacal risings of the stars Adebarean, Rigel, and Sirius could have been used as signals of the summer solstice. He also suggests that the 28 irregularly spaced spokes of the Medicine Wheel might

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