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## Cretaceous "winter"

Discoveries in Denmark, New Zealand, and Spain of abundant soot and charcoal in clay samples dating back 65 million years suggest that wildfires may have contributed to the global extinction of species (thought to have been triggered by the impact of an asteroid or a meteorite) at the end of the Cretaceous period (page 167). The copious amounts of carbon found at three disparate sites suggest that a worldwide carbon layer was deposited. Wolbach, Lewis, and Anders explain how a meteorite could have ignited wildfires on distant continents, burning vegetation and fossil carbons. As much of the terrestrial biomass was consumed by fire, massive amounts of carbon and dust in the atmosphere would have blocked sunlight and inhibited photosynthesis, noxious chemicals would have harmed living creatures, and the earth could have been cooled as envisioned also in nuclear winter scenarios. These data from ancient events may be applicable to predictions about effects of a nuclear winter.

# Martian dust devils

Viking Orbiter photographs show that there are dust devils on Mars (page 175). Columnar, conical, or funnel-shaped vortices of dust apparently rise into the thin Martian atmosphere as the surface is heated during summer afternoons. Dust devils were typically 1 to 2.5 kilometers high, although the tallest reached 7 km. Most were found where the terrain was smooth, and analysis of their color showed that they were composed of surface dust. Thomas and Gierasch estimate that a typical dust devil 2 km high and 200 m in diameter would contain  $3 \times 10^3$  kilograms of dust. Further investigation will help determine whether this dust load plays a part in initiating major dust storms on the planet.

# Toxic Escherichia coli

The common gut bacterium *Escherichia coli* can become a dangerous pathogen when infected by a phage (a bacterial virus) that carries a toxin gene (page 179). The phage converts normal *E. coli* to toxin-producing organisms that cause infantile diarrhea and hemorrhagic colitis. The pathogenic form produces 10,000 times as much toxin (called Shiga-like toxin or SLT) as does normal *E. coli*. Newland *et al.* found that phage strains insert a structural gene into the host *E. coli* chromosome; this gene specifies production of SLT. The gene for SLT and the toxin produced are structurally similar to the gene and toxin found in shigellae that cause dysentery.

# Enzymes in the brain

The A and B monoamine oxidases-degradative enzymes that affect neurotransmitter concentrations and functioning by removing amine groups from neurotransmitters-are found in discrete regions of the primate brain (page 181). The A form was found (with highly specific monoclonal antibodies) in cells that use catecholamine as a neurotransmitter; B was found in cells that use serotonin. Because A, not B, deaminates serotonin, Westlund et al. suggest that the normal role of these enzymes is a protective one, deaminating extraneous amines that encounter the neuronal cells. A different destructive role may be played by the B form in some drug abusers; brain damage and parkinsonism have been associated with use of synthetic opiates contaminated with MPTP which, upon activation by the B enzyme, produces toxic cellular effects. Aberrant enzyme activities are also thought to accompany certain psychiatric and neurologic disorders for which enzyme inhibitors have been used clinically.

# **Biochemistry of heart throbs**

A transmembrane signal protein N<sub>i</sub> or a related molecule in a family of proteins thought to mediate a number of hormonal actions is associated with functional changes in the developing heart (page 186). The automatic beating of heart cells changes during development: it is at first stimulated by a-adrenergic catecholamines and later inhibited by them. This change is brought about by neurologic influence-innervation by sympathetic nerves in the heart-and has been observed in culture. Steinberg et al. found that the Ni-like protein increases as responsiveness changes and that it is involved in biochemical and pharmacologic regulation of responsiveness. The results are pertinent to normal cardiac ontogeny and perhaps to unusual circumstances-myocardial infarction and heart transplantation-in which the heart may revert to an earlier developmental state and respond differently to  $\alpha$ -adreneratic stimulation.

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Shevchenko's confessional autobiography\* that Soviet policy-makers dismiss true nuclear disarmament because, in that event, the Soviet Union would cease to be a superpower. If that is to be taken on its face, the puzzle of Soviet intransigence is given a new twist, since it seems to say that in their case nuclear overkill has evolved into a nonnegotiable geopolitical asset. The burden on arms control efforts thus becomes staggering, and the focus has to be on measures for conflict avoidance and negotiations to put a cap on weapons systems competition. But with trust on both sides near the zero point, the course is all uphill.

The quality of public opinion in matters of arms control and the requirements of national security are very important to a society based upon the principles of representative government. Nowhere is this problem more troublesome than where controversy arises regarding new starts on weapons systems and confidence levels in the verifiability of arms agreements. The parade of disputes over weapons systems in the past decade alone says much about the confusion that afflicts public opinion. Each new weapons initiative has generated arguments as to need, efficacy, cost, reliability, survivability, and consistency with ratified or unratified arms control treaties. Not everyone can follow these trails without a guide, and Scoville's legacy to his fellow citizens will long survive in the educational work of the Arms Control Association.

Because intricacy besets this whole area, great oversimplifications are of no help. Thus, the AAAS thought it timely to publish this year a glossary of terms and concepts that bear on problems of verification in nuclear arms control matters. It runs to 38 pages, without counting even more pages listing key official documents, treaties in force, and "suspended arms control negotiations." It is a mouthful. "SLAR" stands for Side-Looking Airborne Radar. "Pave Paws Radar" is a phased array radar to warn of submarine-launched missiles. "Molniya" are Soviet satellites for military communication. "Exoatmospheric" refers to antiballistic missiles that operate outside the atmosphere. Thus we begin to glimpse a patch of the intricacy that suffuses the nuclear weapons culture and hampers public opinion in staying in step with the arms control debate.

Now a summit meeting is in prospect. It ought to be more than a spectacle of personalities on a world stage. It ought to bring into focus the full dimensions of the terror that holds us hostage. Whatever may be its outcomes, the genuine work of pursuing arms control will be done, as always, offstage. It will be done in the quiet zone of the cold war, and those who work honestly at it are unlikely to be singled out for peace prizes. The unfinished work of Scoville challenges us profoundly.-WILLIAM D. CAREY

\*A. N. Shevchenko, Breaking with Moscow (Knopf, New York, 1985), p. 163.

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# **Arms Control and Intricacy**

This meditation is prompted by the recent passing of Herbert Scoville. His career, in and out of government, in pursuit of balanced national security tempered by arms control went a very long way in defining and exemplifying the idea of scientific responsibility. The best years of his life, and all of his dwindling time, went into building the case for the arms control process and elucidating the differential impacts of weapons systems on the fragile texture of what we term stability.

Much that assails the eye and the ear, relative to reining in the risk of nuclear conflict, is at the level of rhetorical jousting. Our adversary calls for a mutual moratorium on tests. We invite the adversary to observe a weapons test. Deadlock follows. But below the surface rhetoric is an intricacy that grows more complex with time and with weapons innovations, and it is here that the specialists have so critical a role.

The likelihood that nuclear weapons will disappear is small. We read in

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