

field. Finally, museums need to adopt an accessions ethic for the purchase of archeological materials from the United States, as well as from foreign countries.

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The antiquities market should be exploited rather than suppressed. There is obviously reason enough for all museums to want all the "goodies" of any ancient civilization, but knowledge and preservation might both be improved if the sale of these art objects were sponsored by the government, scientifically controlled, and if their ultimate sale price went to finance the proper excavation of such items. The purchaser would prefer a pedigree to go with his purchase, and the object would probably land in a museum anyway, if proper tax credits are continued.

Like many social proposals, the idea of retaining historical items as part of the public property of the country is idealistic, but human morality often suffers from the effects of greed.

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Smoking at Scientific Meetings

A. B. Pardee's suggestion (Letters, 17 Mar., p. 1194) that smokers be separated from nonsmokers at scientific meetings is fine, so long as the nonsmokers are not downwind from the smokers.

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Proximate Cause

James S. Dwight, Jr. (Letters, 11 Feb., p. 581), of the California Department of Finance, objects to the implication that Governor Reagan denied faculty salary increases for 2 years in a row, since Governor Reagan did recommend an increase for 1970-71. Dwight concedes that no increase was recommended for 1971-72. But it must be remembered that, in addition to failing to recommend an increase, Reagan vetoed a 1971-72 10 percent

faculty pay raise for our university and state college systems which had been passed by the legislature. Later in the legislative session, when a second bill authorizing a 7.5 percent increase was passed, he also vetoed that. What galls is Dwight's remark on the limited authority of the governor's office, "The governor proposes, but the legislature ultimately disposes." It was Governor Reagan alone who disposed (twice) of our 1971-72 pay increase, and by doing so he and he alone was responsible for our being denied a salary increase for two consecutive years.

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Crystal Structure of UpA

Although we referred to the paper of Seeman *et al.* (1) on the crystal structure of uridylyl (3',5') adenosine hemihydrate (UpA) in our report on the same structure (3 Dec., p. 1020), the relationship between these two structural determinations was not made clear. Herein, we wish to clarify the matter.

Seeman *et al.* studied the crystal structure of UpA independently from us and in parallel. Although different conditions were used in crystallizing the UpA, the two structures were, indeed, identical. In retrospect, it is apparent that the Seeman group completed the structure analysis prior to us. Their original paper in *Nature New Biology* was submitted on 24 May 1971, at which time our structure determination was only partially complete. However, their paper did not appear in print until after our paper had been submitted to *Science* (31 August 1971). In addition, Seeman *et al.* reported the structure of UpA at the American Crystallographic Association meeting, which took place on 15 to 20 August 1971 at Ames, Iowa. At that time, our structure had been solved and was being refined, as was reported by M. Sundaralingam at the meeting.

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