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EDITOR'S NOTES

There are now 716 persons and organizations on our mailing list. Of these, 32 are libraries, and 96 are located outside of the United States and Canada.

A number of primate laboratories continue to supplement a diet of commercial chow with vitamins, fruits and other foods. This is both timeconsuming and expensive. For some time now, the monkeys in the Primate Behavior Laboratory here at Brown have been maintained strictly on commercial chow (one of the dated varieties containing stabilized vitamin C) with highly satisfactory results. Specifically, a group of 30 rhesus monkeys and three cynomolgus monkeys has received this diet for a little over two years. For reasons not related to diet, the group also received a vitamin "sandwich" once a week the first year, but has not since then. A group of 24 stump-tailed monkeys and 15 Philippine cynomolgus has been on this diet for 7 to 10 months. We have also had at least 20 squirrel monkeys on it for varying periods of time; at least 2 years in the case of four animals. We have had no losses of Old World monkeys nor signs of dietary deficiency during the periods in question. Although we have lost some squirrel monkeys, we have never found the diet to be a factor. Of fourteen mature female rhesus paired with males during the period in which no food supplements have been given, 12 gave birth to viable offspring. One fetus was stillborn and one was aborted. Four of the 12 viable infants were given to another laboratory shortly after birth. The remaining eight, five of which are now 1-1/2 years old, have been reared only on mother's milk or a substitute for it and, later, commercial chow. All of these laboratory-reared animals are in excellent condition.

A request for information about tuberculosis in squirrel monkeys appeared in the previous issue of the <u>Newsletter</u>. During one of the paperreading sessions devoted to laboratory primates at the recent Animal Care Panel meeting, Morris Povar asked whether any of the 100 or so persons present had ever made or heard of a diagnosis of tuberculosis in a squirrel monkey. None had.

We must confess that, after all the discussion (see in this Newsletter: Editor's Notes, January, 1964; On the Identification and Naming of 'Cynomolgus' and Other Monkeys, April, 1964; and On the Identification of Monkeys, July, 1964), we are not able to bring ourselves to follow our own advice to call the rhesus monkey Macaca mulatta mulatta and the cynomolgus monkey M. mulatta fascicularis. It seems highly likely that the whole genus, Macaca, will have to be revised eventually. Rather than making name changes piecemeal with each new bit of information, it seems best to hold off until much more information has been gathered. For the time being, therefore, we will continue to call the rhesus M. mulatta and the cynomolgus, M. irus. For the latter, we will note also their common names and that there is some justification for changing irus to fascicularis. We shall include as much additional information as we can in order to aid future identification.

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BLOOD GROUPS AND SERUM SPECIFICITIES OF APES AND MONKEYS

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Despite its evident interest, until recently little was known about the blood groups of nonhuman primates. The most recent review of the subject by David Franks ("The Blood Groups of Primates", Symp. Zool. Soc. Lond., 1963, 10, 221-250) refers to only 66 original papers, covering the period of 1911 to 1962, 13 of them by A. S. Wiener. In addition, several of the publications reported results on one animal only, or findings disproved by later work.

This lack of information was due mainly to the unavailability of apes and monkeys for research purposes, to the lack of methods for handling them, and also to the complicated serological testing techniques, in which specific antisera were prepared by agglutinating human red cells and then removing the antibody from the surface of these red cells by elution processes.

The advent of larger primate laboratories in this country, including the Regional Primate Research Centers, alleviated the first difficulty by making sufficient number of animals available for research purposes. This, in turn, led to the development of simpler testing methods by selective absorption which is possible only when enough test animals are available. Also, in the meantime, new methods for handling of nonhuman primates have been developed. Finally, the availability of animals allowed for immunization experiments, which, in turn, led to the discovery of new simian blood factors.

This paper is intended as a brief survey of results obtained during two years of collaborative investigation, the results of which are at this time still partially in process of publication.

Human-like Blood Group Antigens in Nonhuman Primates

In the first part of our investigation, blood grouping reagents prepared for testing human red cells were used for typing red cells of nonhuman primates. This approach is based on the implication that closely related species possess similar serological properties. In fact, it has been found that reagents prepared for blood grouping in man can be used

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for studies on apes and monkeys, and, conversely, reagents prepared with blood from rhesus monkeys led to the discovery by Landsteiner and Wiener of the Rh-Hr blood group system of man.

It should be mentioned here, however, that the possible existence in nonhuman primates of "naturally" occurring iso-agglutinins other than anti-A and anti-B has also been investigated. For this purpose crosstesting of red cells with sera within the same A-B-O group has been carried out to a limited extent so far in chimpanzees, orangutans, gibbons, baboons and rhesus monkeys, but no distinct reproducible reactions have been observed.

A-B-O groups and Lewis substance. -- In general, the human blood grouping reagents cannot be used directly for testing red cells of non-human primates because of the presence of interfering nonspecific hetero-agglutinins. This difficulty was overcome in our studies by suitably designed absorption experiments; for example, human anti-A clumps indiscriminantly most of chimpanzee red cells independently of their blood group; however, absorption of this antiserum with chimpanzee group O red cells, removed the nonspecifically clumping antibodies, and the antiserum remaining after the absorption reacts selectively only with the red cells of A specificity.

In the tests for the presence of ABH and Lewis blood group substances in saliva, the interference of nonspecific hetero-agglutinins is excluded by the testing techniques.

Table 1 presents the results of our A-B-O blood grouping tests on red cells, and the tests for ABH and Lewis substances on saliva. As can be seen, the apes have blood groups closely resembling the human A-B-O groups. However, in chimpanzees only groups A and O are present, while in gibbons and orangutans only the groups A, B and AB, but not the group O have been observed. Gorilla red cells gave weak reactions with the antisera used, but inhibition tests on saliva, and tests on serum for the "naturally" occurring antibodies (reciprocal to the blood group of the animal, and therefore indicating it), showed the few gorillas tested to be group B.

Thus, as far as the A-B-O blood groups are concerned, among the apes, gorillas are the most different from man, and most similar to Old World monkeys, since the A-B-O groups of gorillas are more readily determined from their secretions than from their blood, as it will be shown below to be the case in monkeys.

All apes tested to date (about 200) secreted ABH substance in their saliva, except for a single orangutan. Thus, only the orangutans share the polymorphism of the secretor status as found in man.

In contrast, pronounced differences have been found among the species of apes in the secretion of Lewis substance in the saliva: all gibbons and most chimpanzees tested proved to be nonsecretors of Lewis

Table 1
Human-like Blood Groups in Apes and Monkeys

Species	Total	Blood Groups	Red Cell Antigens		Subgroups of A	Lewis Substance in Saliva
HOMO SAPIENS		O,A,B,AB	Like man	Sec & nS A-B-H	A ₁ A ₂	Les and nL
PAN SATYRUS	130	0,A	Like man		A _{1,2} A ₂	† and Les
PONGO PYGMAEUS	26	A,B,AB	Like man	Sec & nS A-B-H	A ₁ A _{1,2}	Les
HYLOBATES LAR	13	A,B,AB	Like man		A ₁	nL
GORILLA GORILLA	4	B-11ke	+	Sec B-H		+
GORILLA BERENGEI	3	A	?	Urine A	·	
PAPIO CYNOCEPHALUS	152	A,B,AB		Sec A-B-H		Les and nL
MACACA MULATTA	10	В	-	Sec B-H		
MACACA IRUS	13	O,A,B,AB		Sec A-B-H		
MACACA NEMESTRINA	9	О,В	0.0	Sec B-H	AND	Les
CYNOPITHECUS NIGER	10	0?,A,B	die .	Sec A-B-H	The second secon	Les
ERYTUROCEBUS PATAS	12	A	-	Sec A-H	Territorial Agency (Constitution of Constitution of Constituti	Les and nI
CEBUS ALBIFRANS	4	"O", B	"B" like	Sec B-H	THE PROPERTY OF THE PROPERTY O	nL
SAIMIRI SCIUREA	4	"0",A	"B" like	Sec A-H	ndir-ntalificanjentus	nL
MARMOSETS	31	А	"B" like	Sec A,H-like		nL

substance, while all orangutans tested secreted Lewis substance.

The red cells of Old World monkeys failed to clump in anti-A, anti-B and anti-H reagents; the red cells of New World monkeys were clumped by anti-B reagents, however, analytical studies showed their B-substance to be of different specificity than that in man.

All the monkeys tested were secretors of ABH substances, so that their A-B-O groups could be determined from tests on the saliva, and by the presence of reciprocal antibodies in their serum, as had been first pointed out by Wiener 20 years ago. With regard to the Lewis substance, this was found in saliva of the Old World monkeys only.

M-N factors.--Table 2 summarizes the findings on red cell types M and N. All chimpanzees tested to date have M-like factors on their red cells; about half of them have the factor called by us the NV factor, and about half lack this factor. The factor NV is one of the human N factors, namely, the factor determined by lectin (seed extract) obtained from the plant Vicia graminea. In gibbons, M-like blood factors were absent in most of the animals tested, while the NV factor was almost regularly present. In orangutans, about half of the animals had M-like factors, and about half lacked this factor, but none had the NV factor.

These findings on M-N system not only demonstrate characteristic differences among the species of apes, but also indicate that the genetic mechanism for that system in apes is different from that in man.

Studies on monkeys (not shown in Table 2), confirm the regular presence of M-like blood factors in Old World monkeys, while the N^V factor appears to be absent from their red cells. In New World monkeys, only certain species show M-like factors, and then only with a few selected antisers; the N^V factor has not been observed.

Rh-Hr factors.--In tests with Rh-Hr antisera (cf. Table 3), all chimpanzees give the same reaction, namely, their red cells have blood factors $Rh_{\rm O}$, and hr', but lack rh', rh", and hr"; this is indicated by designating chimpanzees as type $Rh_{\rm O}Ch$. In serological analysis of anti-Rho sera, absorption with chimpanzee red cells removed the reactivity for chimpanzee red cells with only little apparent effect on the reactivity of the reagent for human $Rh_{\rm O}$ -positive red cells. Thus, all six human anti-Rho sera tested behaved as if they contained two kinds of $Rh_{\rm O}$ antibodies, one reactive for chimpanzee as well as human red cells, and the other reactive for human red cells alone.

Gibbons, on the other hand, have red cells reacting only with anti-hr' sera; and are therefore designated type $\overline{r}h^{Gi}$. It was possible to fractionate the human anti-hr' sera into their anti-human-hr' and anti-gibbon components,

 $\label{eq:Table 2} \begin{tabular}{lll} Table 2 \\ The $\underline{\underline{M}}$ and $\underline{\underline{N}}$ Blood Factors in Apes \\ \end{tabular}$

SPECIES	M. dram	M-LIKE FACTORS					
	PRESENT	ABSENT	TOTALS				
PAN SATYRUS	130	0	130				
HYLOBATES LAR	1	8	9				
HYLOBATES PILEATUS	1	0	1				
PONGO PYGMAEUS	12	12	24				
GORILLA GORILLA	1	0	1				
SPECIES	and the second s	NV FACTOR (Vicia graminea				
PAN SATYRUS	42	62	104				
HYLOBATES LAR	9	0	9				
HYLOBATES PILEATUS	0	1	1				
PONGO PYGMAEUS	0	24	24				
GORILLA GORILLA	1	0	1				

SPECIES	REACTIO	REACTIONS OF RED CELLS WITH HUMAN ANTISERA						
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CHIMPANZEES	+	4fu	\$609-	+	and depth of the second	RhoCh		
GIBBONS	-	_	-	+		rhGi		
ORANGUTANS	weak	200	100	weak		RhoOr		
GORILLAS	weak		**	weak	_	Rh Go		
OLD AND NEW WORLD MONKEYS		Time	en			VIII O		

similarly though to a lesser extent than in anti-Rh $_{\rm O}$ fractionation with chimpanzee red cells. Red cells of orangutans tested react, like those of chimpanzees, only with anti-Rh $_{\rm O}$ and anti-hr' sera; the relatively low titers indicate that the blood factors must be quite different from the corresponding factors of chimpanzee and man. Red cells of gorillas tested had also both Rh $_{\rm O}$ and hr' factors, with titers intermediate between those of chimpanzees and orangutans.

Therefore, according to the degree of resemblance of the Rh-Hr reactions to those of man, chimpanzee is closest to man, followed by gibbon, gorilla and orangutan in that order.

Red cells from Old and New World monkeys, including the rhesus monkey (Macaca mulatta), do not react with any human Rh-Hr antisera, even though the very first antisera of Rh specificity were produced by immunizing rabbits and guinea pigs with rhesus monkey red cells: this situation is an example of what is known as non-reciprocal reaction.

Other human-like blood factors. -- The blood factor I behaves like a heterophile antigen, i.e. its distribution cuts across phylogenetic lines of primates, and also of other species. For example, in primates, it is present in man and in Cebus monkeys, but is absent or very poorly developed in anthropoid apes (cf. Table 4).

Only a limited number of experiments have been done with reagents of specificities such as anti-Kell, anti-Duffy etc. In view of the difficulty in distinguishing the group-specific reactions of such reagents from those due to the non-specific hetero-agglutinins also contained in these reagents, especially with sera requiring the anti-globulin technique, the results obtained have been difficult to interpret.

A short series of tests with anti-P reagents indicate that chimpanzees are P-negative.

Simian Type Blood Group Antigens

Most recent investigations have been carried out by antisera prepared against red cells of apes and monkeys. The following antisera are being prepared and are under study at the present time:

(1) iso-immune antisera produced in various ape and monkey species, (2) antisera produced by cross-immunization between primate species, including the use of human red cells for immunization of other primate species, (3) hetero-immune antisera produced in rabbits immunized with red cells of primate animals.

Blood types recognized by antisera prepared by immunization with simian red cells are being referred to, by us, as "simian type" blood factors. These are to be distinguished from the human type blood factors determined by antisera produced against human red cells, which are also present in other primates, as described in the preceding chapters.

Table 4
Blood Factor I on Red Cells of Primates

	TITER AT ROOM	TEMPERATURE
SPECIES	UNMODIFIED RBC	FICINATED RBC
TO TOP FOR A TANKE WAS A TOP WAY	32	640
HUMAN ADULT	0	20
HUMAN CORD BLOOD	0	0
HYLOBATES LAR	0	0.
PAN SATYRUS	0	4
PONGO PYGMAEUS	0	4
GORILLA GORILLA	128	1,000
CEBUS ALBIFRANS		E.G.
HUMAN ADULT	4	56
HUMAN CORD BLOOD	0	2
PAPIO CYNOCEPHALUS	0	1
	24	32
OEDIPOMIDAS OEDIPUS	0	0
SHEEP	214	256
RABBIT	214	4.20

In our immunization program, significant results have been obtained so far by iso-immunization of chimpanzees and gibbons, and by cross-immunization of chimpanzees with human red cells.

Chimpanzee antisera produced against chimpanzee red cells recognize, to date, three different simian blood factors designated A^{C} , B^{C} and C^{C} , the superscript "c" indicating the chimpanzee origin of the antigen used for immunization. Tests on 75 chimpanzees from the Yerkes and Delta Regional Primate Research Centers, demonstrated that blood factors A^{C} and B^{C} together with blood factor N^{V} , belong to one and the same new blood group system, designated the V-A-B simian blood group system. This system comprises eight blood types resulting from different combinations of the factors A^{C} , B^{C} and N^{V} ; it behaves serologically similarly to the M-N-S antigens and antibodies in man: for example, ficinated red cells fail to react. Heredity of the V-A-B blood group system is by multiple allelic genes, a simple nomenclature has been devised, and family studies are being carried out on the Yerkes chimpanzee families.

Working independently, Zmijewski and Metzgar ($\underline{\text{Transfusion}}$, in press) have produced another iso-specific chimpanzee antiserum by immunization with human red cells. A blood factor demonstrable by this antiserum and referred to by us as D^C has been shown to be related to the V-A-B simian blood group system of chimpanzees.

The simian blood factor C^C belongs to a blood group system which seems independent of the V-A-B system. The anti- C^C serum reacts not only by the antiglobulin method, but also on ficinated red cells. Using this reagent alone, we have been able to determine three types of chimpanzee red cells, namely C_1 , C_2 , and C_3 .

Results of a population test for the distribution of the new simian type antigens among 60 Yerkes chimpanzees are shown in Table 5.

DISTRIBUTION OF THE BLOOD FACTOR $\underline{\underline{N}}^V$, AND THE SIMIAN BLOOD FACTORS $\underline{\underline{A}}^c$, $\underline{\underline{B}}^c$ AND $\underline{\underline{C}}^c$ AMONG 60 CHIMPANZEES

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SERIAL	BLO	OD FAC	TORS	AND THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN	NUMBER OF CHI	MPANZEES	BINARY			
NUMBER	NA	AC	Bc	Cc	GROUP A	GROUP O	NUMBER *			
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2.	_	-	-	+	1	0	0001			
3.	_	_	+	-	1	0	0010			
4.	_	600	+	+	5	1	0011			
5.	_	+	_	-	8	0	0100			
6.	-	+	445	+	4	0	0101			
7.	_	+	+	-	6	0	0110			
8.	_	+	+	+	3	0	0111			
9.	+		-		2	0	1000			
10.	+	-		+	1	1	1001			
11.	+	_	+	_	12	0	1010			
12.	1		+	+	7	0	1011			
13.	+	+	_	_	5	1	1100			
14.	+	+	_	+	0	0	1101			
	+	+	+		1	0	1110			
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16:	+	+	1	T						

*This arrangement according to the binary system may prove useful also for purposes of coding.

Iso-immune antisera have been produced also in gibbons maintained at the Delta Regional Primate Research Center of Tulane University, and are now under investigation.

Chimpanzees cross-immunized with an individual human blood produced antibodies of a specificity partially parallel to that of anti-N V , not found in serum of other chimpanzees immunized with different human bloods. This finding is being investigated, and indicates the correlation between ape and human blood iso-antigens, as proven also to exist in serum proteins.

Serum Specificities

Following the earlier work on blood groups, analogous crossreacting iso-antigenic systems have been revealed by more recent studies carried out since 1959 in sera of nonhuman primates and in man, the general concept and the results obtained so far are presented schematically in Table 6.

By the gamma globulin inhibition tests, using anti-human globulin rabbit antisera, the sera gamma globulins in ape and monkey blood have been compared with that present in man (cf. Table 7). Here again, the results support the conclusion that among the anthropoid apes, chimpanzees are most closely related to man.

Some Applications of the Present Findings

Studies of the human-like and simian type blood group antigens have been carried out in the recent cases of chimpanzee-to-man, and baboon-to-man kidney heterotransplantations, and rhesus monkey kidney homotrans-plantations. They have borne out, among others, the importance of blood group antigens of both human-like and simian type for experimental studies of transplantation reactions.

The amount of information accumulated during the last two years now allows attempts of the first comparative study of geographical and species distribution of blood groups in nonhuman primates, similar to studies on blood group distribution in man.

Furthermore, the accumulated data are being now investigated to provide additional information about the taxonomical relationship of ape and monkey species.

In addition to the above work, studies of platelets and white cell antigens are being carried out in collaboration with Dr. N. R. Shulman, National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases. Preliminary results already available indicate the possibility of further expansion of these studies which would provide additional information similar in scope to that already obtained on the blood groups of red cells.

Table 6

SERUM ANTIGEN SYSTEMS IN CLOSELY RELATED SPECIES

DESIGNATION OF THE SELECTIVE ANTIBODIES	SPECIES OF INDIVIDUAL ANTIGEN DONOR	SPECIES OF INDIVIDUAL PRODUCER OF IMMUNE ANTIBODIES	SPECIES POSSESSING POLYMORPHIC TRAITS RECOGNIZED BY THE IMMUNE ANTIBODIES
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Table 7

REACTIONS OF PRIMATE SERA IN THE INHIBITION TEST WITH ANTI-HUMAN GLOBULIN SERUM

The strength of the reactions is indicated by the number of plus signs, +++ being the strongest reaction possible and tr, +, and + indicating weak reactions. A minus sign indicates no reaction.

SPECIES	REACTION OF Rh _O -POSITIVE RED CELLS SENSITIZED WITH ANTI-Rh _O UNIVALENT ANTIBODY WITH ANTI-HUMAN GLOBULIN SERUM AFTER MIXTURE WITH PRIMATE SERUM								I-Rh _o IER	
	1:5	1:10	1:20	1:40	1:80	1:160	1:320	1:640	1:1280	1:2560
HOMO SAPIENS	getang cawa lipropriative volativitati and	ong manna arak ngingdi gilitan agang akh gilitan arak dida	edice de govegnes vention este que a novembre	onits	69	-	-		tr	+
PAN SATYRUS		ents.	-	-		-	-	tr	+	<u>+</u>
GORILLA GORILLA	***		***	tr	+	<u>+</u>	+-+	++	++	++
PONGO PYGMAEUS	+	+	+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++
HYLOBATES LAR	++	++	++	++	++ .	++	++	++	++	++
PAPIO CYNOCEPHALUS	++	+-+	++	++	++	++	++	++	++±	+++±
CYNOPITHECUS NIGER	 + <u>+</u>	++	+++	+++	++±	++++	+++	+++	++±	++++
MACACA MULATTA	+++	++±	+++	+++	++++	++++	+++	+++	++++	+++
MACACA NEMESTRINA	++	++	+++	1++	+++	+++	+++	++++	++++	+++
CEBUS ALBIFRANS	++	++	++	++	++	++	++	++±	++±	++±
NORMAL RABBIT	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
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BREEDING SAIMIRI SCIUREUS

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Those interested in the possibility of breeding squirrel monkeys may obtain some useful guidelines from the experiences of the Psychology Department at the University of Washington. Nothing could be found in the available literature about the breeding of squirrel monkeys, although a research project on this subject is reported to be under way at the Primate Research Colony of the San Diego Zoo at the present time (Lab. primate Newsltr, 1963, 2 [No. 2], 4). The present information is based on a group of 20 animals, composed of 19 females and one male. The animals were housed during quarantine in a large wire covered room with space to jump and climb. After one month quarantine, eleven of the females were found to be pregnant. Subsequently, a twelfth one was added to this group. The first parturition occurred during the month of June, 115 days after the animals were received from quarantine.

It was difficult to specify the menstrual cycle exactly. "Estrous", as indicated by swelling and reddening of the external genitals and a slight mucous exudate, was not observed in any animal less frequently than 21 days. Probably 28 days is average, as is true of the rhesus and other primates.

The chances of live birth, acceptance, and nursing by the mother were improved by housing the pregnant animals in complete privacy, screened both from other monkeys and from humans. There seemed to be a tendency for the pregnant squirrel monkey to withdraw from the group, particularly during late pregnancy. The cages for pregnant animals were covered on the sides exposed to noise and activity with black cloth, leaving a small corner for the females to look out. After several females delivered prematurely, even cage cleaning was avoided during late pregnancy. On two occasions two pregnant females were left together. In one instance, the one who delivered first also tried to claim the second baby. In the other, the female who had not yet delivered became so attached to the cage mate's baby that she ignored her own when it arrived. This may explain several of the rejections.

Reports by competent observers indicate that even under natural conditions there is a high mortality, possibly 25-30%. Out of the 12 pregnant females, four healthy babies survived that look like they will grow to maturity. Of the eight that did not survive, three were born prematurely. Two others, although carried to full term, were either rejected by the mother, or the mother was unable to nurse them. One of these mothers did not seem to know what to do with her baby. She picked it up but did not lift it up to nurse. Holding the mother and trying to aid the baby to nurse was not successful. When bottle fed, the baby began to gain some strength, for its grip was stronger, but it did not survive. The remaing three died after a few days, possibly from being

knocked against the bars when the mother swung around in the small cage. Since the babies cling mostly on the mother's back except when nursing, they are easily hurt when the mothers are excited as when attempts are made to catch them.

The male of the group is bigger and heavier and probably older than any other males previously received in this laboratory. He weighed in excess of 800 g and appeared to be 3-4 years old. Since the breeding age for male rhesus is 6 years it may be important to have an older male for successful breeding of squirrel monkeys.

As one result of this experience in breeding squirrel monkeys, a large "walk-in" cage resembling the quarantine unit (5' 10" high, 4' wide, and 8' long) was built. It was made of scrap 2" x 2" lumber and covered on the inside with hardware cloth. The sides, top, and ends were built separately and then bolted together after being painted. The floor of 3/4" plywood was covered with sawdust. Two small trees or branchings were toe-nailed to the floor and stapled to the frame and wire to provide perches and climbing room. The monkeys are more active and appear more natural in this large cage. This type of cage may help prevent the stiffness that develops in some squirrel monkeys when kept in small cages for several years. The cage may be used as a gang cage when not used for breeding.

SERUM SAMPLES NEEDED

We are currently interested in comparing serums of representative primates for antibodies to a number of agents causing infections in man. We are, therefore, in need of 1.0 to 10.0 ml of serum from various non-human primates. It would be appreciated if anyone capable of supplying this serum contact the undersigned.

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INFORMATION ABOUT MACACA NEMESTRINA SOUGHT

We are presently engaged in research utilizing the monkey,

Macaca nemestrina. Since this animal has not been commonly employed
in research, there is little available information in the literature
concerning its various characteristics. In view of this situation, we
are contacting agencies which might have access to such information.

Examples of the categories of information which we desire include parametric studies of body measurement and weight within different age brackets (of particular importance is the change in brain and cranial measurements with age), autonomic and endocrine functions, and electroencephalographic, neuroanatomical and neurophysiological data. We would appreciate receiving any information of this nature whether in the form of reprints of already published data or as material from unpublished sources. In the case of unpublished materials or data which may not be in a form convenient to send, an indication of its general nature might provide a basis for specific questions.

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OLDEST ZOO MONKEY DIES; WAS STERILE*

On May 24, 1964, "Irish," a male Hooded Capuchin, Cebus fatuellus paraguayensis, San Diego Zoo's primate patriarch, died. He was the longest-lived monkey ever in captivity. He was received at an estimated four years of age in 1927 and unfortunately, the day and month of his arrival was not entered on the specimen card. While he was in the San Diego Zoo he sired twenty-four offspring including a set of twins. The last was born on May 30, 1957. Shortly thereafter he was unable to remain the dominant male in the colony and was placed with a nonbreeding female until his death. The frozen carcass was flown to Dr. W. C. Osman Hill, Associate Director of the Yerkes Regional Primate Research Center at Emory University. Dr. Hill made sections of the testes and found there was "no evidence of potency."

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