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BULLETIN OF MECHANICAL ENGINEERING EDUCATION, Vol. I, No. 1 (New Series), Jan.-June 1962—J. H. Lamble and J. Parker, Eds., with J. Johnson—Pergamon, 87 p., illus., paper, \$10 annually. On new experimental methods and demonstrations of fundamental value to mechanical engineering students.

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THE STRUCTURE OF SCIENTIFIC REVOLUTIONS Thomas S. Kuhn—Univ. of Chicago Press, 172 p., paper, \$3. This Volume II, No. 2 of the International Encyclopedia of Unified Science presents in condensed and schematic form the author's view on the nature of accepted science theories, the emergence of scientific discoveries and the nature and necessity of scientific revolutions.

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RADIOLOGY

## Radiation Hazardous to Man Increases Dog's Life

➤ RADIATION above the maximum permissible levels can prolong life-but it's a dog's life at best.

Daily exposures, hazardous to man, have increased the longevity of beagles and improved their reproductive capabilities, two scientists reported at the Colorado State University symposium at Fort Collins on the effects of radiation on reproduction.

Dr. George W. Casarett of the Univerity of Rochester's School of Medicine and Dentistry, N. Y., said his research on irradiation effects on 60 male beagles demonstrated that their death rate was half that of dogs in the control group which was not exposed to radiation. He suggested that continued radiation may reduce incidence of death from infectious diseases by raising the white blood cell count. White blood cells act as disease combatants.

The beagles receiving double the maximum radiation exposures to which humans are limited seem to maintain better reproductive capabilities, Dr. Casarett said.

The ovaries of the female beagle appear to be radiation-resistant, according to Dr. A. C. Andersen of the University of California's School of Veterinary Medicine.

"No form of partial or complete sterilization from whole-body x-irradiation has become apparent in ten years of continuous research with one colony of dogs." he said. Dogs used were exposed to sub-lethal doses, hundreds of times more than the yearly permissible dose for humans. Such acute exposure did cause accelerated aging and cancer, with resultant shortening of the life span, but it had no effect on reproduction, Dr. Andersen said.

At the same meeting, Dr. Roberts Rugh of Columbia University's radiology department warned that findings from radiation of experimental animals cannot be applied to similar X-ray exposure to reproductive organs of the human female.

"For rodents and non-anthropoid animals in general it is of interest to learn the effect of ionizing radiations on the reproductive capacity. But for humans, quality as well as capacity of reproduction must be considered."

Dr. Rugh's warning is particularly significant since the studies of dogs, undertaken by Dr. Casarett, were aimed at determining the safety factors in levels of environmental radiation at which persons may work without risking bodily harm.

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