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BACKGROUND



Because the UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT arose from the Manhattan District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers which was responsible for development of the atomic bomb, it will be convenient for orientation to outline the establishment of the Manhattan

District as a background for the ROCHESTER PROGRAM.

During the year 1939 the existence of the process of nuclear fission was well established and by 1940 it was realized, both here and abroad, that it was probable that a practical fission bomb could be made for military purposes. After much discussion of feasibility both in the United Kingdom and in the United States, a decision was made to proceed in this country. Therefore, in JUNE 1942 a new district, the Manhattan District of the United States Army Corps of Engineers, was authorized under the direction of Colonel (later Brigadier General) J. C. Marshall to organize a program of atomic bomb development. In SEPTEMBER 1942 Brigadier General (later Lieutenant General) Leslie Groves was placed in charge of all army activities devoted to the bomb.

In DECEMBER 1942 the first self-sustaining chain reacting pile using natural uranium was demonstrated at the University of Chicago. This not only showed that a chain reaction such as that required to produce a bomb explosion would occur under proper conditions but it also showed the feasibility of manufacturing plutonium-239 which could be used as an alternative to uranium-235 as an explosive material.

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Meanwhile, in SEPTEMBER 1942 the Manhattan District purchased a 58,000 acre site at Oak Ridge, Tennessee which soon became a vast industrial complex employing up to 45,000 personnel engaged, for the most part, in the separation of fissionable uranium-235 from natural uranium. Shortly afterward another large site of 420,000 acres was purchased at Hanford, Washington where construction of facilities for production of plutonium was started in APRIL 1943.

It became evident during these developments that hitherto inconceivable amounts of radioactive materials would soon be produced. It was well known that their radiations would be very hazardous to health but it was not known how well they could be controlled. Furthermore, atomic bomb production, from the processing of uranium ore onward, would involve the use of large quantities of chemical materials with potentially toxic properties which had not been well studied.

Clearly a large medical program was required involving not only hospitals for the new atomic cities but also facilities for the surveillance of plants and the protection of personnel. In addition, research programs to determine potential dangers of the new materials were urgently needed.

ROCHESTER first became involved in this medical program in the middle of FEBRUARY 1943 when Dr. Albert K. Chapman, then vice president and general manager of Eastman Kodak Co., invited Dr. Stafford L. Warren, then Professor of Radiology at the Medical School, to luncheon at the Rochester Club. At the luncheon he was introduced to General Groves and Colonel Marshall who queried him on his experience with radiation and radioactive materials.

Following the luncheon Dr. Chapman left after advising Dr. Warren to do whatever the officers requested. Then, according to Dr. Warren's account, the officers took him to a private room where, after locking the door, closing the transom and examining a closet, they asked him if he would consider working

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on a medical program of great importance to the government but which involved the utmost secrecy.

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Following consultation with President Valentine and Dean Whipple, on MARCH 2, 1943 Dr. Warren accepted an appointment as civilian consultant to the Manhattan District.



MAWHATTAN PROJECT ERA

In APRIL 1943 Dr. Warren and Major H. L. Friedell of the Manhattan District (now Professor of Radiology at Western Reserve University) planned an initial research program at ROCHESTER. Shortly thereafter Captain (later Lieutenant Colonel) Van Horn was assigned as area engineer in ROCHESTER. On JUNE 2, 1943 the present B Wing of what is now called the Annex was started on the north side of Elmwood Ave. and was rushed to completion by SEPTEMBER 1943. This building, along with the adjoining, pre-existing A Wing of the Annex which had been built the previous year by the Radiology Department and equipped with a million volt X-ray machine to examine castings for the Armed Forces, provided a center for the new program. Additional space was provided by other departments, notably Biology, Physics, Biochemistry, and Radiology.

Although some medical research for the bomb program had been begun the previous fall at the University of Chicago Mettallurgical Project under the direction of Dr. Robert Stone, then normally Professor of Radiology at the University of California Medical School, San Francisco, it will be seen from the dates above that the ROCHESTER PROGRAM was developed quite early along with the two large production sites at Oak Ridge and Hanford.

The primary reasons for choosing ROCHESTER as a research center were that Drs. George Whipple and Stafford Warren had done pioneer work on the injurious effects of X-rays in dogs some 15 years previously and that early applications of cyclotronproduced radioactive isotopes to biological problems had been made in the Medical School, especially through the efforts of Dr. William Bale who had developed the necessary instrumentation.

The new program in ROCHESTER was called the MANHATTAN PROJECT, a name designed to conceal its mission, which was very highly classified in those days, and a name already adopted by

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the Manhattan District for the same reason.

The original staff of the PROJECT consisted of Dr. Warren, Dr. Andrew Dowdy, Dr. William Bale, Dr. Luville Steadman, Mr. Francis Bishop and Miss Susan Glover, all from the Radiology Department, and Dr. Harold Hodge from the Department of Biochemistry and Pharmacology. Recruitment of staff proceeded rapidly during the summer and fall of 1943 and later until the total number of personnel during the war reached about 350, some of whom were on military assignment.

Dr. Warren directed the local program in addition to advising the Manhattan District on its overall medical development until NOVEMBER 3, 1943 when he was commissioned Colonel and appointed Chief of the Medical Section of the Manhattan District with headquarters in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. In this capacity he was responsible for all the health and medical activities of the Manhattan District and its contractors. Dr. Dowdy succeeded Dr. Warren as Chairman of the Radiology Department and Director of the local PROJECT.

During the period of the war the ROCHESTER PROJECT had two broad undertakings, one consisting of practical technical services and the other research.

In its service function the *ROCHESTER* group analyzed the periodic reports on medical examinations of personnel in the *Manhattan District* plants all over the country. It also advised these plants on how to protect their employees by: (a) determining "tolerance standards" for exposure to radiation and toxic chemicals; (b) developing instruments to measure exposure; (c) measuring intensities of radiation and concentrations of toxic dusts in plants; and (d) suggesting measures to make operations safer.

Work at ROCHESTER was coordinated through Dr. Warren's office with that of laboratories at the Universities of Chicago, California, and Columbia, which had also undertaken Manhattan District assignments, and with medical and industrial hygiene

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Dr. Joe Howland began his atomic career during the war as a member of Colonel Warren's staff at Oak Ridge. Later he headed the Medical Division of the local Project. workers at the production plants. The combined efforts of these groups, with the effective cooperation of the operating staffs, made possible the excellent health record of the *Manhattan District*.

The war-time work, being new to almost everyone involved, led on occasion to unexpected or amusing situations.

One time, for example, Drs. Bale and Enns were assigned the task of determining radiation levels at an Ohio plant which was devoted to production of an alpha emitter. Because this radiation is difficult to measure, they developed an apparatus of high sensitivity and proceeded to Ohio. On reaching the plant and starting their measurement they discovered that the radiation levels in the administrative offices of the plant were so high that their instrument went off scale. Clearly, the housekeeping in this plant had fallen far short of ideal.

Another episode illustrative of the times involved shipment of radioactive material.

Because there was some possibility that the Germans might be producing, in atomic piles, radioactive isotopes which could be spread on the ground to deny safe access to troops, an experiment was planned to obtain some data on how the exposure to personnel would be related to the amounts of dispersed radioactive material.

A curie of radioactive sodium of short half-life was shipped by air by Dr. Robley Evans of M.I.T. for the experiment. Drs. Warren, Bale and Hodge met the shipment at the airport with a flat-bed truck piled high with concrete blocks for shielding the container which they thought might be emitting radiation because a curie was a colossal amount of radioactivity in those days. Also, they took with them a long pole with which the container could be carried at safe distance from the bearers. The truck was parked near the plane with the pilot in the cabin waiting to resume flight. When the pilot saw the container being borne on the pole and being carefully shielded after deposition on the truck, he opened the window and shouted, "My God! What's that? I have been sitting over it all the way from Syracuse."

Actually, Robley Evans, being an old hand even in those days, no doubt shipped the material with adequate shielding but the pilot was so alarmed that after failing to receive answers, for security reasons,

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from the ROCHESTER group on what he had been sitting over, traced the shipment. His report to the authorities resulted in suspension of air shipment of radioactive materials for some months until a federal code was established.

The experiment itself was conducted outdoors at night to avoid curious onlookers with no great hazard to anyone except Dr. Hodge. A young lady technician, who had just started to work that day, was asked to stay overtime to assist. When Dr. Hodge delivered her to her home at 4:00 o'clock in the morning, they were met by an irate parent who, fortunately, was ultimately reassured.

War-time security regulations were strict but conformity soon became routine. Unless especially authorized, personnel working on one topic in the laboratory were forbidden to discuss their work with those working on another topic. Guards on duty around the clock admitted no one without an official pass. Anyone who left his pass at home was escorted to the front office for identification and issued a special pass for the day, no matter how well he was known.

It may be apocryphal but it is said that Dean Whipple decided to visit the Annex on one occasion but forgot his pass and was refused admission by the guard. The Dean, of course, had been cleared along with other officers of the University who might be involved in administering the contract so, from the point of view of security regulations, he was a legal visitor in his own domain - but not without his pass.



In August 1945 Colonel Groves presented to President Valentine an award from Manhattan District for services of Project to war effort Looking on - L to R: Dr. Hodge, Dr. Dowdy, Col. Warren and Dr. Bale

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POST-WAR ERA

On JANUARY 1, 1947 the newly formed United States Atomic Energy Commission took over all contracts and facilities of the Manhattan District including the local program which was renamed THE UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT. Since that time the PROJECT has been responsible to the Manager of the New York Operations Office of the Commission for fiscal matters and to the Director of the Division of Biology and Medicine at the Commission's Washington Headquarters for the conduct of the scientific program. Association with the Commission's national laboratories and other contractors is maintained by periodic meetings at the various sites. In recent years the PROJECT has been responsible to the Director of the Commission's new Division of Nuclear Education and Training with respect to Commissionsupported educational activities.

When Dr. Dowdy resigned in DECEMBER 1947 to become Chairman of the new Department of Radiology at the Medical School of the University of California at Los Angeles, where Dr. Warren had been appointed Dean after the war, it was decided to form, at ROCHESTER, a new pre-clinical department of the Medical School, the Department of Radiation Biology, to administer the contract with the Commission. Dr. Henry Blair was appointed Chairman of the new department and Director of the ATOMIC ENERGY PROJECT in JANUARY 1948 and he occupied these positions until he retired in JUNE 1965 to be succeeded by Drs. William F. Newman and Aser Rothstein as Co-Chairmen and Co-Directors.

The reasons for forming a new pre-clinical department were that very few of the PROJECT staff were clinicians and that it was expected, when war-time security restrictions became lifted, integration of the activities of the PROJECT with those of the rest of the Medical School would be largely at the indicated

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pre-clinical level. The present name of the Department, Radiation Biology and Biophysics, was adopted in 1965; the addition of Biophysics being for the purpose of describing one of the major teaching and research interests in addition to Radiation Biology.

The program of the Department underwent considerably more evolution than is usual following the war. During the war, as was mentioned above, in addition to the research programs, other services were performed for the whole *Manhattan District*. The research programs were restricted largely to problems assigned by the *Manhattan District* and all reports and publications were highly classified and were distributed only to those other components of the *Manhattan District* that had need to know their content.

When the Commission assumed jurisdiction in 1947, it established a new organization, the *Health and Safety Laboratory* in *New York City*, which took over all the service functions of the *PROJECT* leaving only research and consultation. To these were soon added an educational program and the administration of a fellowship program in Industrial Medicine. The overall mission of the *PROJECT* remained, as before, to develop information and to provide instruction on the biomedical problems of nuclear energy development.

Meanwhile, the security classification of research topics in biology and medicine was lifted rapidly until by 1950 virtually all of the local programs were unclassified. This permitted, for the first time, free exchange of information with the rest of the Medical School and free access to the laboratories by those other than employees with clearances. Other important effects of declassification were that the accumulated war-time research results could be published in the open literature and an educational program open to both foreign and domestic students could be undertaken.

Additions of space were required for the teaching program

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0 Wing - constructed in 1950



00 Wing - constructed in 1966, adjoining 0 Wing



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Aerial view of Medical Center ca 1952 <u>A</u> - Medical School Annex; <u>B</u> - O Wing



Annex (ca 1962) after addition of third floor to B Wing

and for extension of the research programs. As mentioned above, the building occupied by the Department on the north side of Elmwood Avenue is called the Medical School Annex, or just the Annex. It now consists of three wings, A, B, and C. Wing A, 9700 sq. ft., was constructed in 1942 by the University to house high voltage X-ray equipment for testing castings for the Armed Forces as previously mentioned. Wing B, originally 15,000 sq. ft., and Wing C, originally 19,000 sq. ft., were built by the Manhattan District in 1943 and 1944. Education space, O Wing, 53,000 sq. ft., was built by the Commission as an addition to the Medical School in 1950. A tunnel under Elmwood Avenue connects this building to the Annex. Additions to B Wing of the Annex have been: the Alpha Laboratory, 6,000 sq. ft., in 1952; a third floor, 5,200 sq. ft., in 1961; and a low level counting facility, 600 sq. ft., in 1964. In 1951 900 sq. ft. were added to C Wing for flash burn studies. A radioactive storage vault, 200 sq. ft., was constructed off the tunnel joining the Annex and the Medical School in 1961. All of these additions were built by the Atomic Energy Commission. During 1965 and 1966 additions to 0 Wing of the Medical School totaling 50,000 sq. ft. were constructed. These consisted of an underground radiation facility off the tunnel and an eight-story builing, 00 Wing, adjoining 0 Wing and containing laboratories and lecture rooms. The total space occupied by the Department by JANUARY 1967 was approximately 160,000 sq. ft., exclusive of storage.

Upon completion of the new building, a conference room in OO Wing was named the CHARLES L. DUNHAA ROOA in honor of *Charles L. Dunham*, Chairman of the Division of Medical Science, National Academy of Science National Research Council, who was associated with the Division of Biology and Medicine of the Atomic Energy Commission from 1949 to 1967 and was Director of the Division from 1955 to 1967.

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The Department Library in O Wing, which had to be remodeled because of the new construction, was named the HENRY A. BLAIR LIBRARY in honor of the first Chairman of the Department.





The total personnel of the Department usually numbers about 340, including approximately 260 full-time employees, 30 student assistants, and 50 other students and fellows. The academic staff, including 14 to 17 technical associates, usually numbers about 70.

Owing to the breadth of the teaching and research programs, the faculty represents a wide diversity of training and interests. These include biochemistry, biology, biophysics, chemistry, engineering, health physics, physiology and toxicology. Many of the research problems in the Department require the application of various groups of these disciplines for their solution and the teaching program requires elements of them all.

The faculty has tended to remain relatively stable, particularly at the senior levels. About 20 of the current faculty (listed in the Appendix) have been on the staff since before the present Department was formed in 1948.

Six supervisory members of the Department have died while in office. Dr. S. Lee Crump, head of the Statistics Section for about 14 years, died in APRIL 1963. Dr. Elliot Maynard, who served on the staff for about 20 years and who was head of the Chemical Toxicity Section, died in MARCH 1964. Mr. William L. Downs, who joined the staff in 1944 and made large contributions to studies of toxicity, died in APRIL 1967. Mr. Carson M. Jarvis, who served ably as Business Manager for about 15 years, died in JULY 1961. Mr. Norman Oakes, who supervised maintenance for nearly 20 years, died in AUGUST 1962 and his successor, Mr. Clarence Fuller, died in AUGUST 1966.

It is not possible, in a reasonable amount of space, to list the particular contributions to the program of various

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individuals. This is particularly true of the supporting staff, business, mechanical, and technical, who were unusually numerous because the Department has always maintained its own services separate from those of the Medical School. In the Appendix, however, are listed the names of all the staff members who were authors of Departmental publications along with the names of those in other departments or at other organizations who collaborated in the publications from the beginning of the *PROJECT* up to *JANUARY 1967*.



Dr. E. A. Maynard, Dr. A. Rothstein, Dr. J. N. Stannard, Dr. H. C. Hodge, Dr. J. K. Scott and Dr. W. F. Neuman in 1958



EDUCATION PROGRAMS

Dr. Hodge remained in charge of the Division of Pharmacology of the Medical School when it was transferred from the Department of Biochemistry in 1946. The reason for the transfer was that most of the personnel in Pharmacology were then employed on the PROJECT and carried out all their research activities there. The Division of Pharmacology became a division of the Department of Radiation Biology when it was formed in 1948 and remained so until it became a separate department in 1958.

Until the Department of Radiation Biology was formed, the principal medical teaching responsibility of the *PROJECT* was in Pharmacology although various individuals took part in some other courses. Graduate work in Pharmacology and Biophysics was carried on but at a low level because of the classification of thesis research and the paucity of candidates during the war. However, only a small part of the *PROJECT* staff was involved in teaching and when the Department of Radiation Biology was formed, there was considerable enthusiasm for starting greatly expanded graduate teaching programs in the biomedical fields of interest to the Commission.

In 1948 the Commission inaugurated a fellowship program in Health Physics. Vanderbilt and ROCHESTER were selected as the initial training schools and Oak Ridge National Laboratory and Brookhaven National Laboratory were chosen to supply practical experience to the fellows in the summer following the academic year.

The Department developed, in 1948-49, a curriculum for these fellows in Radiation Biology, Radiological Physics, Industrial Hygiene and Toxicology, and Statistics. A general course in Tracer Chemistry was begun at that time.

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The following year a program in Industrial Medicine was developed in collaboration with Eastman Kodak Company physicians and representatives of some other industrial organizations. This was to accommodate holders of a new fellowship in Industrial Medicine first offered by the Atomic Energy Commission in 1950.

During the academic year 1950-51 the expanded graduate program was well under way with 57 students in various specialties in Health Physics, Radiological Health, Industrial Medicine, Radiation Biology, Biophysics, and Pharmacology.

The program in Industrial Medicine was taken over by the Department of Preventive Medicine and Community Health when it was formed in 1958 and the newly formed Department of Pharmacology assumed responsibility for graduate work in Pharmacology the same year.

This left the Department of Radiation Biology with graduate degree programs in the two fields, Radiation Biology and Biophysics, which it retained alone until 1965 when a degree program in Toxicology was developed in collaboration with the Department of Pharmacology. This program was initiated in 1966.

Since the expanded graduate program was begun in 1950 it has undergone considerable evolution both because of widening interests of the faculty and because of various requests for training in the nuclear energy field. One of these requests was for basic training of physicians in preparation for assignment to nuclear powered submarines. Another came from the Defense Atomic Support Agency for training of physicians and health physicists to deal with radiation health problems in the various Armed Services. Considerable demand came from foreign nationals whose countries were planning atomic energy development.

Most of these special training programs were of one-year duration and were largely didactic. Consequently, although the faculty appreciated the need for rapid increase of specialists

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in radiation health, they looked forward to a decrease in this type of short-term instruction in favor of an increase in Ph.D. programs with concomitant emphasis on research. This change gradually took place partly because numerous programs for radiation health specialists were developed in other schools and partly because more good candidates for advanced training became available.

In anticipation and in promotion of this change, more general graduate courses were introduced beginning in 1953-54 with Physical Chemical Principles in Medical Science and Physico-Chemical Principles in Pharmacology. Various changes and additions were made from time to time in the original curriculum, especially in the fields of aerosols, toxicology, radiation detection electronics, and biological effects of radiation.

With the award of a Biophysics Training Grant from the U. S. Public Health Service in *JANUARY 1963*, the scope of teaching was broadened to emphasize the cellular and molecular aspects of this subject previously largely confined to radiation biophysics.

In 1965 the whole curriculum was revised and extended with the main objective of providing three parallel, although not mutually exclusive, Ph.D. programs in Radiation Biology, Biophysics, and Toxicology. Most of the special courses in subjects related to radiation health were retained but with the expectation that those not incorporated in the Ph.D. programs would be reduced to a level of providing only necessary supplementation to the basic Ph.D. curriculum which would also be used for students in radiation health as far as was appropriate.

In recent recruitment of new staff members, attention has been paid to additions of disciplines which will strengthen the new curriculum.

With the acquisition of additional space it is expected that the graduate student population, which has been about 70 to 80 in recent years, will be increased to about 100 and

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that the proportion of Ph.D. candidates, which exceeded onehalf for the first time in 1964, will increase further.

Including those registering in 1967, there have been 799 graduate students in the Department since 1948. A substantial number of these on one-year programs were not degree candidates and many others are still in residence. Degrees awarded up to 1958 in Pharmacology and for the whole Department up to 1967 are as follows:

Field	Degree	
1 0000	Ph.D.	M.S.
Biophysics	26	11
Radiation Biology	55	256
Pharmacology	25	20
Total	106	287

The preponderance of M.S. degrees in Radiation Biology arose from the practice of awarding this degree to those who satisfied degree requirements in radiation health programs. Recipients of the various degrees are listed in the Appendix.

Throughout this period the Department made very substantial contributions to training in the field of radiation health both here and abroad. It was also instrumental in the development of a body of scientists skilled in the application of the new methods provided by atomic energy and to the elucidation of problems in the biomedical field.

During several recent summers a new educational experiment sponsored by the AEC Division of Nuclear Education and Training has been carried out. This involves giving summer appointments in the laboratory to about two dozen undergraduate college sophomores and juniors to provide them with the opportunity of determining their possible interest in pursuing careers in scientific research. Students of very high quality have been available from wide areas of the country. The experiment appears to be a success in terms of the enthusiasm and diligence of the students but whether it will lead more good students

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into scientific careers cannot, as yet, be determined.

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At the other end of the scale, the Department has made considerable contribution to research training at the postdoctoral level with candidates from both the *United States* and abroad.



RESEARCH

Most of the research during the war and for some time afterward was devoted to answering urgent questions raised in atomic energy production facilities on the toxicity of materials and the biological effects of radiation. Associated development of instrumentation was undertaken as it was required. When publication was permitted, a large portion of this work was reported in six volumes of the National Nuclear Energy Series printed by McGraw-Hill in the early 1950's. Four of these volumes were entitled, "Pharmacology and Toxicology of Uranium Compounds". Another was on "Biological Studies with Polonium, Radium and Plutonium" and still another on the "Biological Effects of External Radiation". The material in these volumes has been used very extensively to provide guidelines for the protection of workers at the many installations involved in atomic energy development.

Subsequent studies in these fields were reported as individual papers except that later work on polonium was published in 1964 as a supplement of some 400 pages to the journal Radiation Research under the title "Metabolism and Biological Effects of an Alpha Particle Emmitter, Polonium-210". This serves as a prototype of the study required to evaluate the effects of an alpha-emmitting radioactive material.

More recent studies of uranium toxicity involved exposures of dogs and other species for periods as long as five years to insoluble compounds to determine whether they were injurious to the lungs and associated organs after long retention.

Major efforts have also been devoted to determinations of the toxicities of beryllium, fluorine, radon, thorium, zirconium, mercury, strontium-90, and phosphorus-32. The toxicities of a number of other substances including heavy metal

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carbonyls, indium, thallium-204, and iridium-192, have been investigated to a lesser extent.

During the war and for some time afterward two programs on the genetic effects of ionizing radiation were carried out in collaboration with the Biology Department. One of these, directed by *Dr. Curt Stern*, was on the rate of mutation of fruit flies as a function of dose and the other, directed by *Dr. Donald Charles*, employed about one-half million mice to determine the rate of dominant mutations as a function of dose in this species.

Much post-war work on the biological effects of external ionizing radiation has been carried on. One of the larger programs is a study of the effect on the fertility of male dogs of radiation levels at, and slightly above, those judged to be permissible for human exposure. This is a lifetime study which will probably last about 18 years - into the late 1960's.

Considerable other work on dogs has been devoted to attempted therapy against radiation injury, rates of recovery, evaluation of late effects of exposure, and the differences between whole- and partial-body exposures.

The rat has been used extensively in studies of tissue injury and recovery, metabolic changes, life-span shortening, and other late effects of exposure. Other species such as rabbits, guinea pigs, and fruit flies have been used to a lesser degree in studying various problems.

Two programs involved studies of the effects of radiations other than ionizing. One of these, done in collaboration with members of the Department of Surgery, determined the effects in swine of thermal energies in the range of those which cause flash burns when emmitted by atomic bombs. Part of this work was done with actual bombs during tests in Nevada and in the Pacific. The other program was to evaluate the possible injurious effects of exposure to the microwave radiation used in radar. This was carried out under the auspices of the Air -20-

Force at Rome, New York.

During the war and for some time thereafter, as was indicated above, the principal research questions posed to the Department related to determination of toxic levels of radiation and of toxic materials. Research to provide direct answers to such questions involved exposures to these agents of various species of animals in numbers large enough to yield answers of statistical significance. Although in studying these problems the fundamental biological mechanisms involved were not neglected, they could not be given principal attention. Accumulation of knowledge of toxic effects through the years has greatly diminished the necessity for quick practical answers and has permitted the research program to evolve to the stage in which the search for fundamental biological information can be made paramount. This change in character of the research programs has made them much more productive and satisfying scientifically and more appropriate as an adjunct to the training of students in fundamental areas.

As a result of this development, very productive investigations of the physiology, biochemistry, and structure of bones and teeth evolved from earlier studies of the toxicity of the bone-seeking heavy metals. Efforts to elucidate the action of toxins on cells similarly gave rise to considerable advances in knowledge of basic cellular mechanisms. Problems associated with the entry of toxic materials into the body, particularly by inhalation, and their distribution and excretion have led to gaining much knowledge about the properties of aerosols and dusts, on how they are deposited in the lungs, on how they are absorbed or excreted from the lungs, on how those portions absorbed are transported in body fluids, and on how they are ultimately retained or excreted by the body. The vulnerability to radiation of the blood- and spermforming mechanisms led to extensive studies of these systems. Because it can be controlled in degree by appropriate dosage,

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radiation injury, in general, has provided a means of gaining exceptional insight into living processes at all levels from the cellular to that of the whole organism.

In support of biological programs, significant advances have been made in such diverse fields as aerosol measurement, analytical and biophysical chemistry, radioautography, electron microscopy, radiation dosimetry, radiation measurement, and nuclear magnetic resonance.

Radioactive isotopes, one of the most useful products of the atomic age, have become commonplace tools in biological research and in medical diagnosis and therapy. Two areas of their use in topics not previously mentioned are studies of the metabolism of proteins and diagnosis and possibly therapy of cancer. Important advances in knowledge of the formation of various species of proteins have come from radioactive labelling of their building blocks, the amino acids. In cancer work, antibodies to fibrin, one of the blood elements, will deposit selectively in certain cancers carrying with them sufficient radioactive iodine to permit easy localization and, it is hoped, possible therapy of the cancer.

While most of the research both during and after the war was carried out locally in the PROJECT or in collaboration with other departments of the University, there were some notable exceptions. The first of these was a collaborative program with the *Biochemical Research Foundation*, *Newark*, *Deleware*, directed by Dr. Ellice McDonald.

One of the problems of early concern was the biological effect of neutrons. A source of neutrons was available locally owing to the generosity of the Physics Department in allowing the PROJECT free use of its original small cyclotron. However, although the output of this machine was quite suitable for instrument calibration and various other purposes, it was not great enough for exposure of large animals. Therefore, a program was set up with the *Biochemical Foundation* which had a larger cyclotron designed especially for biological work. The *Foundation*

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exposed various species of animals to fast neutrons daily for about a year and studied the resulting gross pathology. The microscopic pathology and hematology studies were done at *ROCHESTER*.

Beginning with the *Bikini* bomb test in *1946*, individual staff members have participated, as part of the health and safety groups, in many of the tests in *Nevada* and in the *Pacific*. In addition, *PROJECT* personnel have conducted nine biological experiments in the field. Five of these were the observations of the effects of flash burns on swine, mentioned previously. The other four were studies on various species of animals of the effects of inhalation of radioactive particles released by the non-nuclear detonation of plutonium weapons and by melting reactor fuel elements. *Robert Wilson*, who played an important role in these latter studies, enjoyed the opportunity afforded by the desert test sites to add to his collection of rattle snakes.



Personnel from the Project and other departments of the University who attended bomb tests at Bikini in 1946 as part of Health and Safety Group

L to R - <u>Front Row</u>: Sgt. G.H. Tishkoff, Capt. R.J. Buettner, Col. S.L. Warren, Capt. F.A. Bryan, F.W. Bishop, Dr. G.P. Berry, J.E. Hoffmeister; <u>Second Row</u>: Dr. P. Guptill, C.J. Spiegl, Dr. S.H. Bassett, Dr. J.J. Morton, J.F. Bonner, F.L. Esler, H.C. Hodge, G. Dessauer, Dr. H.E. Pearse; <u>Third Row</u>: H. Mermagen, R. Hayes, R.M. Fink, A. Zuehlke, J.B. Hursh, G.A. Boyd

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CLOUTIER, ROGER, J.	1957
CONTI, ENRICO F.	1957
COOL, WALTER S.	1951
COOPER, PHILIP H.	1960
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CRAIG, DOUGLAS KENNETH	1961
CROSS, FREDRICK THOMAS	1961
CUDDIHY, RICHARD G.	1964
DALY, JAMES C.	1964
DAPOLITO, JOHN A.	1962
DAVIDSON, DAVID EDWARD, JR.	1962
DAVIS, JOYCE P.	1956
DEAN, EDWARD E.	1958
DESHPANDE, MADHURI V.	1964
DETTOR, CHARLES M.	1964
DONAHUE, NANCY S.	1966
DUNUVAN, MARTIN S.	1957
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DUCKWURTH, JAMES W.	1956
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GARCIA-TRIAS. NILDA (PARKINS)	1959
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GERTZOG. JACK	1965
GIBB. FLOYD R.	1961
GIPSON. E. NEAL	1962
GODDEN. WILLIAM R.	1962
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KENNEVE ALDEDT D	1958
VENNEY ADTUUD LECLIE	1957
KENNET, AKTHUK LESLIE	1959
KECHACUDTA VITIT	1960
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LITTLEFIELD. PETER S.	1963
LIU. KUO-YUEH	1967
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LOIZEAUX. PETER ST. JOHN	1963
LOURTE. IRVIN M-	1960
LOVAAS. ARVIN I.	1956
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MILANI, ROBERT F.	1954
MILLER. ROGER I.	1958
MILLER. VANDY LEONARD	1962
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MURPHY, THOMAS D.	1957
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O'BRIEN, INSERH E	1955
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ORTHEY, GEORGE E	1964
PARON-PEREZ, HEIDI	1961
PAGE, NORBERT P.	1963
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PANGRAZE, MILDRED A	1964
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PARKOS, GERALD P	1950
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DENIKAS, VINCENT T	1957
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PHILLIDS, LETCH E	1951
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ROONEY	, KEVIN L.	1956
ROSA-G	ARCIA, MARIO E.	1962
ROSENB	ERGER, EUGENE A.	1962
ROSENZ	WEIG, WALTER	1952
ROTHE,	WILLIAM E.	1958
ROWE,	WILLIAM BRUCE	1959
SCHOLE	S, SUSAN QUIRICONI	1964
SCHULT	HEIS, JAMES J.	1956
SEIBYL	, WALTER L., JR.	1956
SEIGNE	UR, LESLIE J.	1958
SHABER	, GARY S.	1961
SHATTE	RLY, LUTHER W.	1965
SHIVEL	Y, JAMES N.	1956
SILVER	STEIN, LAWRENCE G.	1956
SIMON,	GEORGE A.	1951
SMITH,	AUDREY VIVIAN A.	1957
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SMITH,	PHILIP HARDY	1953
SPAHN,	JAMES A., JR.	1961
SPERTZ	EL, RICHARD D.	1962
SPRARA	GEN, SANFORD C.	1952
STANGE	R, PAUL	1958
STANLE	Y, RICHARD E.	1964
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STARK,	JAMES E.	1958
STEADM	IAN, BRUCE LUVILLE	1961
STEWAR	T, MARY LOUISE	1964
STILL,	EDWIN TANNER	1964
STROMB	ERG, LAWAYNE R.	1963
STUART	, BRUCE OWEN	1959
SUNTA,	CHINTAMANI	1961
SUZUKI	, MASASHI	1958
TELLES	, NORMAN C.	1959
THOMAS	, JOSEPH J., JR.	1964
THOMPS	ON, ROBERT ELLIOT	1961
TODD,	PAUL WILSON	1960
TROKEL	, STEPHEN L.	1956
TSINGA	, ELPINIKI	1963
TYLER,	PAUL E.	1964
VARON,	MYRON IZAK	1963
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VON HAZMBURG, ROMULUS S.	1964
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WAGNER, MURPHY THOMAS, JR.	1962
WALKER, JESSE P., JR.	1962
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WAMPLER, STANLEY N.	1961
WANGEMANN, ROBERT T.	1964
WEBSTER, JOHN BLAIR	1964
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DISTEFAND, VICTOR F.	1953
DRESEL, PETER E.	1952
GABOUREL, JOHN D.	1957
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HILCKEN, JOHN A.	1954
HURWITZ, LEON	1953
LEVINSKAS, GEORGE J.	1953
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MERCER, THOMAS T.	1957
MORROW, PAUL E.	1952
MYERS, HOWARD M.	1958
O'LEARY, JOHN F.	1951
SCHARFF, THOMAS G.	1956
SHOURIE, KANWAR L.	1949
STOLL, WILLIAM R.	1956
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WEIKEL, JOHN H., JR.	1954
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DAGIRMANJIAN, ROSE	1954
DALE, PETER P.	1948
DANLEY, ROBERT A.	1950
DAVIS, KATHARINE H.	1954
DOWNS, WILLIAM L.	1953
GREENBERG, LEONARD	1954
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KOSEL, GEORGE E.	1951
LABELLE, CHARLES W.	1950
MEGIRIAN, DAVID	1951
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STRATES, BASIL S.	1956
TAYLOR, JEAN M.	1956
TIDBALL, CHARLES S.	1952
UNDERWOOD, ELIZABETH E.	1950