

Memo of conversation with Dobzhansky 1/21/74 @ Pittendrigh's dinner.

Minsky introduced him to Avery in 1940-41, soon after Dob's arrival in NY from Pasadena. (D' knew Minsky at Pasadena ~ '36, when the latter took a fellowship? with Pauling). Avery would not admit bacteria had "genes" — these were peculiar to garden peas.

Later Minsky became very critical of Avery. In D's mind Haeiult settled the questions of DNA priority with protein extracts. (secondary attribution?)

D: Did not remember white reference in 2' editis. I did not ask him about M. Heidelberger.

D: Did not know how Haeiult became interested. She was officially LC Drum's student. [See - Minsky visited Columbia often - seminars, etc., collaborated with P. Meister. Perhaps ask Hans Rio if he has any recollections.]

Suggested that AmPh Soc may have Dewar's papers - e.g. CSH files. [See ask Phil Hartman]. D did not really answer my question about his own papers.

D looked fur at Carlson's attributions to H.S. Muller of having discovered everything. [SL + D: like HSM did heavily.]

He will send me D. Williston paper verifying coadapted gene complexes. (re RKM questions)