

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

Mirsky introduced him to Avery in 1940-41, soon after Dob's arrival in NY from Pasadena. (D knew Mirsky 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 Mirsky became very critical of Avery. In D's mind Haeinelt settled the questions of DNA purity with proteinase expts. (secondary attributes?)

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

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

Suggested that AmPh Soc may have Denver papers - e.g. C&H files. [SL asks Phil Hartman]. D did not really answer my question about his own papers.

D poked fun at Coulson's attributions to H&J Muller of having discovered everything. [SL + D: like H&J did heavily.]

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