Prof. R. Burian

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Dear Richard — "B-G-Z"

I enjoyed your account of genetics in France (SHB 21). (Would you send me a reprint?)

Since my first awareness of the Ephrussi-Beadle work ca. 1941 I had been uncomfortable with the hormone terminology, though had to accept it was a substance acting at a distance. Until reading you I had not been alert that Ephrussi had any doubt that it was a pigment precursor. Do you recall when in Beadle/Tatum publications this first became categorical?

I think you still underplay the Lamarckian bent. Not quite the same point, but not till about 1956 did Monod discard an instructionist view of enzyme induction. After that he still had to write Hazard et Necessité — a work that seemed supergatory in the U.S.

Has Galperin's "Gene-Enzyme..." appeared in print yet?

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