Harry last saw John & Betty Moreni 1972 ① Anza Borrego. We went there Monday evening to see if they would join us here for a day. And somehow they did, driving from Riverside at 8am or so ② 1000. His car was a bit high slung, they rented a Cutlass; we nevertheless left it about ③ way up Fish Creek and walked mostly in the wash approaching Sandstone Springs.

Johnny was very positive about historic mining and about doing this with Harriet — whom he recalled as a graduate student.

Some points about themselves: Francis entered a highly competitive, sectarian Divinity college; the department. He was a bright young student; right when he took his fellowship at Stanford ④ How different from selectivity seen for the fellowship. ⑤ Some minor physical disability may have suffered ⑥ and it was already settled that he would return as an instructor to teach 3rd 1-2 (as it happened the U-12 pre-mode); but meantime he switched to Neurology. He had also (mildly) recommended Professor Barth by switching at the last minute to Politics as his dissertation sponsor. Real reasons not recorded: he told John it was because "Politics had never had a good student!" (He + John were fellow grad. students; the temperature-relaxation, excit. denied fear. Some of John's observations re integrant the developmental index may be spurious: gestation can be delayed while other maturation processes continue.)

When Francis returned to Columbia, the great lights (Doss, Dobie; even Barth) were not too thrilled about his furrowing biochemical, perhaps not even about his studies in genetics. ⑦ This, not the choice of organisms, was the problem. Later when John, perhaps also Francis recommended that I be sound out about coming back to Columbia, Dobie still thought microbe genetics was a "fiasco in the year."

① Consider implications of this attitude as a challenge for Jews! ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥
Frances was viewed as an energetic, aggressive investigator—perhaps almost too much so in competing for space etc. (Benjamin was not needed.)—he was just in the wrong field. Research was the paradigm for promotion; but it needed to be spackled by an offer elsewhere; and jobs were scarce. When John was offered a tenured position at Hopkins he was able to negotiate a promotion for himself but only on the further condition (unclear but perhaps it) that Frances also be elevated via a reasonable time.

Frances set up his own seminar series in the department. (Don't know the name I also talked at in B&H '85)—which had many, since all visitors. "D&D never came," to Frances great hurt!

Betty describes this as semi-down to earth. When John became chairman he spent almost full time trying to ameliorate the personal feuds and chilly department members getting along with one another as decent human beings.*

As to graduate students, it took John a while to json in 1945-8; he thought later there were quite a few. During the war, graduate students were scarce; perhaps of lower quality. They would tend to be prompted by the junior faculty; and in genetics in particular, D&D were better known, and had early access to them in the standard course sequence. It would take some time for Frances reputation to be established, to be an independent

*At Stanford only Pharmacology comes close to this level of internal competition. An important subject for self-critique/ inquiry: how much academic envy is vested in self-esteem? What are the preconditions for effective cooperation? Is personality; leadership an additive outcome?
attractant. & all of which facilitated a meal for myself."

I tried to press John on the question of how that atmosphere might have shaped Francis's research programs; but did not get a clear answer for the affective - cognitive interaction. He just returned to the lines it was difficult.

I should have turned the question to John's own career, when he might be better informed! But he would probably have been too modest and self-deprecating to come through. But John is also clearly much more diplomatically encouraging than Francis is.

He forecasted on Selig Hecht as a victim: "Doomed, Jewish, aggressive, fresh, resourceful, a great leader, autonomous but isolated at Princeton Hall - yet very lonely. John tried to mediate, but... no success. Scharzer, with some difficulty, to hold faculty with me at Princeton. "Brought tears to Hecht's eyes!": "Understand their royalty & cockiness, etc... when they did succeed!"

P.S. Francis continued to teach Zo 101-102 because that was what he was originally hired for, who else could have done it?; he was too loyal to the department.

The malaria victims' attitudes may also have been conditioned by his being born-grown. Wouldn't they inevitably have difficulty accepting their recollections of him as a green student from their overall appreciation of him? Is this a verifiable possibility, that his demise is least accepted in such circumstances?

Note: A derogation of Dept. personnel deposited in Columbia by a Move in August 1968. In addition about 6 on the history of genetics were sent to the Uni. Phil. Soc. I.e. Osler's paper but also 1960; he does not know what was discarded. He knows this only in a general sense.
Cy Levinthal knows that many E.B. Wilson papers were in the "Wilson house" he used to rent at Woods Hole. (These could be priceless for history of American Ecology < 1940).
Ryan credited [John] with starting his work on reverse mutation early.

(I may have discussed research programs with him as [John] to recombine tyrosine and look at mut + to mut -).

(If Robin and Hans... possibly an age to mut + to mut -.

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