singlets at 9.62 (IVa) and 9.85 ppm (IVb) in the spectra is not dependent on the temperature of exposure of the samples. These signals do not belong to the aldehyde group protons since, in the ¹³C spectrum NMR spectrum, the signal of the formyl group carbon atom is absent. The weak-field singlet observed in the ¹H NMR spectra can be ascribed to the 1-H proton (the signal is broadened due to long range spin-spin coupling with the 3-H proton, ⁴J = 1.4 Hz).

<u>Compound IVb</u>, yield 40%, mp >350°C (from DMFA). IR spectrum (mineral oil), v: 3260 N-H), 3090 (C-H), 1640, 1595, 1510 (C=N, C=O, CH=CH, NO₂), 1335 cm⁻¹µ(NO₂). ¹H NMR spectrum (DMSO-D₆): 7.58 (t, 1H), 7.73-7.91 (m, 5H), 7.95 (t, 1H), 8.29 (d, 1H), 8.50 (d, 1H), 8.75 (d, 1H), 9.85 ppm (s, 1H). ¹³C NMR spectrum (DMSO-D₆), δ: 167.4, 163.8, 142.5, 139.9, 138.8, 136.1, 134.7, 133.0, 131.5, 129.9, 128.4, 127.8, 126.4, 126.1, 125.2, 125.1, 119.4, 117.7, 117.6 ppm.

These data of the elemental analysis of compounds IVa, b correspond to the calculated ones.

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REARRANGEMENT OF 2-DIMETHYLSILYLTETRAHYDROPYRAN

INTO 2,2-DIMETHYL-1-OXA-2-SILACYCLOHEPTANE

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It has previously been shown [1] that under the conditions of liquid-phase catalytic hydrogenation (1 atm H₂, 25°C, 0.1 mole/liter solution in hexane, 5% Pd/Al₂O₃ or Pd/C, [I]:[Pd] = 100:1), 2-dimethylsilyl-4,5-dihydrofuran (I) undergoes several successive transformations: It is hydrogenated into 2-dimethylsilyltetrahydrofuran (II), and after the complete conversion of the initial dihydrofuran I, the tetrahydro-derivative II readily and quantitatively (15 min) rearranges into the six-membered 2,2-dimethyl-1-oxa-2-silacyclo-hexane (III) with the silicon atom entering the ring. The II \rightarrow III transformation also proceeds in the absence of hydrogen, when silane II is contacted with a supported palladium catalyst [1].

To clarify the influence of the ring size on the possible occurrence of such a rearrangement, we studied the catalytic transformations of 2-dimethylsily1-5,6-dihydro-4H-pyran (IV), obtained by treating 2-lithium-5,6-dihydro-4H-pyran with dimethylchlorosilane at -50°C in a 1:1 tetrahydrofuran-hexane solvent mixture.

Under conditions similar to those for compound I, silane IV readily (60 min, yield 95%, according to GLC) hydrogenates into 2-dimethylsilyltetrahydropyran (V), which then rearranges into a seven membered 2,2-dimethyl-1-oxa-2-silylcycloheptane (VI):

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The V \rightarrow VI transformation proceeds much more slowly (25°C, 6 h, yield 70%) than in the case of the II \rightarrow III transformation, which is probably due to the higher stability of the six-membered systems, compared with the five-membered systems. The structure of the compounds obtained conforms completely with the IR, PMR, and mass spectral data.

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