

complexes, which substantiate and extend the ideas discussed here, will be communicated shortly.<sup>19</sup>

### Conclusions

Lewis bases will react with  $\text{CH}_3\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_5$ , most likely by a methyl-migration mechanism, to yield *cis*-

$\text{CH}_3\text{COMn}(\text{CO})_4\text{L}$  as the preferred product. Whether or not partial conversion of a *cis*-acetylmanganese complex to the *trans* isomer will occur is apparently a function of particular steric, nucleophilic, and  $\pi$ -acceptor properties of that ligand. The decarbonylation of *cis*- $\text{CH}_3\text{COMn}(\text{CO})_4\text{L}$  complexes to *cis*- $\text{CH}_3\text{Mn}(\text{CO})_4\text{L}$  can be rationalized on the basis of a modified methyl-migration mechanism.

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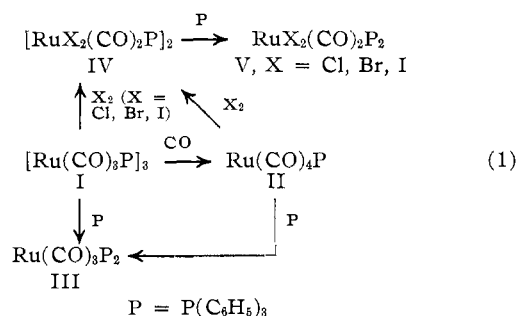
## On the Reactivity of Tris(triphenylphosphine)triruthenium Enneacarbonyl

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By reaction of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_3$  with CO,  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_4\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$  has been prepared from which, with halogens ( $\text{X} = \text{Cl}, \text{Br}, \text{I}$ ) or  $\text{CHCl}_3$ ,  $[\text{RuX}_2(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_2$  complexes were obtained. These last compounds could also be formed from  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_3$  and halogens. From the ir spectral data a structure with bridging halogens is suggested for the dimeric compounds  $[\text{RuX}_2(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_2$ .  $[\text{Os}(\text{CO})_3\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_3$  reacts with CO with displacement of  $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$  and formation of  $[\text{Os}(\text{CO})_4]_3$ .

Investigating the chemical behavior of cluster ruthenium carbonyls,<sup>1,2</sup> the reactivity of  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_3$  (I) with CO and halogens has been studied. At 150°, in benzene solution, I reacts with CO (150 atm) to give, in quantitative yield, a pale yellow crystalline compound which analyzes as  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_4\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$  (II), the first example of a monosubstituted derivative of  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_5$  (eq 1).



The cleavage of the metal-metal bonds in I by CO is analogous to the one performed by  $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$  on I and  $\text{P}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_3$  on  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3\text{P}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_3]_3$  to obtain  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$  and  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3[\text{P}(\text{C}_4\text{H}_9)_3]_2$  previously reported.<sup>1</sup> These reactions, like the formation of  $\text{RuI}_2(\text{CO})_3\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$  from  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_3$  and  $\text{I}_2$ ,<sup>2,3</sup> support a symmetrical structure for I, with a phosphine molecule attached to each Ru atom.

By heating II with an excess  $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ , in benzene

solution at 100°,  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_3[\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_2$  (III) is formed in quantitative yield.

By reaction of II with an equimolecular amount of  $\text{I}_2$  in refluxing acetone  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{I}_2]_2$  (IVc) is obtained. The same compound (identical ir spectrum) is obtained by treating I with  $\text{I}_2$  (1:3 mol) under the same conditions.

$[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{Br}_2]_2$  (IVb) and  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3\text{Cl}_2]_2$  (IVa), analogous to IVc, are obtained by treating I with a stoichiometric amount of the corresponding halogen.

The formation of IVa is obtained also by reaction of II with  $\text{CCl}_4$  or  $\text{CHCl}_3$  at room temperature and from I in refluxing  $\text{CCl}_4$  with a behavior analogous to the one observed when  $\text{CCl}_4$  or  $\text{CHCl}_3$  reacts with  $[\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_4]_3$ .<sup>4</sup> The fate of the residue of the  $\text{CCl}_4$  and  $\text{CHCl}_3$  molecules after chlorine abstraction is not clear: in the case of  $\text{CHCl}_3$  small amounts of  $\text{CH}_2\text{Cl}_2$  have been detected by vpc.

The binuclear ruthenium carbonyls IVa, IVb, and IVc react at 30–50° with an excess of  $\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$  to give the corresponding  $\text{Ru}(\text{CO})_2[\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3]_2\text{X}_2$  (V) derivatives described by Collman and Roper.<sup>5</sup>

The ir spectrum of II (Table I) in the C=O stretching region is analogous to that of  $\text{Fe}(\text{CO})_4\text{P}(\text{C}_6\text{H}_5)_3$ <sup>6</sup> and suggests also for II a trigonal-bipyramidal structure. The weak band at 1906  $\text{cm}^{-1}$  might be related to the <sup>13</sup>C isotopic shift associated with the strong band appearing at 1940  $\text{cm}^{-1}$ .

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TABLE I

Compound	Medium	—CO stretching, cm <sup>-1</sup> —
Ru(CO) <sub>4</sub> P(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub>	Nujol	2060 s, 1980 m, 1940 vs, 1906 vw
[RuI <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>2</sub> P(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2061 s, 2005 s
[RuBr <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>2</sub> P(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2068 s, 2011 s
[RuCl <sub>2</sub> (CO) <sub>2</sub> P(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2074 s, 2013 s
[Os(CO) <sub>3</sub> P(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> <sup>a</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	2053 w, 1998 sh, 1985 s, 1972 s, 1940 m
[Os(CO) <sub>3</sub> P(C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>9</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	1962 vs, 1917 m
Os(CO) <sub>3</sub> [P(C <sub>6</sub> H <sub>5</sub> ) <sub>3</sub> ] <sub>2</sub> <sup>b</sup>	CH <sub>2</sub> Cl <sub>2</sub>	1885 s

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IVa, IVb, and IVc show, in the C=O stretching region, only two bands, in keeping with the formulation proposed, suggesting the presence of only terminal carbonyl groups. These bands, as expected,<sup>7,8</sup> are progressively shifted toward lower wave numbers in passing from Cl to Br to I derivatives.

No definite evidence is at present available to assign a structure to compounds IVa, IVb, and IVc. However the ir spectrum in the low-frequency region of IVa, showing three bands at 321, 268, and 240 cm<sup>-1</sup>, seems to suggest for this compound a dimeric structure with both bridging and terminal halogens. The ir spectrum in the same region of [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub><sup>9</sup> which has two halogen bridges and two terminal halogens shows three bands at 332, 295, and 262 cm<sup>-1</sup> of which the first might be assigned to the terminal ruthenium-chlorine stretching vibration<sup>10</sup> and the other two bands to the stretching vibration of M-Cl-M bonds on the basis of what is known on Pt, Pd,<sup>11</sup> and Rh<sup>12</sup> complexes. Assuming then that the difference in frequency between the bands appearing in the spectrum of IVa and [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>]<sub>2</sub> is due to P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub><sup>12</sup> in the molecule of IVa, the same type of metal-halogen bonds seems to be present in both compounds.

[Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> (VI) recently described by Bradford and Nyholm<sup>13</sup> and [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> (VII) were prepared from [Os(CO)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>3</sub> and the corresponding phosphine in refluxing toluene.

By treating VI and VII, respectively, with an excess of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and P(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in benzene solution at 200–220°, Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (VIII) and Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> (IX) were obtained. More severe conditions were in fact necessary to obtain the same reaction on the Os than on the Ru derivatives.

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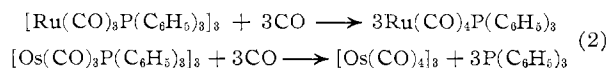
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show in the ir spectrum a band at 1885 cm<sup>-1</sup> as described by Collman and Roper for *trans*-Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>,<sup>14</sup> evidence for the formation of IX is based on the presence in the ir spectrum of the reaction mixture of only one strong band at 1864 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the C=O stretching region.

The difference in reactivity of I and VI toward CO is shown in eq 2.



In fact, while in the case of the ruthenium derivative the metal-metal bonds are broken with formation of the mononuclear species, in the case of the Os derivative the phosphine is replaced by CO with formation of [Os(CO)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>3</sub>.

This different behavior of I and VI should be attributed to the different strength of the metal-metal bonds in these carbonylic derivatives and to the different affinity of Ru and Os for CO and P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.

### Experimental Section

**Chemicals.**—Triruthenium dodecacarbonyl was prepared according to the method described by Pino, *et al.*,<sup>15</sup> triosmium dodecacarbonyl was obtained by the procedure of Bradford and Nyholm.<sup>13</sup>

**Spectral Measurements.**—Infrared spectra in Nujol and CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solutions of the complexes were recorded with a Perkin-Elmer Model 225 spectrophotometer.

**Molecular Weight Determinations.**—Molecular weights were determined by differential vapor pressure measurements carried out at 25° using a Mechrolab osmometer. Benzene, CCl<sub>4</sub>, and CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> were used as solvents.

**Analysis.**—Carbon and hydrogen determinations were performed by "Laboratorio di Microanalisi della Facoltà di Farmacia della Università di Pisa;" halogen and P determinations were done by A. Bernhardt-Mikroanalytisches Laboratorium, Max-Planck-Institut.

**Preparation of Complexes.** [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>.—A solution of 0.644 g (2.47 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 30 ml of methanol was mixed with 0.46 g (0.72 mmol) of [Ru(CO)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>3</sub> and then refluxed for 7 hr. A dark violet precipitate was formed (0.93 g, 99% yield) which recrystallized from benzene-pentane as needles having a melting point of 174–176° under vacuum. *Anal.* Calcd for [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>: C, 56.29; H, 3.37; P, 6.91; Ru, 22.7; mol wt, 1844.0. Found: C, 56.15; H, 3.31; P, 6.76; Ru, 21.8; mol wt, 1403. In an analogous experiment carried out in a gas volumetric apparatus, heating for 8 hr at 65° a mixture of 0.1436 g (0.22 mmol) of [Ru(CO)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>3</sub> and 0.39 g (1.5 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 25 ml of *n*-butyl alcohol, 0.293 g (97% yield) of [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> was obtained and 15.5 cm<sup>3</sup> (normal conditions) of CO was evolved (CO expected for the loss of a CO molecule per Ru atom, 15.15 cm<sup>3</sup>).

[Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>.—One gram (0.74 mmol) of [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and 40 ml of benzene were placed in a 125-ml autoclave and heated at 150° for 4 hr under a CO pressure of 160 atm. After cooling the autoclave, the residual gas was vented and a pale yellow solution was collected which, after concentration (to 3 ml) at room temperature and reduced pressure, was passed through a chromatographic column prepared with Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in *n*-pentane. By eluting with a benzene-pentane (1:1) mixture a pale yellow compound was recovered (0.98 g, 92.5% yield) which recrystallized from benzene-pentane as prisms decomposing above 120° without melting. *Anal.* Calcd for Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>: C, 55.58; H, 3.18; P, 6.52; Ru, 21.26;

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**Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**.—A solution of 0.55 g (2.1 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and 0.30 g (0.22 mmol) of [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> in 20 ml of methyl isobutyl ketone was heated at 125° for 4 hr. From this solution, by cooling at -30°, 0.36 g (76% yield) of Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> was recovered as pale yellow crystals which, after crystallization from benzene-pentane, melted at 250–251°. Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> was also obtained by heating for 3 hr at 100° in a pressure vessel a solution of 0.1 g (0.21 mmol) of Ru(CO)<sub>4</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> and 0.06 g (0.23 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 7 ml of benzene. After cooling, by addition of 10 ml of pentane, 0.07 g (47% yield) of Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> was collected.

**[RuI<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**.—(I) A solution of 0.450 g (0.335 mmol) of [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> in 20 ml of acetone was treated at room temperature with a solution of 0.250 g (1 mmol) of I<sub>2</sub> in 8 ml of acetone and then heated to reflux for 2 hr. A yellow solid was formed and collected after evaporation of most of the solvent. By recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>-pentane, 0.6 g (89% yield) of [RuI<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> as light brown crystals was recovered, mp 235–240°. *Anal.* Calcd for [RuI<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>: C, 35.68; H, 2.24; P, 4.60; I, 37.71; mol wt, 1346.34. Found: C, 35.65; H, 2.14; P, 4.59; I, 37.57; mol wt, 1275 (in CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>).

(II) A solution of 0.47 g (1 mmol) of Ru(CO)<sub>4</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 25 ml of acetone was treated with 0.27 g (1.06 mmol) of I<sub>2</sub> and then refluxed for 2 hr. Working up the solution as described above, 0.6 g (90% yield) of light brown crystals, was collected, identified as [RuI<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> from its spectrum.

**[RuBr<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**.—A solution of 0.3 g (0.223 mmol) of [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> in 5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> was treated with 0.11 g (0.69 mmol) of Br<sub>2</sub> in 2 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> at room temperature and then heated to 60° for 2 hr. After cooling, by addition of 10 ml of *n*-pentane 0.3 g (78% yield) of pale yellow crystals was recovered which could be recrystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>-pentane. *Anal.* Calcd for [RuBr<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>: C, 41.47; H, 2.61; Br, 27.60; P, 5.35; mol wt, 1158.39. Found: C, 40.40; H, 2.54; Br, 27.66; P, 5.51; mol wt, 1033 (in CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub>).

**[RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**.—This compound could be obtained from [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> and Ru(CO)<sub>4</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in the following ways.

(I) A stream of Cl<sub>2</sub> was bubbled through a solution of 0.2 g (0.15 mmol) of [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> in 5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at room temperature up to decoloration. The solvent was then evaporated and the solid residue was crystallized from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-*n*-pentane. White crystals (0.15 g, 63% yield) of [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> were obtained, mp >250°. *Anal.* Calcd for [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>: C, 48.99; H, 3.08; P, 6.31; Cl, 14.46. Found: C, 48.63; H, 3.04; P, 6.34; Cl, 14.56.

(II) By refluxing a solution of 0.1 g (0.074 mmol) of [Ru(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> in 3 ml of CCl<sub>4</sub> for 30 min a pale yellow solution was obtained from which, on cooling, 0.10 g (84% yield) of a white crystalline precipitate was recovered, identified as [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> by its ir spectrum. An analogous experiment carried out using CHCl<sub>3</sub> as solvent gave the same solid product. By vpc analysis of the residual solvent the formation of a small amount of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> was recognized.

(III) From a solution of 0.2 g (0.42 mmol) of Ru(CO)<sub>4</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 6 ml of CCl<sub>4</sub>, on standing at room temperature, a white crystalline precipitate (0.15 g 67% yield) was formed and was identified, after crystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-pentane, as [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> from its ir spectrum.

**RuI<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**.—By heating 0.16 g (0.12 mmol) of [RuI<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> with 0.1 g (0.38 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> dissolved in 5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> at 70° for 1 hr, the solution was discolored. On cooling and addition of *n*-pentane, white crystals were recovered which, after crystallization from benzene-*n*-pentane, did show in the C=O stretching region of the ir spectrum two strong bands at 1993 and 2054 cm<sup>-1</sup>, in good agreement with that reported for RuI<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> by Collman and Roper.<sup>6</sup> *Anal.* Calcd for RuI<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>: C, 48.79; H, 3.23. Found: C, 48.71; H, 3.30.

**RuBr<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**.—By treating 0.07 g (0.06 mmol) of [RuBr<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> with 0.06 g (0.23 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 5 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Br<sub>2</sub> at 50° for 1 hr a colorless solution was obtained from which, by addition of *n*-pentane, 0.08 g (79% yield) of RuBr<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> was recovered. Its ir spectrum in the C=O stretching region showed two bands at 1997 and 2057 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution). Collman and Roper<sup>6</sup> reported for the same compound absorption bands in the ir spectrum at 2050 and 1990 cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr pellet). *Anal.* Calcd for RuBr<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>: C, 54.24; H, 3.59. Found: C, 54.02; H, 3.70.

**RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>**.—By treating 0.1 g (0.093 mmol) of [RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> with 0.06 g (0.22 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 7 ml of CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> at reflux temperature for 30 min a solution was obtained from which, by *n*-pentane addition, 0.12 g (80% yield) of RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub> was obtained as white crystals. The ir spectrum showed two strong bands in the C=O stretching region at 2059 and 1996 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution). Collman and Roper<sup>6</sup> reported for the same compound two bands at 1990 and 2050 cm<sup>-1</sup> (KBr pellet). *Anal.* Calcd for RuCl<sub>2</sub>(CO)<sub>2</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>2</sub>: C, 60.64; H, 4.02. Found: C, 60.21; H, 3.92.

**[Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>**.—In a gas volumetric apparatus a solution of 0.1 g (0.11 mmol) of [Os(CO)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>3</sub> and 0.2 g (1 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> in 20 ml of toluene under N<sub>2</sub> was heated at 110° for 3 hr; 7.3 cm<sup>3</sup> of CO (normal conditions) was evolved. After cooling the solution, the solvent was evaporated and the residue was crystallized from methanol three times obtaining 0.1 g (63% yield) of [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> as orange needles, mp 81–82°. *Anal.* Calcd for [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>: C, 37.80; H, 5.71; P, 6.50; mol wt, 1429.65. Found: C, 37.61; H, 5.62; P, 6.61; mol wt, 1490.

**Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>**.—A mixture of 0.20 g (0.12 mmol) of [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> and 0.3 g (1.1 mmol) of P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub> was heated under N<sub>2</sub> at 220° for 2 hr. The brown liquid thus obtained was dissolved in CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>, and by addition of ethyl alcohol a white crystalline solid was obtained. After recrystallization from CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>-ethyl alcohol, its ir spectrum in the 2200–1800-cm<sup>-1</sup> region showed only one strong band at 1885 cm<sup>-1</sup> (CH<sub>2</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub> solution) as described by Collman and Roper for *trans*-Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>.<sup>14</sup> *Anal.* Calcd for Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub>: C, 58.64; H, 3.78; mol wt, 798.79. Found: C, 58.54; H, 3.85; mol wt, 795.

An analogous experiment carried out on a mixture of 0.2 g (0.14 mmol) of [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> and 0.3 g (1.5 mmol) of P(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub> gave a brown liquid which, dissolved in *n*-pentane, did show an ir spectrum with only one band at 1864 cm<sup>-1</sup> in the 2200–1800-cm<sup>-1</sup> region. Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>[P(C<sub>4</sub>H<sub>9</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> could not however be isolated. For the reaction of [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> with CO, in a 125-ml autoclave 0.1 g (0.062 mmol) of [Os(CO)<sub>3</sub>P(C<sub>6</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>3</sub>]<sub>3</sub> in 50 ml of isooctane was heated to 180° under a CO pressure of 150 atm. After 2 hr the autoclave was cooled and the residual gas was vented. [Os(CO)<sub>4</sub>]<sub>3</sub> was recovered in almost quantitative yield.