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## Preparation of Substituted Fluorosulfonyl Isocyanides. XXVII<sup>1</sup>

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 $FSO_2NHC(O)CFH_2$  was prepared by the reaction of  $FSO_2NCO$  with monofluoroacetic acid with evolution of carbon dioxide. A study of the reactions of  $FSO_2NHC(O)CFH_2$  and  $FSO_2NHC(O)CF_3$  with  $PCl_5$  has resulted in the preparation and characterization of the compounds



The reaction of  $FSO_2N = CCICF_3$  with ammonia and several amines led to compounds of the general formula  $FSO_2N = CCF_3$ where  $X = NH_2$ ,  $N(CH_3)_2$ , and  $N(C_2H_5)_2$ . Partial hydrolysis of  $FSO_2N = CCICF_3$  gave  $FSO_2NHC(O)CF_3$ . The compounds have been isolated and their structures characterized by infrared, nmr, and mass spectrometry and elemental analyses.

## Introduction

Recently the preparation of the heterocyclic compound  $^{\rm 2}$ 



was reported as resulting from the reaction of ClSO<sub>2</sub>N=  $PCl_3$  and trifluoroacetic acid. The purpose of this work was to examine some of the reactions of  $FSO_2N = PCl_3$ and FSO<sub>2</sub>NCO with fluorinated acetic acids in an attempt to prepare linear or cyclic fluorosulfonyl-nitrogen compounds. The resulting compounds, FSO<sub>2</sub>NHC(O)R, were treated with phosphorus pentachloride to form additional members of the series FSO<sub>2</sub>N==CCIR<sup>3-5</sup> by elimination of HCl and POCl<sub>3</sub>. Reaction of FSO<sub>2</sub>-NHC(0)CF<sub>3</sub> with PCl<sub>5</sub> produced ClSO<sub>2</sub>N=CClCF<sub>3</sub>, in addition to the FSO<sub>2</sub> compound. Compounds of the general formula  $FSO_2N = CXCF_3$  where  $X = NH_2$ ,  $N(CH_3)_2$ , and  $N(C_2H_5)_2$  resulted from the reaction of FSO<sub>2</sub>N=CC1CF<sub>3</sub> with NH<sub>3</sub>, (CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub>NH, and (C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub>-NH. Hydrolysis of FSO<sub>2</sub>N=CClCF<sub>3</sub> produced FSO<sub>2</sub>- $NHC(O)CF_3$ .

## **Experimental Section**

**Reagents.**— $CF_3COOH$ ,  $PCl_5$ , and the amines were obtained from Merck A.G. or Fluka A.G. These reagents were used without further purification. FSO<sub>2</sub>NCO was prepared by the fluorination of ClSO<sub>2</sub>NCO with antimony trifluoride.<sup>6</sup> Monofluoroacetic acid, CFH<sub>2</sub>COOH, was prepared by the reaction of (FCH<sub>2</sub>COO)<sub>2</sub>Ba with sulfuric acid.<sup>7</sup> General Methods.—All reactions were carried out in Pyrex flasks under an atmosphere of nitrogen. Prior to use the nitrogen was dried over a column of  $P_4O_{10}$ . Because the compounds could be extremely toxic, all operations were performed in a wellventilated hood. Infrared spectra (Table I) were recorded using a Leitz infrared spectrophotometer. The spectra of liquids were obtained in the liquid phase as capillary films with potassium bromide windows and as gases in a gas cell of 10-cm length.

Nuclear magnetic resonance spectra (Table II) were recorded using a Varian A-56/60 spectrometer. Tetramethylsilane and trichlorofluoromethane were used as external standards.

Elemental analyses (Table III) were performed by Beller Microanalytical Laboratory, Göttingen, Germany. Boiling points of liquids are given in Table III.

Mass spectra were obtained using an Atlas UFCH 4 spectrometer and the spectrum of  $FSO_2N$ =CClCF<sub>3</sub> is given in Table IV.

Preparation of Monofluoroacetylfluorosulfonylimide,  $FSO_2NH$ -COCFH<sub>2</sub>.—The reaction was carried out in a one-neck 500-ml flask equipped with a magnetic stirrer, a reflux condenser, and a nitrogen T adapter. A 125.0-g sample (1.0 mol) of  $FSO_2NCO$ and 78.0 g (1.0 mol) of  $FCH_2COOH$  were heated to 80° and maintained at that temperature for about 5 hr. After cooling to room temperature crystals of  $FSO_2NHC(O)CH_2F$  were formed. This compound was not characterized in detail.

Preparation of N-Fluorosulfonylfluoromethylcarbimide Chloride,  $FSO_2N$ =CClCH<sub>2</sub>F.—In a two-neck flask equipped with a mechanical stirrer and a reflux condenser with a drying tube were placed 600 ml of CCl<sub>4</sub>, 159.0 g (1.0 mol) of  $FSO_2NHC(O)CH_2F$ , and 208.0 g (1.0 mol) of PCl<sub>5</sub>. The mixture was heated for 1 hr at 80°. The resulting POCl<sub>3</sub> and CCl<sub>4</sub> were removed by means of a water pump vacuum and the residue was distilled under vacuum; yield, 91.0 g (51%) (0.51 mol).

**Preparation of Trifluoroacetylfluorosulfonylimide.**—FSO<sub>2</sub>NH-COCF<sub>3</sub> was first prepared by Heinze.<sup>8</sup> A sample of 234.5 g (1.0 mol) of FSO<sub>2</sub>N==PCl<sub>3</sub> and 114.0 g (1.0 mol) of CF<sub>3</sub>COOH was heated for 60 hr at 90–100° in a flask equipped with a reflux condenser topped with a drying tube. The POCl<sub>3</sub> formed in the reaction was removed under water pump vacuum (10–12 mm) and the product purified by distillation under high vacuum (0.01 mm); yield, 156 g (80%) (0.8 mol).

Preparation of N-Fluorosulfonyltrifluoromethylcarbimide Chloride,  $FSO_2N$ =CClCF<sub>3</sub>.—The reaction was carried out in a 500-ml three-neck flask equipped with a distillation head, a dropping funnel, and a mechanical stirrer. To 206 g (1.0 mol) of PCl<sub>5</sub> was added 195 g (1.0 mol) of FSO<sub>2</sub>NHC(O)CF<sub>3</sub>, and the mixture

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]	INFRARED SPECTR	а (см-1)			
$FSO_2N = CC1CH_2F$	FSO2NH- COCF3	FSO <sub>2</sub> N= CClCF <sub>3</sub>	ClSO <sub>2</sub> N= CClCF <sub>3</sub>		
$\sim$ 2940 m	∼3330 s	1670 s	1650 s		
1660 vs	$\sim$ 2950 m	1468 vs	1411 vs		
1430 vs	1840 s	1285 s	1280 s		
1218 vs	1800 vs	1229 vs	1235  vs		
1137 m	1502 s	1198 vs	1183 vs		
1119 m	$1445 \mathrm{~m}$	973 vs	970 s		
1031 vs	1297 vs	862 vs	803 s		
889 vs	1235  vs	810 m	714 s		
825 vs	1180 vs	722 w	649 w		
673 s	1098 vs	649 w	585 m		
613 m	907 s	584 m	549 w		
573 m	<b>8</b> 72 s	542  w	510 m		
506 w	813 s				
$465 \mathrm{m}$	763 s				
FSO2N=CCF3NH2	FSO2N=CCF3N	(CH <sub>8</sub> ) <sub>2</sub> FSC	$D_2N = CCF_3N(C_2H_5)_2$		
<b>∼</b> 3390 s	$\sim 2920$		$\sim 2980 \text{ w}$		
<b>∼</b> 3260 m	1620  vs		1612 vs		
1663 s	1518 m		1519 m		
1596 m	1469 w	w 1490 m			
1382 s	1426 m		1463 m		
1198 vs	1410 m	n 1431 m			
1123 w	1369 vs		1396 m		
865 s	1278 s		1372 s		
811 vs	$1250 \ s$		1350 m		
754 w	1197 vs		1322  w		
712 m	1170 vs		1311 w		
604 s	1142 s		1219 vs		
565 vs	1062  w		1165 vs		
554 m	947 s		1075 m		
	879 vs		966 vs		
	783 s		930 s		
	753 m		850 vs		
	721 w		785 vs		
	630 vs		750 m		
	560 w		726 w		
	521 m		626 s		
	513 w		606 s		
			563 m		
			535 m		
			517 w		

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Compound	$FSO_2$	CF	C-H	NH
$FSO_2N = CClCH_2F$	-54.5	$211.8^a$	$-5.14^{b}$	
FSO2NHCOCF3	-53.8	77.0		-10.2
FSO <sub>2</sub> N=CC1CF <sub>3</sub>	-55.2	73.7		
ClSO <sub>2</sub> N=CClCF <sub>3</sub>		71.5		
$FSO_2N = CCF_3NH_2$	-51.6	76.6		-8.34
$FSO_2N = CCF_3N(C_2H_5)_2$	$-57.5^{\circ}$	$62.6^{d}$	-1.24	
$FSO_2N = CCF_3N(CH_3)_2$	$-57.0^{f}$	$63.6^{g}$	$-3.25^{h}$	

 ${}^{a} J_{\rm F-H} = 45.7$  cps, triplet.  ${}^{b} J_{\rm F-H} = 45.7$  cps, doublet.  ${}^{o} J_{\rm F-F} = 8.5$  cps, quartet.  ${}^{d} J_{\rm F-F} = 8.5$  cps, doublet.  ${}^{o} J_{\rm H-H}$ 7.5 cps, triplet;  $\delta_{\rm CH_2} = 3.60$  ppm, quartet.  ${}^{f} J_{\rm F-F} = 7.7$  cps, quartet.  ${}^{o} J_{\rm F-F} = 7.7$  cps and  $J_{\rm F-H} = 1.5$  cps, two septets.  ${}^{h} J_{\rm F-H} = 1.5$  cps, quartet.

After allowing the mixture to cool to room temperature, the oil pump volatile products were collected in a trap cooled with liquid nitrogen. Distillation under normal pressure yielded 35 g (0.157 mol) (22%) of ClSO<sub>2</sub>NCClCF<sub>3</sub>. The quantity of FSO<sub>2</sub>N-CClCF<sub>3</sub> formed in this reaction was not measured.

Reactions of  $FSO_2N$ =CCICF<sub>3</sub>. (a) With POCl<sub>3</sub>.—A sample of 15 g (0.07 mol) of  $FSO_2NCCICF_3$  and 2.55 g (0.017 mol) of POCl<sub>3</sub> was refluxed for 2 hr. No volatile products were isolated.  $FSO_2NCCICF_3$  was recovered unchanged from the flask.

(b) With PCl<sub>5</sub>.—A sample of 15 g (0.07 mol) of FSO<sub>2</sub>NCCl-CF<sub>3</sub> and 2.9 g (0.014 mol) of PCl<sub>5</sub> was heated to 60° for 4 hr. PF<sub>5</sub> and POF<sub>3</sub> were determined by ir analysis to be in the volatile products. From the liquid residue ClSO<sub>2</sub>NCClCF<sub>3</sub> was recovered by distillation; yield, 11.0 g (0.05 mol) (68%). The ir spectrum and boiling point were identical with those of an original sample.

Preparation of N-Fluorosulfonyltrifluoromethylcarbinide Amide,  $FSO_2N=CCF_3NH_2$ .—The reaction was carried out in a three-neck, 1-1. flask equipped with a Dry Ice condenser maintained at  $-80^{\circ}$ , a stirring motor, and a nitrogen T adapter. To 55.9 g (0.26 mol) of  $FSO_2N=CCICF_3$  dissolved in 800 ml of dry ethyl ether was added 8.9 g (0.52 mol) of ammonia over a period of 20 min through the Dry Ice condenser. The flask was maintained at about  $-80^{\circ}$ . After the addition was complete, the flask was slowly warmed to room temperature. The solid was removed by filtration under dry nitrogen. The solvent of the resulting solution was removed by means of a water pump vacuum and the residue was sublimed under oil pump vacuum at  $65^{\circ}$ and 0.01 Torr; yield, 10.5 g (0.054 mol) (20.6%).

## TABLE III

## Elemental Analyses

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	%	c		F	%	N		H	%	, s	%	C1	Bp,° C (mm)
Compound	Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found	Calcd	Found	[mp, °C]
$FSO_2N = CC1CH_2F$	13.53	13.8	21.40	21.0	7.90	7.7	1.13	1.2	18.03	18.1	20.01	20.2	61.5(12)
FSO <sub>2</sub> NHCOCF <sub>3</sub>	12.31	12.2	39.00	<b>39</b> .0	7.20	7.1			16.42	16.2			38(0.01)
FSO <sub>2</sub> N=CC1CF <sub>3</sub>	11.25	11.2	35.61	35.2	6.57	6.5	• • •		15.00	14.8	16.61	16.5	42(760)
ClSO <sub>2</sub> N=CClCF <sub>3</sub>	10.45	10.5	25.02	25.2	6.02	6.1			13.90	13.9	30.80	30.5	111 (760)
FSO <sub>2</sub> N=CCF <sub>3</sub> NH <sub>2</sub>	12.40	12.4	39.10	38.7	14.43	14.3	1.03	1.1	16.52	16.8			[66-67]
$FSO_2N = CCF_3N(CH_3)_2$	21.62	21.8	34.20	33.9	12.61	12.7	2.72	2.9	14.41	14.5			[73]
$FSO_2N = CCF_3N(C_2H_5)_2$	28.80	28.8	30.35	29.9	11.20	11.3	4.04	3.9	12.80	12.8			[75]
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was maintained at 80°. As the product was formed, it was distilled into a receiving flask by means of the distillation head. Purification was accomplished by redistilling the crude product through a 25-cm Rasching column. The quantity of ClSO<sub>2</sub>-N=CClCF<sub>3</sub> formed, which remained in the reaction flask, was not measured; yield, 93 g (43%) (0.43 mol).

Preparation of N-Chlorosulfonyltrifluoromethylcarbimide Chloride,  $ClSO_2N$ =CClCF<sub>3</sub>.—In a one-neck flask equipped with a reflux condenser a mixture of 136 g (0.69 mol) of FSO<sub>2</sub>NHC(O)-CF<sub>3</sub> and 143 g (0.69 mol) of PCl<sub>5</sub> was heated for 5 hr at about 80°. Preparation of N-Fluorosulfonyltrifluoromethylcarbimide Dimethylamide,  $FSO_2N=CCF_3N(CH_3)_2$ .—To a mixture of 42 g (0.20 mol) of  $FSO_2N=CCICF_3$  and 800 ml of dry ethyl ether in a flask cooled to  $-60^{\circ}$  was added 18.1 g (0.39 mol) of  $HN(CH_3)_2$ in a method analogous to that described above. The product was purified by recrystallization from ether; yield, 23.2 g (0.104 mol) (53%).

Preparation of N-Fluorosulfonyltrifluoromethylcarbimide Diethylamide,  $FSO_2N = CCF_3N(C_2H_5)_2$ .—A 50.0-g (0.24-mol) sample of  $FSO_2N = CClCF_3$  and 700 ml of dry ethyl ether were

TABLE IV							
	MASS SPECTRUM OF FS	$O_2N=CC1CF_3$					
m/e	Rel intens	Species					
31	5,95	CF					
32	2.16	S					
35	2.16)	C1					
37	0.54						
48	11.35	SO					
50	5.95	$\mathbf{CF}_2$					
51	2.70	$\mathbf{SF}$					
61	2.16						
63	0.81	NCC1					
64	11.35	$SO_2$					
67	39.46	SOF					
69	79.46	$CF_3$					
76	23.24	$\mathrm{NCCF}_2$					
83	100.00	$\mathrm{SO}_2\mathrm{F}$					
85	42.16						
87	8.11)	$CF_2C1?$					
144	83.24	$FSO_2NCC1$					
146	72.97	$FSNCCF_3$					
178	51.89	$\mathrm{FSO}_2\mathrm{NCCF}_3$					
194	1.62						
196	0.54	$SO_2NCC1CF_3$					
213	8.11						
215	2.70∫	$FSO_2NCClCF_3$					



Figure 1.—The infrared spectrum for FSO<sub>2</sub>NCClCF<sub>3</sub>.

placed in a flask cooled to  $-70^{\circ}$ . HN(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> (34.3 g, 0.47 mol) was added using a dropping funnel. The addition was carried out over a period of 1 hr. The compound was purified by distillation; yield, 18.2 g (0.073 mol) (31%).

Hydrolysis of FSO<sub>2</sub>NCClCF<sub>3</sub>.--A 15-g (0.07-mol) sample of FSO2NCClCF3 was allowed to stand in open air for 1 day and was then distilled in oil pump vacuum; yield, 7.8 g (0.04 mol) (57%)of FSO<sub>2</sub>NHC(O)CF<sub>3</sub>. The ir spectrum and boiling point were identical with those of an original sample.

## **Results and Discussion**

The reaction of  $FSO_2NCO$  with  $CF_3COOH$  does not occur even after refluxing the products for several days. The corresponding reaction with CH<sub>2</sub>FCOOH led to the desired product,  $FSO_2NHC(O)CH_2F$ , in high yield. This reaction is dependent on the pK value of the acid. To prepare  $FSO_2NHC(O)CF_3$  we used as a starting material FSO<sub>2</sub>N=PCl<sub>3</sub>, because the direction of the reaction is favored by the formation of POCl<sub>3</sub>.

The reaction of  $FSO_2NHC(O)CF_3$  or  $FSO_2NHC(O)$ -CFH<sub>2</sub> with phosphorus pentachloride produced only one of the two possible isomers which, for the CF<sub>3</sub> compound, could be either structure I or II.



An unambiguous structural assignment could be made by mass spectrometric and infrared investigation. The molecule ion peak was present at m/e 213 with a peak at m/e 215 consistent with one chlorine in the molecule. The largest peak was that for  $SO_2F^+$  with the second largest at m/e 144 assigned to FSO<sub>2</sub>NCCl<sup>+</sup>. As can be seen from Table IV there are no ions at m/e28 or 97 which should be present, as  $CO^+$  or  $OCCF_3^+$  if isomer II is present. The infrared spectrum for this compound shows no C=O stretch.

The ir spectrum for  $FSO_2NHC(O)CF_3$  shows a strong absorption at  $1800 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the liquid phase which is assigned to the C=O stretch. In the case of FSO<sub>2</sub>-NCClCF<sub>3</sub> we found an absorption at  $1670 \text{ cm}^{-1}$  in the gas phase which is assigned to the C=N stretching frequency (Figure 1). This assignment is consistent with other C=N compounds, e.g., FSO<sub>2</sub>N=CC1CH<sub>3</sub>.<sup>4,9,10</sup> The  $\nu_{as}(SO_2)$  is tentatively assigned at 1467 cm<sup>-1</sup> and the  $\nu(SF)$  at 862 cm<sup>-1</sup>. The  $\nu_{as}$  (SO<sub>2</sub>) is in agreement with bands of other fluorosulfonyl compounds.<sup>11</sup> In ClSO<sub>2</sub>- $N = CClCF_3$  the band at 862 cm<sup>-1</sup> disappeared, whereas in  $FSO_2N = CCICF_3$  it is one of the strongest bands. The  $\nu(SO)$  and  $\nu(CF)$  are in the same region between 1200 and 1300 cm<sup>-1</sup>. An unambiguous assignment is therefore not possible.

When the fluorine atom on the fluorosulfonyl group is replaced by a dialkylamine group the reactions take the course<sup>12</sup>

$$\begin{array}{c} R & H & O \\ N - SO_2 - N - PCl_2 + PCl_5 \longrightarrow \\ R \end{array}$$

 $\begin{array}{c} R & Cl \\ N-S=N-P + HCl + OPCl_{3} \\ I \end{array}$ 

Whether isomer I or II is formed probably depends mainly on the nature of the substituents at the sulfur atom. Substituents with an inductive effect form isomers of type I.<sup>3-5</sup>

The reaction of FSO<sub>2</sub>NHCOCF<sub>3</sub> with PCl<sub>5</sub> also produces  $ClSO_2N = CClCF_3$ . That the chlorine for fluorine substitution is due to the reaction of  $FSO_2N$ =CClCF<sub>3</sub> with PCl<sub>5</sub> and not with POCl<sub>8</sub> was shown by separate experiments. Even after prolonged heating FSO2-N=CClCF<sub>3</sub> did not react with POCl<sub>3</sub>. Selective substitution of the chlorine atom in FSO<sub>2</sub>NCClCF<sub>3</sub> by another group takes place in ether at low temperatures. The C–Cl bond is very reactive and is easily cleaved by nucleophilic reagents. No attack of the S-F bond was observed under these conditions. In the presence of water  $FSO_2N$ =CClCF<sub>3</sub> is rapidly hydrolyzed yielding the compound  $FSO_2NHC(O)CF_3$  which was identified by ir spectroscopy. The initial attack is probably on the chlorine atom with subsequent rearrangement to  $FSO_2NHC(O)CF_3$ .

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The <sup>19</sup>F nuclear magnetic resonance measurements of the FSO<sub>2</sub> group in all of the compounds are essentially nonvarying. The fluorine resonances compare favorably with other fluorosulfonyl compounds, *e.g.*, FSO<sub>2</sub>-NSO<sup>13</sup> (-59.2 ppm) and FSO<sub>2</sub>N=S=NSO<sub>2</sub>F<sup>14</sup> (-58.5 ppm).

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In FSO<sub>2</sub>N=CCF<sub>3</sub>N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> interaction occurs between the fluorine in the fluorosulfonyl group and the fluorines bonded to the CF<sub>3</sub> group but no such interaction is observed in the NH<sub>2</sub> or N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> compounds. With FSO<sub>2</sub>N=CCF<sub>3</sub>N(CH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>2</sub> coupling between the CF<sub>3</sub> fluorines and the protons occurs but no F-H coupling occurs in the NH<sub>2</sub> or N(C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>)<sub>2</sub> compounds. The substitution of a chlorine atom by an NH<sub>2</sub> group causes the fluorine in the FSO<sub>2</sub> group to shift to higher field (Cl, -55.2 ppm; NH<sub>2</sub>, -51.6 ppm).

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# The Sublimation of Trithiazyl Trichloride and the Equilibrium between Trithiazyl Trichloride and Thiazyl Chloride

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The pressure of NSCl vapor in equilibrium with solid  $S_3N_3Cl_3$  was measured in a static system in the temperature interval  $31-60^\circ$  and can be represented by the equation  $\log P_{\rm NSCl}(\rm mm) = 12.321 - 3360/T$ . From this we calculate  $\Delta H^\circ = 46.2 \pm 1.5$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta S^\circ = 129.6 \pm 4.8$  cal deg<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> for the reaction  $S_3N_3Cl_3(\rm s) \rightarrow 3NSCl(g)$ . The pressure of  $S_3N_3Cl_3$  vapor in equilibrium with solid  $S_3N_3Cl_3$  was measured by a gas-flow saturation method in the temperature interval  $35-50^\circ$  and can be represented by the equation  $\log P_{S_3N_3Cl_3}(\rm mm) = 14.270 - 5316/T$ . From this we calculate  $\Delta H^\circ = 24.3 \pm 1.5$  kcal mol<sup>-1</sup> and  $\Delta S^\circ = 52.1 \pm 4.6$  cal deg<sup>-1</sup> mol<sup>-1</sup> for the reaction  $S_3N_3Cl_3(\rm s) \rightarrow S_3N_3Cl_3(g)$ . Combination of the above data yields  $\Delta H^\circ$  and  $\Delta S^\circ$  for the gaseous trimerization reaction.

## Introduction

Compounds containing sulfur-nitrogen bonds are a fascinating class of substances which are poorly understood.<sup>1-4</sup> Very few of the reactions or structures of these compounds can be reliably predicted. We believe that a good start toward the systemization of sulfur-nitrogen chemistry can be achieved by collecting appropriate thermodynamic data. However, practically no thermodynamic data are available sulfur-nitrogen compounds. Apparently no for equilibrium measurements of reactions involving sulfur-nitrogen compounds have been made. Of the cyclic compounds, S<sub>4</sub>N<sub>4</sub> is the only one whose heat of formation has been determined.<sup>5,6</sup> Heats of formation and bond energies of a few noncyclic NS com-

(3) M. Becke-Goehring and E. Fluck in "Developments in Inorganic Nitrogen Chemistry,' Vol. 1, C. B. Colburn, Ed., Elsevier Publishing Co., Amsterdam, 1966, Chapter III, pp 150-240. pounds have been determined by mass spectrometry,<sup>7</sup> and, recently, some thermodynamic functions of NSCI were calculated from its infrared spectrum.<sup>8</sup>

In this paper we report the results of our study of the equilibria between solid  $S_3N_3Cl_3$  (trithiazyl trichloride) and the vapor species  $S_8N_3Cl_3$  and NSC1. The data yield the thermodynamic functions for the trimerization of NSC1 to form the six-membered ring compound  $S_8N_8Cl_3$ .

## **Experimental Section**

General Methods.—The moisture sensitivity of the materials required their manipulation in a vacuum line or in a polyethylene glove bag flushed with dry nitrogen or argon. Glass stopcocks and joints were lubricated with Kel-F No. 90 grease (3M Co.), which is inert to the materials handled but which tends to absorb some of them. When grease was intolerable, either Delmar-Urry 0-4-mm stopcocks or Fischer-Porter needle valve stopcocks with Teflon plugs and Viton O rings were used.

The identity and purity of solids were determined by infrared spectrometry with Perkin-Elmer Infracord spectrometers and by melting point determinations in argon-filled, sealed capillaries.

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